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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following letter from Major F. FIREBRACE, R.E., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway Stores), to the Director-General of Railways, dated Fort William, 30th November 1885, No. 346 R.S. :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 1187 S., dated the 15th June 1885, forwarding copy of correspondence from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway regarding claims, aggregating Rs. 6,247-7-10, preferred against that line for godown-rent in connection with the stores and materials received and landed for it at Madras.

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3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Madras Government's letter, I am to say that the suggestion of the General Superintendent to hire space on the harbour foreshore for stacking stores, with a view to avoid heavy charges for godown-rent, appears a good one; and to communicate sanction to his renting one or more "grounds" when necessary. This might be arranged for by the General Superintendent in direct communication with the Engineer-in-Chief at Bellary.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information, with reference to his letter, No. 2607 W., dated 5th November 1885.

(By Order.)

(Signed) F. FIREBRACE, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary.

Order—dated 7th December 1885, No. 2921 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with advertence to G.O., No. 2606 W., dated 5th November 1885.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Marine Department.

Exd E. Fernandez.

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Dated December, 7th.

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G.O., 7th Dec. 1885, No. 2921 W.

DECEMBER.

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Endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of a letter to the Director-General of Railways on the subject of the claim for godown — preferred against the Engineer-in-Chief, Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway, for stores received and landed at Madras, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel F. S. STANTON, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Railway Stores), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Simla, 7th July 1885, No. 177 R.S.

With reference to the accompanying correspondence (in original, to be returned) noted at foot, regarding claims aggregating Rs. 6,247-7-10, preferred against the Engineer-in-Chief of the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway on account of godown rent for the stores and materials received and landed at Madras for that line, I am directed to point out that the claim against the railway appears to have arisen out of the defective arrangements made by the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops, Madras, for stacking the stores, &c., when landed; and that any liability, beyond the 5 per cent. which the Railway Department has agreed to pay for the clearing and forwarding of stores intended for the Bellary-Kistna and Cuddapah-Nellore State Railways, would appear to rest with the Government of Madras.

2. I am therefore to ask for an expression of the views of the Government of Madras on the subject.

From Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 13th August 1885, No. 2073.

In returning your endorsement, No. 1226 C., dated 20th July 1885, I have the honor to report that it seems to be possible to lessen the amount of godown or ground rent charged by the Harbour Dues office, by taking up a piece of ground on the beach for stacking rails and sleepers, &c. The General Superintendent of Public Works Stores considers it will be sufficient to have one ground of 2,400 square feet, for which a rent of Rs. 6 monthly is to be paid.

2. With reference to the allegation that the claim against the railway has arisen out of defective arrangements made by the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, for stacking the stores, it is to be explained that in letter No. 2922, dated 8th September 1884, to Captain Baddeley, the Engineer-in-Chief of the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway requested that the stores might be handed over to his storekeeper, who should be asked to take charge of stores, before any cost of removal on land was incurred. The Engineer-in-Chief thus clearly threw upon his own subordinate the responsibility of removing stores from the beach.

3. The General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, with his letter * enclosed, forwards two bills reduced to Rs. 232-12-4 and Rs. 11-0-4, and suggests that the bills for godown rent for the stores of the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway be returned and reduced likewise.

* No. 381 S.R., dated 8th August 1885.

4. Mr. O'Connell makes a suggestion that, when large consignments are brought on shore, the Store Department should not be charged godown rent (*i.e.*, for occupation of the beach beyond the one ground to be rented), provided 100 tons are removed daily.

I think this suggestion is a good one; but, if it be approved, the relaxation of the rule in section 6 of the Madras Harbour Dues Act should be applicable to the public generally.

5. A question has been referred by the Government to the Harbour Committee regarding the proposal to charge a certain rate for timber left on the harbour beach; and I would recommend that this question of time, as well as of the amount of payment, should be referred also to the Harbour Committee.

From H. O'CONNELL, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, and Port Storekeeper, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Madras, 8th August 1885, No. 381 S.R.

In forwarding herewith a letter from the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, I have the honor to suggest that one ground be hired for the stacking of State Railway Stores.

2. I also beg to enclose a letter with two *revised* bills received from the Deputy Master Attendant. The bills first presented were for Rs. 1,436-5-8 and Rs. 264-5-3. These have now been reduced to Rs. 232-12-4 and Rs. 11-0-4, respectively.

3. I would suggest that the bills for godown rent for the stores belonging to Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway be returned and the amounts reduced in the same manner, at the same time. I beg you will represent to Government that owing to large consignments arriving at the same time, it was impossible with the available means to remove the stores within the time allowed.

4. In the case of the stores that arrived by the steamers *Avocet* and *Sir Garnet Wolsley*, the stores were removed at the rate of 125 tons per day, and I submit that this department cannot be expected to do more. I would suggest that Government be asked to rule that, when large consignments are received, this department be charged no godown rent, provided 100 tons per day are removed.

G.O., dated 25th September 1885, Mis. No. 408, Marine.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R, Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 9th September 1885, No. 7480.

In attention to Marine reference No. 1544 of 1st instant, regarding harbour dues charges on State Railway stores, I have the honor to remark that the charges have been revised and reduced to the very lowest limit; and with reference to Mr. O'Connell's suggestion that if 100 tons daily are removed from the beach no charge should be made for ground rent, such a concession, if granted to the Port Storekeeper, must necessarily be extended to the general public also, as pointed out by Colonel Prendergast in paragraph 4 of his letter, No. 2073, of 13th ultimo, to the Chief Engineer.

2. I enclose a memorandum on the subject from the Deputy Master Attendant, to whom the matter was referred for report, and who has gone into full details, and I agree with him that as the formation of a port trust will soon be a *fait accompli*, the whole question may well be allowed to lie over for the present.

Order—dated 25th September 1885, Mis. No. 408, Marine.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to its memorandum, No. 514 E., dated 25th August, with an intimation that Government in the Marine Department take the same view as the Master Attendant of the suggestions contained in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 2073, dated 13th August 1885.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Under Secretary.

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Letter from the Government of India, dated 26th September 1885, No. 177-1 R.S.

From Colonel W. H. BURTON, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Mysore, 21st October 1885, No. 3112.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1621 C., dated 10th instant, I have the honor to report that the stores for the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway were landed at Madras—

Per S.S. *Cormorant* from 2nd to 6th January 1885.
" *Clan Mackintosh* from 23rd to 27th January 1885.
" *Hawarden* from 23rd January to 2nd February 1885.
" *Hatfield* from 28th February to 9th March 1885.

2. Intimation of these consignments having been landed was given by the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, to the sub-storekeeper of that railway on the 14th January, 29th January, 5th February and 13th March.

3. On the 7th February 50 under-frames for wagons weighing 52 tons, per S.S. *Cormorant*, were handed over to the sub-storekeeper of the State Railway, 8 were removed by him from the pier by 28th of February, 16 during March and 26 during April.

On the 9th February 20,119 C.I. sleepers or chairs weighing 420 tons, per S.S. *Clan Mackintosh*, were handed over, 11,898 were removed by him by 28th of February, 7511 during March, and 710 during April.

On the 10th February 11,062 steel rails weighing 1,600 tons, per S.S. *Hawarden*, were handed over, of which 2,592 were removed by him by 28th February, 2,586 during March, and 5,884 during April.

On the 18th March 3,246 steel rails weighing 468 tons, per S.S. *Hatfield*, were handed over to him, and these were removed by him during April.

4. The total weight of the above stores handed over to the sub-storekeeper of the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway was 2,540 tons. Had the Engineer-in-Chief of that railway left the removal of these stores to the Public Works Stores Department, the heavy charge for godown rent would have been obviated; but the Engineer-in-Chief had debarred the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, from incurring any expense on account of removal charges. As they are landed the stores for the two railways are sorted on the beach, those for the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway are taken over by the sub-storekeeper of that railway, and those for the Bellary-Kistna Railway are removed by the Public Works Stores Department. I consider the Public Works Stores Department was in no way responsible for the delay in removing from the beach the stores landed at Madras as above for the Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway and for the consequent heavy godown rent which accrued.

ORDER—dated 5th November 1885, No. 2606 W., Public Works.

The proceedings in the Marine Department will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

2. The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 2607 W., dated 5th November 1885.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Marine Department.

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Dated November, 5th.

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G.O., 5th Nov. 1885, No. 2606 W

NOVEMBER.

Rent

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of the claim for godown — preferred against the Engineer-in-Chief, Cuddapah-Nellore State Railway, for stores, &c., received and landed at Madras.

5TH NOVEMBER 1885, No. 2607 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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LETTER—from

COLONEL J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

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3. The bills in question were referred to the Marine Department to ascertain whether any reduction of the charges could be effected, but the Master Attendant reports that they have already been reduced to the lowest limit admissible.

4. The General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, suggests that, if one ground, or 2,400 square feet of land, on the harbour foreshore be hired from the Marine Department at Rs. 6 per mensem, all stores for the railway can be stacked thereon free of godown rent, and I am to request that sanction may be conveyed to this procedure.

5. A copy of the proceedings of this Government on the subject is forwarded herewith for perusal, and the enclosures of your letter are returned.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th November 1885.

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received and landed at Madras.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 346 R. S.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway Stores.

To

The Director General of Railways.

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I have &c.

(Sd) Fred Firebrace Major R.E.

Under Secretary.

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By order,

Fred Firebrace Major R.E.

Under Secretary.

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