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 (3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் கருக்கொப்பம் 16.4.89

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Transport.
Passages.

*It is requested
that the above head-
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date of this communi-
cation, may be quoted
in any subsequent cor-
respondence on the
subject.*

No. 262.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 6th March 1889.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
MADRAS.

SIR,

In continuation of my telegram No. 255, dated the 4th March 1889,
I am directed to forward, for the in-
formation of the Governor in Council,
a copy of the papers marginally noted,
Letter from the Director of the Indian Marine to Messrs.
Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., No. 593, of 10th May 1888.
Letter from the Director of the Indian Marine of 3rd
October 1888, and enclosure.

and to explain that the British India Steam Navigation Company can legal-
ly claim contract rates for the conveyance of all Government passengers, but
that they have waived this right and have agreed to carry Government pas-
sengers at ordinary present rates, except in the cases of convicts and of
passengers, such as troops, for whom special accommodation should be re-
quisitioned.

2. Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. have represented that passen-
gers, cargo, &c., requiring conveyance at the public expense in the Bay of
Bengal, are not always sent by their vessels. As this practice is opposed to
the conditions of the contract, I am to ask that instructions may, under the
orders of His Excellency in Council, be issued, to ensure that they are so sent
in all cases except when Indian Marine or hired or chartered vessels are em-
ployed.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) E. H. H. COLLEN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copies, with copy of enclosures, forwarded to—

The Finance Department.
The Home Department.
The Revenue and Agricultural Department.
The Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioner, Burma.

The Quartermaster-General in India.
 The Director of the Indian Marine.
 The Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal.
 The Commissary-General-in-Chief.
 The Director-General of Ordnance in India.
 The Surgeon-General with the Government of India.
 The Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Bengal.
 The Superintendent, Army Clothing, Bengal.
 Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.
 The Accountant-General, Military Department.

By order,

Asst. Secy to the Govt. of India.

No. 593, dated 10th May 1888.

From—The Director of the Indian Marine, Bombay.
 To—Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Managing Agents, British India Steam Navigation Co., Calcutta.

THERE appears to be some misapprehension on the point of passages required by Government under the new contract dated the 17th February 1888 and how the passages should be paid for.

2. In the discussions between Mr. Mackay and myself and all the communications which took place between us the higher rates were agreed to on the ground that reserved accommodation was asked for and it would be prejudicial to the Company to have to shut out coolies, &c., to make room for troops, and this was indeed the main point of the agreement. I maintain that for Government coolies for whom reserved space is not requisitioned and for whom no privileges other than those of ordinary deck passengers are asked, only regular rate charged to public should be paid; on the other hand, for all enlisted soldiers (in any case) or for any other class for whom reserved space is demanded, the schedule rates should be charged.

3. I would be glad if you would refer this to your head office as soon as possible, and if it would in any way facilitate matters I would meet Mr. Mackay in London.

4. I take this course as, if matters can be settled at once, it would render my bothering Government with a reference unnecessary.

5. I have asked that the deck passages for followers and coolies for whom reserved accommodation is not asked be paid for under protest.

My address in London is—United Service Club, Pall Mall.

Dated Plymouth, 3rd Oct. 1888.

From—Capt. J. HEXT, R.N., Dir. of the Indian Marine.
 To—The Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

I have the honor to enclose a demi-official letter from Mr. Mackinnon, the Chairman of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

Before leaving India on May 11th, the question as to the rates of payment for Government coolies and followers had arisen, and I made a point of going to Scotland to see Mr. Mackinnon on the subject after I arrived in England; he pointed out to me that the Company, in considering the conditions of the contract, based their calculations on the increased rates for Government passengers agreed to in the schedule, which I on the contrary, as taking a prominent part in framing the contract on the Government side, suggested, was never intended to apply to deck passages for which reserved accommodation was not asked.

I have no doubt that the contract does give the British India the right to the scheduled rates, but Mr. Mackinnon though putting stress on this point informed me he would gladly meet the wishes of Government, and hence his present letter.

With reference to para. 4 of Mr. Mackinnon's letter, if Government passengers have been sent, as he suggests, by any other line, it appears to me a direct breach of the contract, and I presume it must have been done by some official outside the Quartermaster-General's or Marine Departments who probably was unaware of the terms of the contract. I would ask Government to issue such orders as they think fit to prevent any future question on this point.

Mr. Mackinnon's courtesy and evident wish to meet Government on any and every point when he could do so with justice to the Company he represents, impressed me very much; he, however, laid great stress on the fact, that it must be of an immense advantage to Government to have a company so strong, and with such a number and class of the best of ships, ready and available for Government requirements at the shortest notice, and of this Government has had such ample proof that I did not argue the point with him.

Balinakill, Clachan, Argyllshire,
9th August 1888.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to our interview on the subject of the charge for conveyance of deck passengers between Calcutta and Rangoon, and *vice versa*, by the British India Steam Navigation Company's steamers, I have now the pleasure to communicate to you the result of the further consideration given to the subject.

2. Although the Directors of the British India Steam Navigation Company are of opinion that the contract with Government provides for the application of the schedule rates to *all* passengers carried at the public expense, and although it was on this understanding on their part that the Company entered into the contract, viewing the higher rates as the form in which it was to receive the remuneration, not merely for the specific accommodation given to Government passengers, but for the other onerous conditions of a more general character, yet, in consideration of the different intention on your part as now explained, I am prepared to concede in respect of coolies other than those attached to regiments, hospital corps, &c., for whom the Government does not desire more space and conveniences than are given to ordinary deck passengers, that such coolies shall be paid for at the current rates charged to the public and they will travel as ordinary deck passengers.

3. In making this concession, however, I desire to stipulate that the rate of passage for these coolies shall at no time during the currency of our contract be less than it is at present, *viz.*, Rs. 10 per head for deck passages without diet, and that Government will strictly adhere to the conditions of the contract as to sending all passengers, cargo, &c., transported at the public expense in the Bay of Bengal by the Company's steamers.

4. In thus giving a fresh practical proof of the Company's desire on all occasions to meet the wishes of Government, I may be permitted to draw your attention to the fact that some batches of Government coolies and convicts have recently been sent from Rangoon to Calcutta by steamers of another Company, in direct contravention of the terms of the contract existing between the Government and the British India Steam Navigation Company, which provide that all Government passengers, cargo, &c., transported in the Bay of Bengal by other than Government vessels, hired transports and troop freight ships, shall be sent by the British India Steam Navigation Company's vessels, and I consider the Company has a fair claim under the contract against the Government of India for the passage money of the Government coolies and convicts above referred to, although I shall waive it in respect of what has gone.

I would request that you will ask the authorities in India to see that the terms of the contract on this point are strictly adhered to.

The conveyance of passengers, &c., to and from the Andaman Islands is of course understood to be outside this agreement, that being at present entirely in the hands of the Asiatic Company.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. MACKINNON.

To Captain J. HEXT, R. N.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 9446.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

CALCUTTA, THE 29th March 1889.

The undermentioned paper is forwarded
to the Government of
Public Works Department,
for information in continuation of
Public Works Department No. 7316
dated 20th March 1888.

By order

G. H. Walker

Under-Secretary.

Document referred to.

Copy of Government of India,
Military Department, No. 262 dated
6th March 1889 regarding the
Contract with Government
of Coolies by the British India
Steam Navigation Company under

G.O. B. no 1094W of 11. 4. 88.
- 1093W of 11. 4. 88
- 982W of 5. 4. 89

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