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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 26th April 1893, Mis. No. 853, Judicial.

Read—the following letter from Messrs. BEST AND CO., to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 12th April 1893:—

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Order No. 739, dated 10th instant, and we now beg to request that you will be good enough to grant us, at a very early date, a license for our tank at Salem, the storage capacity of which is 4,000 Imperial gallons, and on your informing us to whom we should pay the fee, we will attend to same at once.

2. Pending the issue of the above applied for license, we shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly permit us to use the tank; an early reply will greatly oblige.

3. We have further the honour to request that early orders may be passed on our letters, dated 21st and 23rd March, as we are unable to proceed with the development of our scheme in the absence of same.

Order—dated 26th April 1893, Mis. No. 853, Judicial.

Messrs. Best and Co. will be informed that the license asked for will be issued on their submitting an application through the District Magistrate of Salem, to whom the prescribed fee should be paid.

2. The tank should not be used in anticipation of the receipt of a license which will be granted only on the certificate of the District Magistrate or the Executive Engineer or a Railway Engineer that the installation has been erected in conformity with the approved plans and orders thereon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To Messrs. Best and Co., Madras.

READ—also the following papers:—

From J. ANDREW, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Salem, 22nd May 1893, Reference on No. 806-M.R.

Adverting to G.O., dated 11th May 1893, No. 977, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 523, dated 17th May 1893, from which it will be seen that the construction of the tank and the filling shed has not been completed, and that they, as they were on the dates of his inspection, were

not free from defects which he mentions in the letter referred to. I have this day communicated a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter to Messrs. Best and Co. and desired them to see to the tank and the shed being completed and the defects remedied and to send me duly authenticated plans for the information and reference of the Executive Engineer who has written to say that without them he is unable to certify as to the construction. On completion of the construction and receipt of a certificate from the Executive Engineer that the installation has been erected in conformity with approved plans, I shall recommend the application of Messrs. Best and Co. for grant of license.

ENCLOSURE.

From G. E. MANSON, Esq., Executive Engineer, Salem Division, to the Collector of Salem, dated Salem, 17th May 1893, No. 523-M.

In reply to your letter No. 770-M.R., dated 13th May 1893, marked *urgent*, I have the honour to inform you that, on inspection on the 15th instant, I found that Messrs. Best and Co. had not yet completed the construction of the oil tank and filling shed.

2. The tracing plans you refer to bear no signature in proof that they are the authorised plans. They are very sketchy and give no information as to details nor do they show the connections between the tank and the filling shed.

3. If I am to give the certificate you call for, I must have the authorised plan duly authenticated after the whole work has been thoroughly completed. At present there are no shutters flying from the engines render them especially so.

4. There also appears to be direct means of access to the oil in the tank for sparks down the gauge-pipe. I may be wrong about this as I had no means of examining it.

5. The tank itself of iron at present rests on masonry and sand with no sheet of felt to protect it from rust, and will, if so left, certainly soon be eaten through with rust. The sand was saturated with rain on Monday.

6. Lastly, I certainly consider that a tank containing 4,000 gallons of kerosine should have good lightning-conducting earth connections. There is nothing on the tracing plans to give any light on these details.

From Messrs. BEST AND CO., to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st June 1893.

We have the honour to hand you herewith copy of letter received from the Collector of Salem in reply to our application for a license for our kerosine-oil tank in the Railway Station compound at Suramangalam, also copy of the Executive Engineer's report on same.

2. We first applied to Government direct, for the above license, on 12th April, as the tank was then fit for use, and subsequently paid the fee to the Collector of the district on being informed that he was the authorised officer to receive same. Some six or seven weeks therefore after the tank is complete and fit for the reception of oil, we receive the above referred to communication which, we regret to say, leave matters *in statu quo*. We did not attempt to reply to these letters as it would probably have meant a further delay of some weeks before the matter was finally settled; a member of our firm therefore visited Salem, interviewed an officer deputed by the Executive Engineer to meet him, and having certified the plans submitted, were those approved of by Government and enlightened him on other matters, the certificate was granted, but with unnecessary inconvenience and delay to ourselves. We wish, however, to draw the attention of Government in particular to the Executive Engineer's report, which we venture to submit goes into unnecessary detail. We understand it is the desire of Government that their officers should merely see that the installations are erected in general accord with the approved plans, in regard chiefly to the protective

arrangements, if any are necessary, and that they are not called upon to make suggestions or criticise any of the details for which we are solely responsible. For instance, the Executive Engineer considers that our tank resting on sand is faulty; we can only say that this method has been adopted under professional advice, and we trust the consequences will not be such as the above officer thinks; if so, we shall simply have to provide another tank. The plans may perhaps be somewhat sketchy, but we respectfully beg to submit that elaborate and detailed plans are quite unnecessary; pipe connections and other details of that nature we must for our own interests adjust securely and efficiently.

3. Our chief reason for taking exception to a report of this nature is that, when forwarded to a Collector who is not conversant with the subject, perhaps never even seen the tank himself, he naturally hesitates to recommend an application for a license with such a document before him, which results in a lengthy explanatory correspondence and most unnecessary delay, a very serious obstacle to the development of this scheme irrespective of the actual loss incurred. We shall be extremely grateful if Government can grant us permission to use these up-country tanks as they are finished, and in anticipation of the issue of licenses, we have no desire either to evade or infringe rules, and by granting us this concession much valuable time might be saved. If such permission cannot be accorded, we feel sure the delay and inconvenience which we have experienced will be recognised, and we beg that Government may issue at once such orders as they may deem necessary to accelerate the issue of licenses in future.

From J. ANDREW, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Yercaud, 1st June 1893, Reference No. 864-M.R.

In continuation of my letter, Reference on No. 806-M.R., dated 22nd May 1893, I have the honour to submit the application, dated 3rd instant, of Messrs. Best and Co., for a license to possess 4,000 gallons of petroleum other than dangerous petroleum in the tank erected by them at the Suramangalam Railway Station, and to recommend that the license applied for be granted. The fee of Rs. 18 paid by Messrs. Best and Co. has been credited to Government.

2. I enclose the certificate obtained from the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Salem Division as to the construction of the oil tank and the filling shed, as well as the plans, for perusal and favour of return. Messrs. Best and Co. have certified in the plans that they are those approved of by Government.

3. From the letters of the Sub-Engineer, Nos. 569-M. and 578-M., dated 29th and 30th May 1893 respectively, copies of which accompany this letter, it will be seen that shutters were not provided for the windows, but that Messrs. Best and Co. have promised to put them up at once. I shall see that this is done.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieut. J. CORMAC, Sub-Engineer in charge Salem Division, to the Collector of Salem, dated Salem, 29th May 1893, No. 569-M.

With reference to this office No. 523-M., dated 17th May 1893, I have the honour to state that I met Mr. Black of Messrs. Best and Co. at the site of their oil cistern in the Suramangalam Railway Station compound on the morning of the 27th May 1893, and have now to report that the construction of the oil tank and filling shed has been completed with the exception of the shutters to the windows.

2. The building has been constructed in accordance with the plans sent to me by Messrs. Best and Co., which they certify are those accepted and approved by Government; the plans accompany this letter.

3. A cap has been fixed over the gauge-pipe, and Messrs. Best and Co. promise that the shutters to the windows shall be put up at once.

9TH JUNE 1893, No. 1168, JUDICIAL.

From Lieut. J. CORMAC, Sub-Engineer in charge Salem Division, to the Collector of Salem dated Salem, 30th May 1893, No. 578-M.

[Reference.—Your No. 770-M.R., dated 29th May 1893.]

In forwarding the accompanying certificate, I have the honour to suggest that the tank be not used till shutters have been fixed to the windows. This had not been done when I saw the building on the 27th May, but Mr. Black promised to have them put up at once.

2. The plans do not show whether any windows were to be put in or not.

ORDER—dated 9th June 1893, No. 1168, Judicial.

A license for the use of the petroleum tank at Suramangalam will be forwarded to Messrs. Best and Co. through the District Magistrate of Salem; pending its receipt the tank may be used.

2. The Government agrees with Messrs. Best and Co. that the Executive Engineer was merely required to report that the tank had been erected in accordance with the plans approved of by Government and it is regretted that delay was caused by that officer's requisition for further details and additional safeguards.

3. A general sanction to use tanks in anticipation of the grant of certificate by the Engineer cannot be accorded, but, to save time, a signed license will be sent to the District Magistrate when plans are approved with instructions to deliver it when the necessary fee has been paid and he is satisfied by the report of the Executive Engineer (or of a Sub-divisional officer if the Engineer cannot attend at once) that the tank has been completed in substantial accordance with the approved plans which will in future be signed by the Chief Secretary or an Under Secretary to Government. District Magistrates will also be instructed to deal with all questions connected with these tanks as expeditiously as possible.

4. In accordance with the above observations licenses (to be delivered by the District Magistrates concerned to Messrs. Best and Co. when satisfied that the installations are in accordance with approved plans) will be issued for the tanks at Tirur, Katpadi, Kumbakonam, Trichinopoly, Negapatam and Madura upon Messrs. Best and Co. furnishing information as to their situation and capacity for insertion in the licenses.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To Messrs. Best and Co.
" the District Magistrate of Salem,
with plans and certificate returned and a license in form C.
" the District Magistrate, Malabar.
" " North Arcot.
" " Tanjore.
" " Trichinopoly.
" " Madura.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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G.O., 9th June 1893, No. 1168.

JUNE.

Petroleum Tanks.

Directing that a license for the use of the petroleum tank at Suramangalam be forwarded to Messrs. Best and Co. by the District Magistrate, Salem; refusal of general sanction to use tanks in anticipation of required certificate; laying down certain procedure to be adopted in future to avoid delay and issuing licenses accordingly for the tanks in certain places.

N^o 1640 W a / 22 June 1893.

Communicated to
Superintending Engineers
Concerned for information
(Initialed) J. A.

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Suptg. Engrs. IV, V & VI firs

With order