

Public Works (1899) Department

G.O., No. 3350 W

DATED 22nd Dec 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bill to amend the Madras Steam Boilers
and Prime Movers Act, 1898.

Pro. Legislative Deptt coming to the
Honourable members of the Legislative Council
letter from the Chamber of Commerce,
Madras, stating that the proposed legislation
for the enhancement of the scale of fees
leviable for the examination of Steam
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Communicating to the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council letter from the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, stating that the proposed legislation for the enhancement of the scale of fees leviable for the examination of Steam Boilers is unnecessary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. SCOTT, Esq., Vice-Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Legislative Department, dated 8th December 1899.

The Chamber has learned with regret that the Madras Government proposes to introduce into the Legislative Council a Bill to amend the Madras Steam Boilers and Prime-movers Act, so as to greatly enhance the scale of fees leviable for the examination of private boilers, and that it is contemplated to extend the Act to the whole of the mofussil at an early date.

The Madras Government has hitherto generally done the Chamber the honour of inviting an expression of its opinion upon matters directly affecting the mercantile community, and I have to express the Chamber's regret that a departure from this custom should have been made in the present instance. Both the proposals come under the above category and both are regarded by the Chamber, in the absence of fuller information, as undesirable and unnecessary.

The Chamber understands that District Magistrates were called upon to express their opinion on the question of extending to the mofussil those provisions of the Act requiring the examination and licensing of boilers and that fourteen approved the introduction of such provisions in their districts. In this connection I have the honour to enquire whether it has been possible to cite any occurrences known to them in recent years which would in any way justify the imposition of the penalising rates which it is now sought to enforce. The Chamber fully believes that there have been no such occurrences, and consequently it is strongly opposed to the fees—which are already considerably higher than those provided by the Bombay Act—being raised.

The Chamber would further deprecate the proposal to reduce the fees levied on municipalities for the inspection of boilers, concurrently with the enhancement to the maximum of the fees charged to other owners. This, it considers, would be most invidious and most inequitable, especially as the fees now payable by the municipalities for the services of the Boiler Inspector are so small.

ORDER—No. 129, Legislative, dated 12th December 1899.

Communicated to the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council.

(True Extract.)

For Secretary to Government.

To the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. C. M. Thambusawmy.

Telephone.

From

The Chief Secretary

To

The Secretary to
Govt.
P. W. D.

Papers relating to
the Steam Boilers
and Prime movers
Act Bill urgently
required.

No 5182 C of 15-12-99.

Reply (by special
messager)

The file on the subject
is forwarded herewith.

The original papers
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