

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 601 W

DATED 27 Feb - 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Transport of Petroleum in Bulk

From: Mr. C. de la... Authorizing
the Engineer to the Madras Municipality to
grant Certificates of fitness for carts used
within the City of Madras for the
conveying thereof. But so that their request
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Authorizing the Engineer to the Madras Municipality to grant certificates of fitness for carts used within the City of Madras for the —, and informing Messrs. Best & Co. that their request that a general license for — should cover also transport by canal in drums is inadmissible.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Messrs. BEST & Co., Agents, The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company (Limited), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 20th October 1898, B.P. No. 1 A—163.

We have the honour to bring to your notice the following.

About two months ago it was pointed out to us that our general license for the transport of petroleum other than dangerous petroleum in bulk by road, by rail and by water within the Madras Presidency was not in order. This license was issued by the Municipality of Madras, and in our letter, B.P. No. 12—300, dated 24th August 1898, we drew their attention to it and returned the license to be re-issued in the proper form. They sent us a copy of G.O., No. 1597, Judicial, dated 10th October 1898, calling for certain certificates in compliance with the rules framed under section 11 of the Indian Petroleum Act XII of 1886.

With regard to the transport by ships and carts it is stated in rule 13 (3) that they must be "certified as fit for the service by an officer appointed by the Local Government in this behalf". Will you kindly inform us to whom we should address ourselves in this matter, for which we shall be obliged.

Memorandum, No. 2587, Judicial.

With reference to their letter, No. 1 A—163, dated 20th October 1898, Messrs. Best & Co. are requested to state whether they possess special ships and carts for the conveyance of petroleum in bulk and, if so, how many of each and at what stations.

22nd November 1898.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To Messrs. Best & Co., Madras.

From Messrs. BEST & Co., Agents, The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company (Limited), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 23rd November 1898, B.P. No. 1 A—174.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 2587, Judicial, dated 22nd November 1898, we have the honour to state that we have no special ships at present for conveyance of petroleum in bulk within the Madras Presidency, but the license should cover the oil we send *via* canal in drums. We have one cart only of more than 300 gallons capacity, and as provided for in rule 1 (3) this cart only requires to be licensed. It is in use within the City of Madras.

Memorandum, No. 2741, Judicial.

With reference to G.O., No. 1597, Judicial, dated 10th October 1898, the President of the Madras Municipal Commission is requested to state whether there is any objection to the appointment of the Engineer to the Madras Municipality as the officer authorised under rule 13 (3) of the rules framed under the ~~Explosives~~ Act to inspect and grant certificates for carts used within the City of Madras for the conveyance of petroleum in bulk.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

6th December 1898.

To the President, Madras Municipal Commission,
through the Local and Municipal Department.

From the Hon'ble Lieut.-Col. Sir GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Madras, 3rd January 1899, P.W. No. 841.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1401, dated 16th December 1898, on Cur. No. 3745 M., I have the honour to state that I have no objection to the appointment of the Engineer, provided it is compatible with the provisions of section 38 of Act I of 1884.

Endt. No. 57.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) A. EDGINGTON,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

23rd January 1899.

ORDER—No. 199, Judicial, dated 2nd February 1899.

The Engineer to the Madras Municipality will be authorised to grant certificates of fitness for carts used within the City of Madras for the conveyance of petroleum in bulk. As there are now no special ships for the transport of petroleum in bulk, no officer need be appointed at present for the examination of such vessels.

2. With reference to the request that a general license for transport in bulk should cover also transport by canal in drums, the attention of Messrs. Best & Co. will be invited to rules 12 (1) and 13 (1) of the rules made under section 11 of the Petroleum Act, from which they will see that the request is inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the President, Madras Municipal Commission,
through the Local and Municipal Department.

" all District Magistrates.
" the Commissioner of Police.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Marine Department.
" Messrs. Best & Co.
" " Arbuthnot & Co.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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