Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 497 Ry

DATED 14th April

[Despatch Abstract.]

Seigniorage for quarring stones for the Villupuram Guntākal State Railway— Proceedings Revenue Department approving the orders issued by the Board of Revenue on the subject of Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

[P. W. Ry.
760—25-9-99.]

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10th July 1889, No. 577, Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 31st May 1889, Forest No. 299 :—

W. S. Whiteside, Esq., C.S.

Read—the following G.O., dated 14th March 1889, Mis. No. 1639, Revenue :—

Read—endorsement of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 5th March 1889, 1118-C :—

Read—the following letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 27th February 1889, No. 252 :—

I beg to forward copy of a letter from the Collector of North Arcot to the Sub-Collector of that district regarding the levy of a seigniorage of two annas per cart-load of stones removed from a quarry situated on poramboke land. The rate demanded is double that asked for by the Forest Department for quarried stone, and if it is paid it will increase the cost of masonry by Rs. 1-6-0 per 100 cubic feet.

2. No seigniorage has ever been paid for quarry stone on poramboke land, and I shall be obliged by your kindly obtaining the orders of Government.

Enclosure No. 1.

From W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Sub-Collector of North Arcot, dated Wandiwash, 11th February 1889, No. 167-Index.

Referring to your letter, No. 118, dated 30th January last, I have the honor to inform you that I have no objection to Mr. F. G. Brook Fox, the Executive Engineer of the South Indian Railway, quarrying for stones in S. No. 119 (hill poramboke near Avarampalliam village in the Vellore taluk) provided he is willing to pay a seigniorage of two annas per cart-load of stones removed from the quarry.

2. Please also direct the tahsildar to arrange with Mr. F. G. Brook Fox to keep an account and pay monthly.

3. The tahsildar should also be directed to arrange to receive, through the village munsif, two annas per cart-load of stones removed from the quarry by other persons, as the Forest Department appear to have now ceased to collect the amount on the ground that it is not reserved land.

Endorsement by Colonel C. J. SMITH, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st March 1889, No. 105.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

Endorsement—dated 5th March 1889, No. 1118-C, Public Works.

Transferred to the Revenue Department for disposal.

Read—also endorsement of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 7th March 1889, No. 1149-C. :—

Read—the following letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 26th February 1889, No. 245 :—

I have received a letter from the Chief Engineer as under :—

"In connection with the correspondence regarding forest produce, two questions have now arisen which require a decision. The first is with regard to the rate to be paid for stone quarried in rectangular blocks, the second as to mode of obtaining measurement.

" With regard to the first, the stone is being split at the quarry by wedges into rectangular block which process is nothing more than the actual quarrying of the stone ; not a chisel is put upon the stone beyond what is required for cutting the holes for fitting the wedges into used for quarrying.

" The Forest Department appear to look upon this as chiselled stone and a contractor has had to pay at the rate of two annas per cart instead of the one anna rate for undressed stone.

" *Question* 2.—The Forest-officer requires to be paid per cart-load, and as contractors often cart at night and at odd times, it will be difficult to keep the accounts.

" I would suggest that a monthly measurement be given by the Engineers in charge of the construction of all forest produce that it is customary to pay for in cubic measure, such as stone, kunker, gravel, sand, and that these measurements be converted into cart-loads at the cubic contents allowed for a cart in the printed rate list of the Forest Department."

2. Will you please be so good as to obtain the issue of the necessary orders.

Endorsement by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 4th March 1889, No. 110.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

Endorsement—dated 7th March 1889, No. 1149-C, Public Works.

Transferred to the Revenue Department for disposal.

Order—dated 14th March 1889, Mis. No. 1639, Revenue.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue,
with papers, in original, to be returned.

Reference on the above, dated 26th March 1889.

Referred to the Conservators of Forests, Southern and Northern Circles, for favor of early remark.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, with five enclosures, in original, to be passed on to the next addressee.
" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

Read—the following letter from A. W. PEET, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Madras, 3rd May 1889, No. 273 :—

With reference to the question raised in the letter, No. 245 * dated the 26th February 1889, from the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, I think that (1) the rate for split stone might be fixed at one anna a cart-load, (2) that the monthly measurement made by the Engineer in charge of the construction may be accepted.

* Reference on Forest Register No. 402 of 1889.

2. I would, however, ask that the railway authorities may be requested to exercise adequate supervision over their contractors to ensure that there is no excessive waste from careless work in splitting the stones, and to ensure that the contractors utilize all the produce removed solely for railway work. We had considerable difficulty at one time in Kurnool, because the railway contractors were not under sufficient control.

3. In any case, I would ask that these concessions be not made into hard and fast rules, but be liable to revision if due cause is shown for alteration.

Read—the following letter from J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Avalanchi, 15th May 1889, No. 519 :—

I have the honor to return the correspondence referred to in Board's Forest Register No. 402 of 26th March 1889, and received from the Conservator, Southern Circle, who has also sent me copy of his letter, No. 273, of 3rd May 1889. I beg to endorse the recommendations made in the 1st paragraph of that letter.

Resolution—dated 31st May 1889, Forest No. 299.

The reports from the Conservators of Forests will be submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., dated 14th March 1889, Mis. No. 1639.

2. The Board support the recommendations of both Conservators.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with five enclosures returned.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" " " Northern "
" " Examiner of Forest Accounts.

ORDER—dated 10th July 1889, No. 577, Revenue.

Forest, No. 76.

The proposals of the Conservators, which are supported by the Board of Revenue, are approved and sanctioned.

2. The Railway officials must exercise efficient supervision over contractors so as to ensure that there is no excessive waste from careless work in splitting the stones, and that the produce removed is utilized solely for railway work.

3. The Board have omitted to notice the question raised in the Agent's letter, dated 27th February 1889, No. 252. The Government is of opinion that the seigniorage rates for stone quarried on poramboke should be the same as those prescribed in the case of forest lands.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
" the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

55 Copies.

Govt. of {1889} Madras.

REVENUE.

B
No. 862 R of 10th Augt/89.

Comtd to the Cons. Engr. for Railways.

Sd/ C.S.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 10th July 1889, No. 577.

JULY.

Seigniorage.

Sanctioning the proposals of the Conservators in regard to the rate and manner of payment of — to be levied on stones quarried by Railway Companies from forest lands, and stating that Railway officials must prevent all waste from careless work in splitting the stones and that the seigniorage on stones in poramboke lands should be the same as that in the case of forest tracts.

Cons. Engr. for Rys.

No 1211 Vide letter to Collr. Cuddapah No 1656 of 23/9/89

South Indian Railway,
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 20th September 1889.

From
The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To
The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I beg to send herewith in duplicate Tracing No. 1079 and Schedule showing the area of additional land to be acquired at Chains 3821 as a site for a Quarry on District No. 16 of the Villupuram Dharmavaram line in the Village of Vayalpad, Vayalpad Taluq, Cuddapah District, and request the favour of arrangements being made to have this site handed over to Executive Engineer Mr. A. Sprenger at as an early adate as possible.

I am,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Walter J. Hoofer
for Agent

4 Enclosures.

G.S.A.

REGISTER
No 945.
FILE
No

Encl. 7
on 11922/89

Enclo. No 9 10 to Consn. Endt. No 3438/8-2-90

From
THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

Dated 2nd Septr 1889.
Received 23rd
No. 1211
ENCLOSURE. 4.

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1/Rev. 2073/90

1/Rev: 994/89

Cont: 2770/89..

Cuddapah Spl. Dy Collector's Office
No 501 2nd November 1889

From
M. R. Ry. D. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu
Special Deputy Collector of
Cuddapah, Railway Duty

To
The Collector of
Cuddapah

Sir,

The stone quarry shown in plan No 1079/21·35 received with your foot-note No 7592/28·9·89 is situated within the reserved forest. I asked the District Forest Officer whether it may be transferred to the Railway Company. He replies in his letter No 2022/19·10·89 (a copy of which is enclosed) that it may not be given over to the Company but that they may be allowed the use of it on the payment of the prescribed seigniorage fees to the credit of the Forest Department. I have the honor, therefore to request that Railway authorities may be informed of it.

I have the honor to be

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2073/90

Ent 277/89..

REGISTER
No. 258
FILE
No. 38.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE COLLECTOR OF
CUDDAPAH.
To
THE Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Dated 12th
Despatched 12th
Received 13th
Nov 1889.

SS

13/11

No. 8526

Encl. 5
No. 11922/89

SUBJECT.

Reference Letter No. 1656/23.9.89

Forwards copy of letter No. 501/2.11.89 from the Special Dy Collector and informs that it appears ~~to be~~ unnecessary to transfer the land for reasons stated.

Enclo. No. 8 to Cons. Eng. Endt. 3438/8-3-90

3/Rev. 9948/89

V.G. 16261

Villupuram Guntakul Railway
South Indian Railway
Chief Engineers Office
Trichinopoly 2 December 188

E. J. Sewell Esq.
Collector of Cuddapah District
Cuddapah.

Sir

I have the honor to confirm my urgent Telegram of the 30th ultimo Copy as follows:—

"All quarrying stopped entailing serious delay to work "on Villupuram Guntakul State Railway owing to "action your subordinates about fees and royalties "please order removal restrictions pending your hearing "details."

With reference to this I beg to state that great delay to the works and irritation among the officers, subordinates & contractors employed on the Villupuram Guntakul Railway in your District exists owing to the levying of Seigniorage on stone quarried for the Railway works whether from Government, or Forest Department Waste land, or from quarries on land that has been made over for the use of this State Railway.

It is alleged that claims for seigniorage have not hitherto been made in this part of the Cuddapah District, that the system in force was one of Licences upon one of which for the sum of Rupee 1 per annum the License was entitled to work in certain specified quarry or quarries for the year, and that it has been only since the Railway works began that a harassing system of levying seigniorage has been established.

Mr. Swappe, Executive Engineer at Piler complains that all quarrying by petty contractors has been stopped by the action of the revenue and Forest Subordinate authorities and that his work is at a stand in consequence.

A Mr. Elton Executive Engineer at Kadiri
complains that his contractors are being similarly harassed
and that demands are being made on them for seigniorage
on Kunkar and gravel as well as stone - All complain
of the sudden change whereby the usual system of Licenses
has been abandoned and claims for seigniorage substituted.

A case has lately arisen wherein you recommend
that certain land shall not be handed over from Forest reserve
to the Railway but that a seigniorage be levied - I applied
for the land in this and other cases for the express purpose
of putting a stop if possible to the levying of seigniorage
and fees which are the cause of so much trouble & irritation
and I have therefore begged that the land may be made
over - The Railway will only require it for a year or 18
months at the outside when it will be handed back
to Government.

There is undoubtedly at present very serious obstruction
to and retardation of the work of Construction on the Railway
in the Cuddapah District owing to the action in respect of
quarry fees, hence my urgent telegram[x] to you in the
hope that you might see fit to order a relaxation of the
restrictions now imposed pending enquiry and settlement
of the question. The work is a State one being carried out
by Imperial Funds to safe guard Cuddapah and
neighbouring Districts against famine, and any
measures tending to obstruct progress and raise the cost
of the work cannot but be prejudicial to the real interests
alike of the State and of the District. If I may be allowed
to remark on the general policy of levying seigniorage and
fees on materials required for this Railway I do not
think it can be right to attempt to draw a revenue
for local administration at the expense of the State which
with probable famine in view is doing its best by a liberal
supply of funds to guard the Locality against the
effects of Scarcity.

The System adopted in the North Arcot District
is working fairly well and I would suggest the adoption
of that system pending if necessary a reference to Government
on the subject.

The arrangements made with the Collector of
North Arcot are :-

(a) that 12½ cub. feet and 9 cub feet each represent one
cartload of stone on the plains and on the Hills respectively giving
8 cart loads in the plains 11 cart loads on the Hills to each 100
cub. feet of Stone.

(b) rates, one anna per cart load for roughstone whether
obtained by quarrying burning or splitting and 2 annas per cart
load for chisel or wrought stone.

(c) the officer in charge of the works to keep an account of
the quantity of stone taken and send copy to the Collector of the
District monthly.

(d) payment to be made on this quantity of stone at the
rates above quoted by the Engineer in charge of the work, on Bills
submitted by the Collector.

With reference to this subject please see Madras G. O.
No. 577 of 10th July 1889. October 89. - also letter from the
Conservator of Forests Copy of which is herewith enclosed.

A System of Licences to work quarries of stone, gravel
Kunkar. &c. would, in my opinion, be far the simplest & least
likely to cause delay and annoyance: and if payment must be
made on the quantities of material removed, these quantities
could easily be ascertained from the work executed on the Railway
and payments be made thereon at stated intervals or when the
work is completed.

I am told that your Subordinates refuse to allow
stone, Kunkar and gravel to be removed from the ground
until the fees demanded are paid - the result is that all work
except in the case of one large contractor has come to a stand.

I am sending a Copy of this communication to the
Consulting Engineer to Government for Railways for information.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) David Logan.

Chief Engineer

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[initials]

(True Copy)

for Chief Engr
3-12-89

Ent 4 / MW 11922/89

Enclo. No. 7 to Commr Endt. No. 3438 / 8-3-90

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4 / Rw. 9487/89

Office of Conservator of Forests
In charge of Southern Circle
Camp Trichinopoly the 9th October 188

D.O.

From. A. W. Peet Esq.
Acg. Conservator

To W. K. Stent Esq. C. E.
South Indian Railway.

Sir.

In answer to your letter dated the 1st Instant which was delayed as I have been moving camp daily I beg to state that I replied officially last month to the effect that I thought 12½ c. feet of stone might be taken as the equivalent by a cart load in the plains. 9 c. fe is all that is carried ordinarily, so far as my informatio goes, on the hills.

I am making inquiries as to the non-delivery of my official answer.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) A. W. Peet.

Compared
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(True Copy)

for Chief Engr
3-12-89

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Enclo. No. 6 to Consn Endt. No 3438
8-3-90

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No. 1552

South Indian Railway,
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 4th December 1889.

From
The Agent,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

To
The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I beg to forward hewith for your information a copy of a letter (No. V. G. 16261 of 2. 12. 89) from this Company's Chief Engineer to the Collector of Cuddapah regarding the levying of Seigniorage on Stone quarried for the railway Works in that District.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Walter J. Hoofer
for
Agent

2 Enclosures

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Enclo. No. 5 to Cons. Engr. No. 3438
8-3-90

From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopol

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras

Dated 4th } Decr. 188
Received 6th
No. 1552
Enclosure. 2

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Coy's Telegr. Engineer to the Collector of Cuddapah re levying of [illegible] money of [illegible]

No 1558

South Indian Railway,
AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY, 5th December 1889.

From
The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To
The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I beg to confirm a telegram as under sent to you to-day: —

"Work delayed and irritation among staff and "contractors owing mode levying fees for Stone quarrying "Cuddapah District. Last order Civil authorities limit "Chief Contract to 8 cart loads a day at Pilet."

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
William S. Betts.
Agent

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Encl: No 4 of Cons. Engr. No. 3438
8-3-90

From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

Dated 5th Decr 1889
Received 7/12/89
No. 1558
Enclosure.

Re copy of a letter re work delayed & [illegible] tolls among Staff & contractors on [illegible]

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8th July 1889, No. 863 M., Local and Municipal.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 22nd May 1889, Mis. No. 634 M., Local and Municipal.

Read—the following Office Note from T. SHEFFIELD, Esq., District Forest Officer, North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 6th April 1889, No. 58 :—

In submitting herewith copy of an extract from the Proceedings of the Vellore Municipal Council, I request that the matter may be referred to Government. I am supplying fuel, charcoal and sleepers from Government forests to Government works, to wit, the State Railway, and the Municipal Act is clear on the point that Government property passing the tolls should be exempt from the payment of fees.

Enclosure.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Vellore, dated 4th April 1889.

Read letter from the District Forest Officer, North Arcot, No. 3646, dated 29th March 1889.

The Council observe that the materials referred to in the letter are not for the use of Government, but are brought for sale, and tolls appear to have been paid for such materials from the time the forests were reserved. The Council therefore resolve that tolls should be paid as heretofore. In case the District Forest-officer differs from the above opinion, he can refer the matter to Government for their orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) V. S. COOMARASAWMY MUDALIAR,
Chairman.

Endorsement on the above.

Forwarded for the orders of Government. Whether when in Mr. Sheffield's charge or when made over to the Railway the charcoal is Government property and should be exempt from payment of tolls.

8th April 1889.

(Signed) W. J. H. LE FANU,
Collector.

Order—dated 22nd May 1889, Mis. No. 634 M., Local and Municipal.

The Government observes that tolls are not leviable on commodities, but on vehicles, animals or palanquins as specified in the schedule. The words "other Government property" must apparently be held to be *ejusdem generis* with "Government vehicles or animals," and might refer to guns, limbers, waggons, &c. If the intention of section 91 (3), Act IV of 1884, is to exempt all vehicles to whomsoever belonging and carrying Government property, it is imperfectly expressed. The Honorable the Advocate-General will be requested to advise as to the proper construction of the section.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Honorable the Advocate-General,
through the Government Solicitor,
with letter and enclosure in original to be returned.

READ—also the following paper :—

From the Government Solicitor, Madras, dated 7th June 1889, No. 253.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding the following opinion of the Advocate-General, dated 5th June 1889 :—

In the matter of the construction of Madras Act IV of 1884, Section 91 (3).

OPINION.

Tolls are only leviable on vehicles and animals and no toll is leviable on Government vehicles or animals, or on any vehicles or animals hired by Government for the transport of troops, or the conveyance of Commissariat, Medical, Ordnance, or similar "Government Stores." The words "any other Government property" used in Madras Act IV of 1884, Section 91 (3), are not to be construed as meaning *all* Government property of every description, but must be confined to property *ejusdem generis* with the "Government Stores" above mentioned. The construction put upon these words by the District Forest-officer, North Arcot, is erroneous.

(Signed) J. H. SPRING BRANSON,
Acting Advocate-General.

ORDER—dated 8th July 1889, No. 863 M., Local and Municipal.

The Advocate-General's opinion read above will be communicated to the District Forest-officer, North Arcot, through the Collector, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Forest-officer, North Arcot,
through the Collector.
„ all Collectors.
„ all Chairmen of Municipal Councils,
through the Collectors concerned.
„ all Presidents of District Boards.
„ the Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Moses.

Govt. of {1889} Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 8th July 1889, No. 863 M.

JULY.

Act.

Communicating to the District Forest-officer, North Arcot, the opinion of the Advocate-General regarding the proper construction of *section* 91 (3) of — IV of 1884.

P.W. No. 11930

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

No. 5750 C.

OFFICE NOTE.

Station Madras date 7th Decr. 1889.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 19 DEC 89 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From The Jt. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. Ry. Br.

Recd: 13.12.89

To The Chief Secretary

No. 5935. Cd/19-12-89

The undersigned has the honour to request that he may be furnished with a copy of G.O. No. 863 M, dated 8th July 1889, referred to in Local and Municipal Department G.O. No. 1291 M. Mis. dated 1st October 1889, on the subject of tolls on carts conveying materials for the Villupuram Guntakal Railway.-

C.T. Smith Colonel R.E.

Jt. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. Railway Branch

No. 1020 Furnished

13.12.89

Fort St George 12th December 1889 } 13/12/89 Ag. Under Secretary

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OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 12th December 1889.

the Agent, South Indian Railway,

" September 1889.

e Collector of Cuddapah, No.

November 1889 and enclosure

the Agent, South Indian Railway,

December 1889 with enclosures.

— do — No. 1558, dated 5 "

No. 514.

— to ____________ Government.

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PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

No. 5750 C

OFFICE NOTE.

Station *Madras* date *7th Decr.* 1889.

From *The Jt. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. Ry. Branch.*

To *The Chief Secretary*

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C.S.S.

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Form No. 1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 12th December 1889.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 1211, dated 20th September 1889.

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G.O., 8th July 1889, No. 863 M.

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Communicating to the District
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regarding the proper construction
of — IV of 1884.

Form No. 1.

Public Works Department.

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that officer brings to notice the inconvenience of the system of levying seigniorage, and asks, if this is indispensible, that the rules obtaining in North Arcot may be followed.

5. The correspondence is forwarded for the orders of Government as G. O. No 577 Revenue dated 10th July 1889, communicated to the Commissioners of Land Revenue has not sufficed to prevent difficulties arising in the Cuddapah district.

Sidney Smith
Major R.E.,
for Consg: Engr. for Rys.

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of — IV of 1884.

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Encl. No. 3 of Govt. Endt. No. 3438 / 8-3-90

Govt. 2770/89.

5750 C d/ 7-12-89
82 R d/ 10-8-89

1889.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 11922 & 11930

From

The Consg: Engr: for Railways

Enclos.— 7

No. 574
Dated 12-12-89
Received 13 — "

SUBJECT.

Transfer of quarry sites, & seigniorage ~~and~~ on quarried stones

Submitting for orders correspondence relating to the —

DISPOSAL.

No. 5935 C Dated 19-12-89

Referred to the Rev: Dept. for disposal.

C. J. S.

Chief Engineer i… on R… from…

CUDDAPAH COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Despatch No. 457 3 January 1890.

ENCLOSURES

FROM

E. J. Sewell Esquire
Collector of Cuddapah

TO

THE Consulting Engineer
for Railways

SIR,

Adverting to my letter No 8526 of the 12th November last, I have the honor to inform you that that letter has reference only to the quarry shown in plan No $\frac{1079}{2135}$ received with your letter No 1656 of the 23rd September last. I request therefore that you will consider my [illegible] $\frac{8526}{12-11-89}$ modified to this [illegible]t.

2. The Deputy Collector on Special Duty now reports that the quarry shown in plan No 1097 also is included in

land reserved by the Forest Department. Such land cannot be alienated without the special order of Government and as seigneorage has to be collected. I think it preferable that the land should not be handed over but the stone quarried and seigniorage paid to the Forest Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
H. Karamaswamy
For Agl. Asstn.

2098/28-3-90
P.W. Dept Ry Br.

REGISTER
No. 37
FILE
No. 38.

Revenue Department.

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From

THE COLLECTOR OF
CUDDAPAH.

To

THE

P.W. Dept
1309/90.

Dated
Despatched
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C.J.S.
3-2-90

No.

SUBJECT

Rev. 1388/90.

5750.C of 7-12-89
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5935.C of 19-12-89
5750.C of 7-12-89

1890.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 1309

From

The Consg. Engr.
for Ry.

Enclos.—

No. 102
Dated 8-2-90
Received 10-"

Subject.

Villupuram Guntakal State Ry

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Cuddapah stating that it is preferable that the land reserved by the Forest Dept should not be handed over to the but the stone quarried & seigniorage paid to the Forest Dept:

Disposal.

No. 870.C dated 15 Feby: /90

Forwarded to the Rev: Dept: in continuation of P.W.D No. 5935.C of 19-12-89.

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Correspondence regarding Royalties in Cuddapah District.

Letter No 581 of 11th Nov. 1889 from Ex. Engineer Mr Swappe to Chief Engineer
Letter No 605 of 19th Nov. 1889 from Ex. Engineer Mr Swappe to Chief Engineer
Telegram of 5th Decr 1889 from Ag. Collector of Cuddapah to Chief Engineer
Letter No 3866 of Octr 1889 from Ag. Sub Collector to Ex. Engineer Mr Elston.
Letter No 556 of 19th Nov. 1889 from Ex. Engr Mr Elston to Chief Engr & Enclosures.
Letter No. $\frac{18230}{16220}$ of 2d Decr 1889 from Chief Engr to Acting Collector Cuddapah
Letter No 16261 of 2d Decr 1889 from Chief Engr to Ag. Collector Cuddapah and Enclosure letter from Conservator of Forests Southern Circle.
Letter No 1342 of 3d Decr 1889 from Chief Engineer to Agent.
Letter No 1360 of 5th Decr 1889 from Chief Engineer to Agent.
Letter No 8973 of 5th Decr 1889 from Acting Collector Cuddapah to Chief Engineer.
Letter No. 1684 of 17th Decr 1889 from Ex. Engineer T. Michell to Chief Engineer
Letter No. 79 of 10th Jany 1890 from Ag. Collector Cuddapah to Chief Engineer.
[Enclosure* Ex. Engr Mr Sherman's letter No 471 of 4th Jany 1890 to Chief Engineer
Letter No $\frac{373}{127}$ of 18th Jany 1890 from Chief Engineer to Agent and one "
Letter No 1259 of 22d Jany 1890 from Chief Engineer to Ag Collector Cuddapah and two Enclosures Letters No 4249 from Ag. Tahsildar Kadiri to Executive Engineer Mr Elston and No. 3866 of 18th Octr 1889 from Acting Sub Collector Cuddapah Ex. Engineers Vayalpad Madanapalle and Kadiri Talugs with Endorsements No 3867 of 13th October 1889 from Acting Sub Collector to Tahsildar of above Talugs
Letter No 470 of 24th Jany 1890 from Acting Collector to Chief Engineer.
Letter No. 544 of 25th Jany 1890 from Ex. Engr Mr Sherman to Chief Engineer and two Enclosures, Letters No 621 and 622 of 18th Jany 1890 from Acting Sub Collector Cuddapah to Executive Engineer Mr Sherman
Letter No 41 of 27th Jany 1890 from Ex. Engineer Mr Sprenger to Supg. Engineer and two Enclosures No. 653 from Acting Sub Collector Cuddapah to Mr Sprenger and No. 622 from Acting Sub Collector Cuddapah to Executive Engineer Mr Sherman.
Letter No 74 of 27th Jany 1890 from Ex. Engr Mr Swappe to Chief Engineer.

David Logan
15.2.90

South Indian Railway
Villapuram Guntakal State Railway
Executive Engineer's office
Velr 27th January 1890.

No. 74

The Chief Engineer
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir

I beg to enquire if the notification as to taxes contained in your Circular No. 1046 of 20.1.90 applies to royalties, as this is the only State Railway I know of that has to pay royalties on Government land. Even when the quarries belong to Native States Government of India recently abolished their incidence on State Railways

Sub Collector of Madnapalli in his No. 622 of 18th Jany 90 has proposed to put a revenue official on each quarry to count daily trips of carts &c. and regulate royalties. As I have sent in land plans for some 50 quarries the prospect of this horde quartered on us is appalling. He states that he has no other security that the stone quarried will be used on the railway and he must protect the revenues. But who is to protect the State Railway

Yours faithfully
(Signed) C Swappo
Ex Engineer
Asst 13.14 & 15

True Copy

Chief Engineers Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

for Chief Engineer

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Villapuram Guntakal State Ry

Executive Engineer's Office
No. 41.
Chinna Tripasamudram 27 Jany

The Superintending Engineer
V. G. Ry
Bellary

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith Copy of letter No. 653 dated 20th Instant from the Sub Collector Madanapalli for your information and disposal, the question of royalties on Stone being one that should be settled uniformly for all divisions within the same District

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt servt.

(Signed) A Sprenger
Executive Engineer

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

True Copy

for Chief Engineer

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No $\frac{653}{20-1-90}$

Cuddapah Sub Collectors Offic
Dated January 1890

From

J. N. Atkinson Esq
Acting Sub Collector
Cuddapah

To

The Executive Engineer
Chimatippasamudram.

Sir

I have the honor to send herewith for favour of remarks a copy of my letter No $\frac{622}{18-1-90}$ to the Executive Engineer Mulakalacheru suggesting certain arrangements to be made to meet the difficulty now experienced in checking the stones removed from quarries for railway purposes. I request that you will inform me whether the system proposed may be introduced in the quarries in your district and that you will kindly send me the information asked for in para 8 of the letter herewith sent.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. N. Atkinson
20-1-90
Acting Sub Collector

"True Copy"

(Signed) A. Sprenger
Executive Engineer

Engineers Office
February 1890

(True Copy of a Copy)

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Cuddapah Sub Collector's Offic
Madanapalli January 18

No 622
18-1-90

From,

J. N. Atkinson Esq.
Ag. Sub Collector
Cuddapah

To,

The Executive Engineer
Mulkalcheru
Madanapalli Taluq

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 490 dated 7th Instant, I have the honor to state that I can fully appreciate the difficulties your contractors are likely to labour under; so long as they are prevented removing stone from quarries prior to either measurement by or measurement by and payment to the village Reddies. I should very gladly accept your offer to be responsible for all stone quarried, but that I cannot see how you can guarantee that all stone quarried will be brought to the Railway works and submitted to your measurements. Unless the Revenue Department exercise Supervision over the quarries themselves, there is more than a probability that stone will be clandestinely removed from the quarries for other purposes tha Railway works and therefore I feel that we must check the quar actually taken from the quarries.

2. I admit at once that the village Reddies are not competent properly to check the amount of stone quarried, at any rate by measurement. But I have not so many subordinates qualified to measure stone that I can afford to place one at each quarry.

3. At some quarries I might be able to dispense with check measurements altogether. At others if I cannot find men competent to measure stone, the only check I can suggest is by counting the loads removed.

4. If each cart used in carting stone from the quarries is indelibly and conspicuously marked with a serial number and its cubical capacity, any ordinarly trustworthy subordinate can count the number of trips made by each cart and thereby enable us to check the amount of stone actually removed from the quarry.

5. This is my suggestion tentatively made to meet the difficulty we experience of guarding against theft of stone.

6. I have mentioned my suggestion to one of the Railway contractors Mr. Greaves (Vayalpad) and I gather that he approves of it, adding also that by having the carts indelibly marked in this way, the Contractors themselves would to some extent be protected from loss, caused by the decambing of cart owners after receiving advances the contractors.

be glad if you will let me know at a very early date if you approve of my suggestion in order that may be carried into effect at the earl possible date.

8. I request also that you will give a list of quarries opened in the limits o your district, that I may arrange for appo ing suitable officers to check issues of sto and to state approximately the number of cart loads of stone removed from each pe diem.

9. I may add that until a new syst of checking issues from quarries is settled the present system must perforce continue.

I have the honor to b
Sir
Your most obedient servan
Signed J. N. Atkinson
Ag. Sub Collector

Copy to Chief Engineer Trichy accompanime to No. 544 of 25th January 1890.

(Signed) W. H. P. Sherm
Executive Enginee

Chief Engrs Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

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for Chief Engineer

Compd.

PW No 24
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Villupuram Guntakal State Railway
South Indian Railway
No. 544 Executive Engineer's office
Moolcalcheru 25th January 1890

To

The chief Engineer
S. I. Ry
Trichinopoly

Sir.

I have the honor to send you two letters received from the sub collector of Madanapalli on the subject of royalties on stone in continuation of my No. 471 of 4th instant and to ask,

1st. what steps are necessary in case of quarries situated in jaghirdars lands at present, we are quarrying in one such place and the contractor has himself paid 30/ for twelve months use of the quarry.

2d. also what arrangements can be made with the local authorities as to measurement &c of the stone quarried from Government lands. Some early arrangement would seem most desirable, as there is at present considerable difficulty between the contractors and the village authorities acting under the orders of the Sub Collector. The chief difficulty hereafter will be the difference between the two counts. The sub collector has ordered the carts to be counted while the rules allow 20 cft to the cart. I need not say that this is usually more than double the ordinary load. As to working the carts &c as asked by the Sub Collector

I do not think the scheme a practicable one as Carts are constantly being changed and all Cannot be always running after the Contractors Carts which he on the other hand is quite free of responsibility in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
(Sigd) W. H. P. Sherman
Executive Engineer
Dist No. 18.

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

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for Chief Engineer

Cuddapah Sub. Collector's office
Dated 18th January 1890.

No. 621

From

J. N. Atkinson Esqr
Ag. sub. Collector of
Cuddapah.

To.

The Executive Engineer
Mulkalcheru.
Madanapally

Sir

Referring to your letter No. 477 dated 6th instant. I have the honor to inform you that Jaghirdars or as they are more properly denominated in this district Shrotriemdars are absolute proprietors of all minerals in their estates. It is open to them therefore to impose any rates of seignorage they may wish, on stone quarried in their lands. Unless therefore you can arrange definite rates of seignorage with the Shrotriemdar of Kadrimathimikotta and have the same embodied in a paper written and stamped agreement (the drawing up of which would probably be expensive) I should strongly advise you not to quarry stones within the limits of his estate or of any other similar proprietor.

2. The questions of settling rates on stone quarried in Government lands is still under consideration but I hope soon to be able to make a satisfactory arrangement

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Signed J. N. Atkinson
Ag Sub. Collector

Copy to Chief Engineer Tricly accompaniment to No. 544 of 25th January 1890.

Sigd. W. H. P. Sherman
Executive Engineer

(True Copy of a copy)

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Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

for Chief Engineer

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No. 622.

Cuddapah Sub Collector's Office
Madanapalli 18th January 189

From

J. N. Atkinson Esq
Acting Sub Collector of
Cuddapah

To

The Executive Engineer
Mulacalacheruvu

Sir,

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7/. I shall be glad if you let me know at a very early date if you approve of my suggestion in order that it may be carried into effect at the earliest possible date

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9/. I may add that until a new system of checking issues from quarries is settled the present system must perforce continue.

I have &c

"Signed" J. N. Atkinson

Ag. Sub Collector

(True copy)

sd/ A. Sprenger
Executive Engineer.

(~~True copy~~)

sd/ J. N. Atkinson
Ag. sub. collector 20-1-90

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for Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890.

Cuddapah Collector's Office

Reference on Current. 24 - 1 - 1890

No. 470/Eng.

From

E. J. Sewell Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah

The

Chief Engineer
South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly.

Sir

In reply to your letter V. G. 16261 dated 2d December 1889, I have the honor to inform you that, having made careful inquiries, I cannot find a single instance in which any the least obstruction has been caused to work on the Villupuram Guntakul Railway by the action of any Revenue Subordinate

(2) You mention complaints from Mr. Swappe and Mr. Elston. My information is that Mr. Swappe's Contractors have some time ago collected all the rough stone required for their work, were ready to begin but were stopped by orders from Mr. Swappe himself until all chance of rain had passed away.

Mr. Swappe has applied for some 50 quarries & has not quarried 1/4th probably of his requirements.

(3) In Mr. Elston's range I am informed that no seigniorage had been collected from any Contractor up to the 8th December and that no one had been in any way obstructed or impeded

(4) At the same time your quotations

from Messrs Elston and Swappe and your own remarks lead me to think that those gentlemen look upon any Collection of Seigniorage as an obstruction. As Government have ordered in their order $\frac{577}{10.7.89}$ Revenue, referred to in para 8 of your letter under reply that seigniorage is to be collected at the rates there given, it seems unnecessary to discuss whether other rates or any rates should be levied.

(5) I shall be very glad to adopt the plan described in para 9 of your letter as adopted in North Arcot. But some of the quarries being in Government Poramboke while others are in reserved Forests the revenue derived from the seigniorage has to be credited to Land Revenue and Forests respectively in the accounts. If the amount of Stone is stated by the Executive Engineer in a lump there will be no means of distinguishing what amount is of the seigniorage due to the one head and what to the other while the Executive Engineer cannot specify how much stone is brought from quarries of the one kind and how much from the other. The Board of Revenue have therefore been asked to sanction the crediting of the whole amount to Forest Revenue.

(6) For a similar reason no distinction can be preserved between stone taken from quarries on Land handed over to the Railway and that from quarries elsewhere as the whole will simply be accounted for in lump at the site of the work.

(7) As the stone will be taken from the quarries free, a certificate will have to be given to their Contractors by the Engineer under whom they work to the effect that they are Railway Contractors and without such a Certificate they will not be allowed to take away stone without payment of seigniorage.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) T. C. Narainsawmy.
For Acting Collector

True Copy.

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

for Chief Engineer

for Chief Engineer

February 1890.

Executive Engineer. (~~[illegible]~~) Ag. Sub-Collector 20-1-90

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Villapuram Guntakul state Ry
Chief Engineer's Office
No. OE/1259 Trichinopoly 22nd Janu 1890

From
The Chief Engineer
South Indian Ry
Trichinopoly

To
E J Sewell Esq
Acting Collector of Cuddapah

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 79. of 10th instant and regret that you should characterize the statements passed on by me from the officers employed on the Villapuram Guntakul Line as reckless and unfounded. The statements are based on the following documents of which I enclose copies and I trust you will acknowledge on perusal of these papers that the statements are virtually correct and do not therefore deserve the epithets which you apply to them

(1) Letter No. $\frac{4249}{21.11.89}$ of 19th November 1889 from R Madhava Rao. Acting Tahsildar of Kadiri to Executive Engineer Mr. J Elston District No. 19.

(2) Letter No. $\frac{3866}{13.10.89}$ from C. C. Dawson Esq Acting Sub Collector of Cuddapah to the Executive Engineer Villupuram Dharmavaram Railway. Vayalpad, Madanapalli and Kadiri Taluqs.

(3) C/o $\frac{3869}{13.10.89}$ Communication to the Tahsildars of Madanapalli, Vayalpad & Kadiri from

Executive Engineer. Ag. sub. collector 20-1-90 from E. C. Rawson Esq Acting Sub-Collr of Cuddapah.

This latter document runs as follows:—

"The removals of stone should be"
"checked by the village officers on permits"
"issued by the Thasildar who should fix"
"in the permits the No of Cartloads to be"
"removed and the way by which the Carts"
"should pass after consulting the Convenience"
"of Contractors &c. The village officers"
"should bring to notice any breaches of"
"the Conditions of the permits"

This order refers to stone only but in the letter from the Acting Thasildar of Kadiri to Mr Elston the rates of Seigniorage are quoted for metal and gravel, Earth & Turf as well and no doubt the demand for Seigniorage was made on all the items enumerated

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servant

2 enclosures)

(Signed) David Logan
Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890.

True Copy

for Chief Engineer

P.W. Sec 19
1667/90

No. 4249
21.11.89.

Kadiri Ag Tasildar's Office
19th November 1889

To J Elston Esq
Executive Engineer Dist 19
South Indian Ry

Respected Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 549/18.4.89 I have the honor to state that on receipt of the Sub-Collector's order No. 3867/13.10.89 the permanent Tasildar appears to have issued the order referred to in your letter under reply.

2. A copy of the Sub Collector's order is herewith forwarded. From this it will be observed that the rate fixed is 1 anna for a cart load of rough stone and 2 annas for chiseled stone.

3. Under these circumstances I beg to state that I cannot cancel the orders issued by the permanent Tasildar & request that you will be good enough to order the Contractors to obtain permits for the number of cart loads required so that there may be no hinderence to the Railway work, permits may be obtained from time to time on payment of the authorized royalty.

4. The rates of Seigorage have been fixed by Government vide notification published in Fort St. George

Gazette dated 3.9.86 page 783 and they are as follows.

Rough Stone	per cart load		a-1-a
Chiselled Stone	do	do	a-2-a
Metal & gravel	do	do	a-a-6
Earth & turf	do	do	a-a-6

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
(Sd) K. Madhava Row
Ag Tasildar

(True copy)

(Sd) J Elston
Ex. Engineer Dist 19.

True Copy of a Copy.

Chief Engineers Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

for Chief Engineer

P W Sec 11
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No 3866
13.10.89

Cuddapah Sub Collectors
Of
Camp. Gollapully
Madanapally Ta

From
E. C. Rawson Esq
Ag. Sub Collector
of Cuddapah

To
The Executive Engineer
Villupuram Dharmavaram Ry
Vayalpad, Madanapally and
Kadiri Taluqs

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward all applications from your Contractors for quarrying stone in Poramboke and assessed waste land to the Tasildars concerned who have been directed to charge at the rate of one anna a cart load of rough stone and 2 annas for Chiselled Stone.

I have &c
(Sd) E. C. Rawson
Ag Sub Collector

No 3867
13.10.89

(True copy)

Communicated to the Tasildars of Madanapally Vayalpad and Kadiri for information and guidance. The removals of stone should be checked by the Village Officers on permits issued by the Tasildars who should fix in the permits the No of cart loads to be removed and the way by which the carts should pass after consulting the convenience of contractors &c The Village officers should bring to notice any breaches of the conditions of the permits

(Sd) E C Rawson
Ag Sub Collector

(True Copy)

(Sd) J. Elston
Ex. Engineer Dist 19.

True Copy of a Copy

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890 }

for Chief Engineer

P.W. No 17
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Villupuram Guntakul State Railway
Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 18th January 1890.

No V. G. 373/127

To
William S Betty Esq.
Agent Southern Indian Railway
Trichinopoly.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to forward in Continuation of my No. V. G. 1360 dated 5th December 1889, a Copy of a letter from Mr Sherman Executive Engineer with reference to Quarrying in Cuddapah District and the fees demanded.

Yours faithfully
(Sig) W. K. Stent
for Chief Engineer.

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890. }

for Chief Engineer

P.W. Rec/16
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South Indian Railway Dharm. Extn.
No 471. Executive Engineer's Office No 18 Dn.
Mulkalcheru. 4th January 1890.

To
The Chief Engineer
S. I. Ry.
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honour to report having received a letter from the Tahsildar of Kadri stating that the formerly imposed Licenses for Quarrying Stone have been Cancelled, and that in their view a royalty of One Anna per 20 C.ft for rough (rubble) Stone, and two Annas for same Quantity of Cut Stone have been ordered to be imposed.

2d. I have written to the Sub Collector at Madanapalle and asked him to issue orders to the village Authorities not to hinder our Quarrying & carrying of Stone for the bridges as I should hold myself responsible for the proper payment of these royalties

3d. I should say that at the time of making Contracts and particularly told Contractors there were no royalties except in Zemindaries, but that there was a license of 1/- per quarry. The new departure on the part of the Revenue Authorities makes us responsible, it appears to me, for these royalties.

4th. On the Western Rajputna S. Railway it was ruled that Govt pay the royalties and not the Contractor, and in my own district I paid on measurement of actual work done. Thus, in present instance, I would propose to pay 0/6/0 per % C.ft of rubble masonry of all bridges, &c., and 0/10/0 % Cft for Ashlar in Arching, bed stones and Copings. Former figure is on supposition that 120 Cft stone are required for 100 Cft of masonry, and the latter rate is on the Quantity of Ashlar neat.

5th. I have asked the Sub Collector if he approves these rates, and beg you will please let me know if I have your sanction to pay accordingly.

6th Lastly I should add that great difficulty & friction with the village authorities will arise if the Reddies are authorized (as they appear to be in Maddanapalle Taluq) to stop every cart between quarry and work, and demand either the royalty or a receipt for the stone. This they are doing at present.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Sherman
Executive Engineer

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Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

for Chief Engineer

Cuddapah Collector's Offi
10th January 1890

Disposal
No. 79.

Enclosures.

From
E. J. Sewell Esquire
Ag. Collector of Cuddapah

To
The Chief Engineer
South Indian Railway.

Sir,

In reply to your letter V.G. $\frac{18,230}{16,229}$ dated December 2nd 1889. I have the honor to inform you that after full enquiry I have ascerta -ed that no such order as is there described has been issued at any time, by any person.

As this is by no means the first instance in which you have been led to pass on such statements, I would request the favor of informatio in future by whom such wreckless and unfounded charges are made that I may bring the matter to the notice of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Serva
(Signed) T. C. Narainasamy
for Ag. Collector

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Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
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for Chief Engineer

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South Indian Railway
Villupuram Guntakul Section
Executive Engineer's Office Dist No 21
Moodygooba 17th December 1889.

To,

The Chief Engineer
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Royalty on Quarried Stone.

Dear Sir.

I wish to inform you that the Revenue authorities have issued instructions to the Reddies to demand -/2/- per Cart load of Stone taken from the Quarries in this District - This order if carried out, will mean imposing a fine of nearly Rs 2/ for 100 Cft Masonry, which was not anticipated when the Contractors took the work.

I understand from Mr O Callaghan, C.S.I. C.I.E. Consulting Engineer to Govt, that the Question of royalty would be referred to the Govt of India as he informed me on his recent visit this question had been raised in other Districts - Acting on this knowledge I have asked the Sub Collector of Maddanapalle to allow my Contractors to cart Stone from the Quarries to the sites of works pending the settlement of the Question & that I would furnish him monthly with a Statement shewing the amounts Carted so that if necessary the royalties demanded and approved could be paid hereafter.

I also drew his attention to the Madras Govt ruling that a 'Cart load' meant 20 Cft as that was ruled as its Equivalent and that in this hilly district only about half that amount was put in a Cart for one trip.

Also that the Charge was -/1/- for undressed Stone from the Quarry and not -/2/- the amount claimed by the Village Reddies from my

Contractors. I trust the Sub Collector will agree to my proposal stated above so as not to hinder the Carriage of quarry stone to the sites of bridges. otherwise my Masonry work will be seriously delayed as I wish to go on with it in full swing in January next.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) J. Michell
Executive Engineer.

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Trichinopoly
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for Chief Engineer

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Cuddapah Collector's Office
dated 5 - 12 - 1889

Enclosures.

From
E. J. Sewell Esquire
Ag. Collector of
Cuddapah.

To
The Chief Engineer
South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. $\frac{18230}{16220}$ V.G. dated 2nd December 1889, I have the honor to inform you that no such Orders have been issued by me and I am inquiring whether any have been issued. I do not for a moment believe it. But if such orders have been issued they will be cancelled.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) ______

for Ag. Collector.

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Trichinopoly
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for Chief Engineer

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Villupuram Guntakal Railway
Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 5th December 1889.

No. V. G. 1360.

To The Agent South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir,

In Continuation of my letter No. V. G. 1342 of 3rd Instant I shall be obliged by your sending the following telegram to the Consulting Engineer for Railways regarding the levying of Seigniorage on Stone Quarried for the Railway in Cuddapah District.

"Work delayed and irritation among Staff and Contractors owing made levying fees for Stone quarrying Cuddapah District. Last order Civil Authorities limit Chief Contract to 8 Cart loads a day at Piler."

Yours faithfully
(Signed) W. K. Stent
for Chief Engineer

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
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Villupuram Guntakal Railway
Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 3d December 1889.

No V.G. 1342.

William S. Betts Esqr
Agent South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir,

I beg to send herewith for the information of the Consulting Engineer for Railways a Copy of my letter No V.G. 16261 of 2d Instant to the Collector of Cuddapah, regarding the levying of Seigniorage on Stone quarried for the Railway works in that District.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) W. K. Stent
for Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer's Office.
Trichinopoly
February 1890

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for Chief Engineer

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Villupuram Guntakul Railway
Chief Engineers Office
Trichinopoly 2d December 1889

No. V.G. 16261.

E. J. Sewell Esq.
Collector of Cuddapah District
Cuddapah

Sir,

I have the honor to confirm my urgent Telegram of the 30th Ultimo Copy as follows:—

"All quarrying stopped entailing serious "delay to work on Villupuram Guntakul State "Railway owing to action your Subordinates "about fees and royalties please order removal "restrictions pending your hearing details".—

With reference to this I beg to state that great delay to the works and irritation among the Officers Subordinates and Contractors employed on the Villupuram Guntakul Railway in your District exists owing to the levying of Seigniorage on Stone quarried for the Railway works whether from Government, or Forest Department waste land, or from quarries on land that has been made over for the use of this State Railway.—

It is alleged that Claims for Seigniorage have not hitherto been made in this part of the Cuddapah District, that the system in force was one of Licenses upon one of which for the Sum of Rupee one per Annum the Licensee was entitled to work in certain specified quarry or quarries for the Year, and that it has been only since the Railway works began that a harrassing system of levying Seigniorage has been established.—

Mr. Sivappe, Executive Engineer at Piler Complains that all quarrying by petty Contractors has been stopped by the action of the revenue and Forest Subordinate authorities and that his work is at a stand in consequence.

Mr. Elston Executive Engineer at Kadiri complains that his Contractors are being similarly harrassed and State demands are being made on them for Seigniorage on Kunkar and gravel as well as stone. All complain of the sudden change whereby the usual system of Licenses has been abandoned and claims for Seigniorage substituted.

A case has lately arisen wherein you recommend that certain land shall not be handed over from Forest reserve to the Railway but that a Seigniorage be levied. I applied for the land in this and other cases for the express purpose of putting a stop if possible to the levying of Seigniorage and fees which are the cause of so much trouble and irritation and I have therefore begged that the land may be made over. The Railway will only require it for a year or 18 months at the outside when it will be handed back to Govt.

There is undoubtedly at present very serious obstruction to and retardation of the work of construction on the Railway in the Cuddapah District owing to the action in respect of quarry fees, hence my urgent telegram to you in the hope that you might see fit to order a relaxation of the restrictions now imposed pending enquiry and settlement of the question. The work is a State one being carried out by Imperial Funds to safeguard Cuddapah and neighbouring Districts against famine and any measures tending to obstruct progress and raise the cost of the work cannot but be prejudicial to the real interests alike of the State and of the District. If I may be

allowed

allowed to remark on the general policy of levying Seigniorage and fees on materials required for this Railway I do not think it can be right to attempt to draw a revenue for local Administration at the expense of the State which with probable famine in view is doing its best by a liberal supply of funds to guard the Locality against the effects of scarcity.

The system adopted in the North Arcot District is working fairly well and I would suggest the adoption of that system pending if necessary a reference to Government on the subject.

The arrangements made with the Collector of North Arcot are.

(a) that 12½ Cub feet and 9 Cub feet each represent one Cart load of stone on the plains and on the Hills respectively giving 8 Cart loads in the plains 11 Cart loads on the Hills to each 100 Cub feet of stone.

(b) rates, one Anna per Cart load for rough stone whether obtained by quarrying burning or splitting and 2 Annas per Cart load for Chisel or wrought stone.

(c) the Officer incharge of the works to keep an account of the quantity of stone taken and send copy to the Collector of the District monthly.

(d) payment to be made on this quantity of stone at the rates above quoted by the Engineer incharge of the work, on Bills submitted by the Collector.

With reference to this subject please see Madras Government Order No. 577 of 10th July
9th Oct. 1889. 1889 also letter from the Conservator of Forests copy of which is herewith enclosed.

A system of Licenses to work quarries of stone, gravel, Kunkar &c. would, in my opinion, be far the simplest and least likely to cause delay and annoyance: and if payment must be made on the quantities of material removed, these quantities could easily be ascertained from the work executed on the Railway and payments be made thereon at stated intervals or when the work is completed.

I am told that your Subordinates refuse to allow Stone, Kunker and gravel to be removed from the ground until the fees demanded are paid - the result is that all work except in the case of one large Contractor has come to a Stand.

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I am sending a Copy of this Communication to the Consulting Engineer to Government for Railways for information.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) David Logan
Chief Engineer

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890.

for Chief Engineer

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Office of Conservator of Forests
In Charge of Southern Circle
the 9th October 1889.

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From
A. W. Peet Esq
Ag. Conservator

To
W. K. Stent Esq, C. E
South Indian Railway

Sir,

In answer to your letter dated the 1st instant, which was delayed as I have been moving Camp daily, I beg to State that I replied officially last month to the effect that I thought 12½ C. ft. a Stone might be taken as the equivalent of a cart load in the plains. 9. C. ft is all that is carried ordinarily, So far as my information goes on the hills.

I am making inquiries as to the non. delivery of my official answer.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) A. W. Peet

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

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for Chief Engineer

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Villupuram Guntakul Railway
Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 2d December 1889.

N.V.G. 18230/16220.

To
The Collector of Cuddapah District
Cuddapah

Sir,

I am informed that the Contractors near Kadiri have been warned that they must pay Seignorage on Kunker, Gravel, and Stone Picked off the Fields for Ballast or Concrete as well as on Stone for masonry. I shall be obliged by your informing me if the Statement is correct and if so under what orders, and what Royalties or Seignorage you have ordered to be paid.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. H. Le Mesurier
for Chief Engineer

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890.

for Chief Engineer

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Villupuram Guntakal Section
South Indian Railway
No. 556 Executive Engineer's Office Dist 19
Kadiri 19th November 1889

David Logan Esq
Chief Engineer
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir,

I forward copy of a letter received from Sub Collector of Cuddapah stating that -/1 and -/2 per cart load would be charged for stone quarried for use on the Railway. As there are no regular roads to the quarries, a cart load is about 6 cft, this would give a royalty charged of about 1/- and 2/- % cft which seems excessive, any how excessive or not this order of Sub Collector has been given effect to by the Tahsildar of Kadiri in preventing all stone being brought away from the different quarries, unless by payment for each cart as it leaves.

Would you please arrange with Collector that all stone required for railway may be brought away, and that any Royalty due will be paid by me on the work as executed, paying by Cubic feet will be a settled quantity, cart load means nothing and may be 4 cft or 40 cft. It is important that no obstacles should be thrown in our way in the matter of carting stone now, as unless done now there will be no chance of doing so later on. Formerly a license was granted for 1/- to work on any one quarry and this was valued for one year

Yours faithfully
(signed) J. Elston
Exec Engineer Dist 19

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Chief Engineer's Office.
Trichinopoly
February 1890.

for Chief Engineer

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Cuddapah Sub Collector's Office
Camp Gollapully dated Octr. 1889

No. 3866
13-10-89

From

E. C. Rawson Esq.
Ag. Sub Collector of Cuddapah.

To

The Engineer
Villupuram Dharmavaram
Railway Kadiry Taluq.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward all applications from your Contractors for Quarrying Stones in Poramboke and assessed waste lands to the Tahsildar concerned who have been directed to charge at the rate of one Anna a Cart load of rough Stone and two Annas for Chiselled Stone.

I have &c.
(Signed) E. C. Rawson
Ag. Sub Collector.

(True Copy)

(Signed) I. Elston
Executive Engineer
District No 19.

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

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Telegram

To
Trichinopoly
Chief Engineer

From
Cuddapah
Collector.

Orders sent to Special Deputy Collector several days ago to enquire into matter and remove obstacles suspect from experience Filer Engineer exaggerated.

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Chief Engineers Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890

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South Indian Railway
Villupuram Guntakul Section
Executive Engineers Office
Piler 19th November 1889

No. 605

To

The Chief Engineer
South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir

In reply to yours No. 10992/15490 / 14. 11. 89, I beg to report that royalties are demanded for all stones whether from forest department land or the waste Government land made over to us formally for the Railway use. To the effect I enclose Copy of a letter from Deputy Collector in handing over quarry land at Yerragantapally. Deputy Collector merely states that accounts are to be kept which would not interfere with works, but minor officials both forest and revenue have served injunctions on Contractors, prohibiting, all quarrying or removal of material, until certain rates fixed by themselves apparently are first paid to them. Mr. Alexander in 15th District reports that having handed over some small quantity of lime kunkar quarried months ago for experimental purposes, to a contractor to be calcined, the Tahsildar prohibited the Contractor doing so, until royalties for it had been pd.

Contractors will not submit to be worried, or have their works stopped in this fashion and quarrying has therefore come to a stop.

Deputy Collector's statment that the rates are the same as for private individuals, is not correct. Priva individuals have hitherto quarried on small payments for annual licenses, and to save delay some of the Railw Contractors brought these, but they have been informed that these are cancelled and heavy royalties substituted. These will amount to about Rs 15000 for this division as a tax on a famine protection Railway.

Contractors had been informed by me that no dues would be levied in the quarries handed over to us. The money has to come out of Government pockets ultimately, and if paper Revenue is wanted, the Accountant General could make the necessary book transfers. This would be better, than filtering the money through Contractors, petty Officials, and back to Government again with the usual Indian deductions for black mail.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) C. Swappe
Executive Engineer

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Extract from land transfer Statement No 37 dated 9-11-89 from Special Deputy Collector for Railways.

Vayalpad. Yerragantapally ac. 1-62.

This refers to plan No 1134 of District No 14. As the Collector has ordered the prescribed seigniorage fees should be collected from the Railway Company for Stones quarried from the quarries transferred to them, just as is done in the case of private persons, it is requested that regular accounts may be maintained by the Executive Engineer.

(Signed) D. Krishna Row
Acting Dy. Collector

True Copy forwarded to Collector of Cuddapah in continuation of mine No 581 of 11-11-89.

(Signed) P. Swappe
Executive Engineer

Chief Engrs Office
Trichinopoly
February 1890 } (True Copy)

for Chief Engineer

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South Indian Railway
Villupuram Dharmavaram Section
Executive Engineer's Office
Piler 11th November 1889.

No 581.

To
The Chief Engineer
South Indian Railway
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir,

I beg to enquire if any thing has been settled about royalties on the land taken up by us for Quarries. A forest Subordinate at Vayalpad has demanded from One Contractor a rate for Stone of 2 Annas per Cart which is about 1/2 R per 100 Cft, or 20 per Cent of the quarry value of the Stones, progress to be stopped until it is paid. I scarcely think one Government department will be allowed to raise a fictitious revenue to this extent from another department. A Subordinate Tahsil Official demanded from the same Contractor half the above amount and stopped his Carts.

To avoid excessive delay in getting possession of land, some Contractors purchased special Quarry licenses, but these are said to be Cancelled and royalties claimed instead.

The progress of work has been practically put an end to by petty Officials, whilst the Dy. Collector has written to me that the matter is not yet settled.

Yours faithfully
(Sig) C. Swappe
Executive Engineer

Chief Engineer's Office.
Trichinopoly
February 1890 } (True Copy)

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No. 247

South Indian Railway,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 15th February 1890

From

The Agent,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

In Compliance with the request contained in your telegram of yesterday I forward herewith a Copy of the Correspondence regarding Royalties in the Cuddapah District

I am
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

William S Betts
Agent

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No. 38.

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From
THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.

Dated 15th } Feby 1890.
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From
The Consg Engr for Rys.

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No. 120
Dated 18th Feby: /90
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SUBJECT.

Villupuram Guntakul State Ry: Sub[illegible]: letter from the Agent, S. I. Ry on the subject of seigniorage for quarrying stones for the —— in the Cuddapah District.

DISPOSAL.

No. 926 C dated 20th Feby/90.

Forwarded to the Revenue Departt in continuation of P. W. D. No. 870 C, dated 15th Feby/90.

(Sd) C. J. S.

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for Chief Engineer

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. dated 26 December 1889 No. 8358, referring to the Board of Rev: for remarks, endorsement of the Public Works Dept. referring for disposal correspondence relating to the transfer of quarry sites and seigniorage on quarried stones.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 4 February 1890, Forest No. 115 Misc: on letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 24 January 1890, No. 34/Eng

I have the honor to report as requested in the Board's telegram of December 6 received on the 7 on the complaint that obstruction had been caused to work on the Villupuram - Guntakal Railway in the matter of quarrying for stone and gravel and on the situation generally.

2. I had already received a telegram on the 30 of November and a letter on the 4 December from the Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway. In the telegram the Chief Engineer said that all quarrying had been stopped entailing in delay to works owing to the action of "my subordina about fees and royalties. In the letter the Chie Engineer says that great delay to the works an irritation among the officers, subordinates and" contractors employed in the railway exists

owing to the levying of seigniorage on stone quarried for the Railway works.

3. On receipt of the telegram I had written at once to the Sub-Collector, to the three Tahsildars of Railway taluks and to the District Forest officer asking them to state if any orders had been issued or action taken by them in the matter, and directing that if seigniorage was being demanded at the quarry, the practice should cease till further orders, in the case of railway contractors and that an account of the amount of stone quarried be taken, the amount to be subsequently recovered.

4. On receipt of the Board's telegram I called for reports on the whole matter.

5. The Sub-Collector now reports that no inconvenience or obstruction has ever been caused to the railway contractors in the matter of quarrying for gravel and stone. The practice of the District had been to give licenses to quarry on poramboke or waste land on payment of a fee of one rupee. After the issue of G.O. 577 dated 10 July 1889 this practice ceased and from October the rates in the G.O. namely one anna per cart-load of rough stone including stone split into rectangular blocks, and 2 Annas per cart-load of chiselled stone, were prescribed. But even this amount has never been collected from railway contractors, still less has any contractor been prevented from quarrying

to Chief Engineer

quarrying on any plea. I feel sure therefore that the Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway, has been misinformed.

6. He stated in his letter that Mr. Swaffer, Executive Engineer at Piler, and Mr. Eelston, Executive Engineer at Kadri, complained that all quarrying had been stopped by the demand for seigniorage.

7. Piler is in the Vayalpad Taluk. The Vayalpad Tahsildar writes "on the 8th of this "month," December, "Kinalochillamayya agent "to Bikaji Venkatesh & Co. the wealthiest and "most important contractor in my taluk and "who has undertaken to contract the bridge "works on the Piler and Chintaparthy rivers "besides a few culverts on the line, told me "clearly that he had collected enough stone for starting "the bridge works and is collecting more with-"out any difficulty whatever, but that the Engineer "has ordered him not to commence the work "until the prospect of rain entirely vanished" &c.

8. "Shapurjee, the 2nd of the two important "contractors of this Taluk, is with me as I am "writing this report. I have asked him if he "has found any difficulty in getting stone "and gravel; he says he has already collected "a sufficient quantity of stone and offered to "start the culvert works some time ago, but "Mr. Swaffer told him not to start masonry "works at all till the beginning of January 1890"

9. The Kadiri Tahsildar reported on the 8th December that no one had been obstructed, no one had complained, and that the contractors were working as usual.

10. Executive Engineer Mr. Elstow has left the District but Mr. Swappe is still at Piler, and should, I think be called on to justify his statement.

11. I rather suspect from the Chief Engineer's letter that the Executive Engineers in question looked upon the levy of any seigniorage at all as an obstruction.

12. G.O. 577 Revenue dated 10th July 1889, settles this question and I presume it is not open to reconsideration. The Chief Engineer argues that it cannot be right to attempt to draw a revenue for local administration at the expense of the State which with probable famine in view is doing its best by a liberal supply of funds to guard the locality against the effects of scarcity.

13. No doubt these considerations were weighed when the question of charging seigniorage at all came before Govt., and I do not think it necessary to express any opinion n the point.

4. The Chief Engineer proposes that he system prevailing in North Arcot should e adopted here. Under this system 12½ cubic feet is taken as a cart load of stone &c. on the plains and 9 cubic feet on the hills; the rates of seigniorage are as in G.O. 577 dated 10th July 1889 and the payments are made by the officer in charge of the works who submits a statement monthly of the quantity of stone taken, to the Collector. The Collector sends him bills for the amount at the fixed rates.

15. This is a very simple and workable arrangement. But the stone being taken partly from quarries on Govt. Poramboke and partly from quarries in Forest reserves or reserved lands, the sum realised has to be credited to Forests or Land Revenue according to the position of the quarry. The Engineer in charge could not separate the sums due to each head in his accounts.

16. If the Board see no objection I would suggest that the matter being one solely of account, the whole amount be credited to Fore

17. In the second place a cart-load has been fixed for this district at 20 Cubic f (Vide Notification No. 331 dated August 23rd, 188 published in the Fort St. George Gazette). The Collector is at liberty to reduce the rates of seigniorage, but not to increase them and the money rates now laid down by Govt. a the maximum money rates in the notification, to impose those rates on 12½ instead of 20 Cubic feet would be to raise the rates. A the same time 20 Cubic feet is described as

half a ton. 20 cubic feet of stone is a great deal more than half a ton. The amount must have been fixed solely with reference to timber and fuel. If I may take it so, and treat half a ton of stone as 12½ cubic feet, this difficulty will be removed.

18. In this district the Chief Engineer has applied for and had handed over to him a good deal of land for the purpose of quarrying stone from it. If the stone is to be paid for by the quantity taken by the Engineer in charge of the work, he will have no means of distinguishing stone, taken from such quarries, from any other stone and it will all have to be paid for at the rates fixed for quarries on Forest and Poramboke land. I think this had better be done for the sake of simplifying the method of calculating the seigniorage.

19. It will be necessary to require the Engineers to give certificates to their contractors, for since the seigniorage is not paid at the quarry, any one might come and take stone free on the plea that he is a railway contractor when he is nothing of the kind.

Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to demi official letter from the Dy Secretary to Govt., dated 6th December 1889. It would appear from the Collector's letter that there has been really no obstruction by the Revenue authorities in the matter of the supply of stone and kunkur to the railway contractors.

2. The Board sees no reason for increasing the rates in Cuddapah, and the Collector should collect seigniorage at the rates published, whether the quarries from which the stone is taken are inside reserved land or on Govt. poramboke. There should be no difficulty in collecting the amounts due from the railway from the Engineer in charge after the work has been measured up in the same way as the Collector has been able to do in North Arcot. The Railway Engineers should furnish certificates to the contractors whom they employ to quarry stones, so that the Revenue officers may understand distinctly with whom they are dealing. The whole revenue so received may, as a special case, be credited to Forests."

Read endorsement of the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated 15th February 1890 No. 870C, forwarding endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways submitting a letter from the Collector of Cuddapah modifying certain portion of his previous letter on the subject of lands situated in the reserved forests required by the Villupuram-Guntakal State Railway.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 14 March 1890, Forest No. 308 Misc:

Read endorsement of the Secretary to Govt., Rev: Dept., dated 26 December 1889, No. 8358, and the following reference thereon, dated 11 January 1890.

Referred to the Collector of Cuddapah for early report through the Conservator.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 8 March 1890, No. 1199.

With reference to Forest No. 28 Routine, I have the honor to state that while to save time a copy of my report on the subject was sent to the Board direct, the enclosures now called for were sent with the report itself through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, and despatched long ago.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue,

dated

dated 21 February 1890, No. 850, and endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle thereon dated 8 March 1890, No. 3438.

With reference to Board's reference on Forest Register No. 16 of 1890, dated 11 January last, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No. 34/Eng., dated 24 ultimo and of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 115/Forest Misc: dated 4 February received on the subject.

2. The enclosures received with the above are returned herewith.

Forwarded

Resolution

The Consulting Engineer's endorsement, dated 12 December 1889, No. 514, and its seven enclosures, will be submitted to Govt., in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 4 February 1890, Forest No. 41 - Miscellaneous.

Read also endorsement of the Publi Works Department (Railway Branch) date 20 February 1890, No. 926 C, forwarding endorsement of the Consulting Engineer fo Railways submitting letter from the Agen

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South Indian Railway, on the subject of seigniorage for quarrying stones for the Villupuram-Guntakal State Railway in Cuddapah District.

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Order thereon 28th March 1890, No. 2098.

The Government approves of the orders issued by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract)

Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioners of Land Revenue

Copy to the Public Works Department

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Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to his endorsements as under
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To The Cons. Engr for Rys No 1714.

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