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Public Works (~~1905~~) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 826 Ry

DATED 4th Decr '95

[Despatch Abstract.]

East Coast Railway

Letter to the Govt of India stating
that the best way of securing the Canals
along the ~~line~~ as feeders and not
rivals to the traffic of the Railway
is still under consideration in the
Irrigation Branch.

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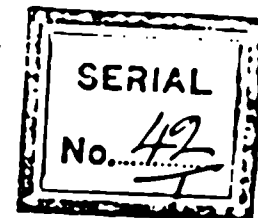
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dated the 7th October 1895 and of its enclosures.

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From *No. 42*
The Director General of Railways



Smile, 7th October 1895.

The, undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India Public Works Department, for favour of such action as may be considered necessary.

(Sd) T. Gracy P.B.
offg. Director General.

Documents referred to:-

- (1) Extract paras 18. from a note of inspection of the East Coast Railway by the Director General of Railways, dated 6th November 1894.
- (2) Telegram of the 28th September 1895, from the Chairman, Native Chamber of Commerce, Coconada.

East Coast Railway

Imposition of tolls on loaded boats passing Eluru lock

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Extract, paragraph 18, from a note of inspection of the East Coast Railway by the Director General of Railways, dated the 6th November 1894.

18. Traffic.-The general prospects of traffic on the East Coast Railway are very promising. The passenger traffic is already good and the goods traffic is fair for a newly-opened line through a country that does not know what a railway means or how to use it. The rates for 3rd class passengers, 2 pies per mile, are, I think, suitable, as the people appear to be well off. The rates quoted for goods have, I fear, in some instances, been reduced to non-paying amounts, but it would not be desirable to interfere in this matter at present. What is required at present is, that the railway should get hold of the goods as soon as the railway is firmly established; the rates can be gradually raised if it is found that they do not pay.

On the Southern Section between Bezwada and the Godavari Rivers, the railway suffers very much from competition by the canals, the navigation on which is said to be carried on at a loss to the Madras Government of about 1/4 lakh of rupees annually. This loss is practically a subsidy to the boat owners in competing with the railway for traffic, and when at Madras I spoke to Lord Wenlock about it, and suggested that tolls should be levied on loaded boats at the head locks in addition to the boat license fees which are now taken. This would leave the internal navigation of the canals as free as at present, but would place the railway and canal on equal terms in competing for through traffic. Lord Wenlock appeared to think my proposal not unreasonable and promised to consider it at an early date with his advisers. The East Coast Railway

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authorities urge that stronger measures should be taken to
limit the subsidized competition by boats, but I do not think
anything further than what I have suggested is justifiable,
or if introduced, would be kept up permanently. x x x x

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Telegram dated 28th September 1895.

From - The Chairman, Native Chamber of Commerce - Coconada.

To - The Director General of Railways ----- Simla.

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This Chamber passed resolutions recommending
imposition toll at one rupee per ton on loaded boats
passing Ellore lock. East Coast Railway cannot work at
present cheaper rates unless necessary facilities afford-
ed by Local Government by placing restrictions on boat
traffic. Trade will be diverted to Bombay unless present
lower rates maintained. Praying Local Government reconsider
its decision.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RAILWAY BRANCH

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To

The Secretary to the Govt.

of Income P. W. Dept.

4th December 1895.

Sir,

With reference to
your letter no. 606 RT.
of 18th Octo 1895, calling
for a report on the
suggestions made by the
Director General of Railways
with regard to the imposition
of tolls on loaded boats
passing through the
head locks in the canal
along the East Coast
Railway, I am directed
to state that, at a meeting
held on 1st Novr. 1895, at
which His Excellency the
Governor, the gentlemen
present,

Col. J. Gracey R.R. Director
Hon. Col. J. Pennycuik R.R.
Col. R.R. E. Drake R.R.
Mr. J. Russell
Mr. Mac Nee

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present, the main prin-
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such radio ~~placations~~ as
would have the effect
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not rivals to the railway
that the best way of se-
curing this is still under
consideration by the
Irrigation Department
of this Presidency.

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