

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd May 1868.*

No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders with respect to the rate of }
charge for conveyance of salt by Madras } (Here enter 28th April 1868, No. 1,304.)
Railway and Great Southern of India Railway.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1868, No. 1,203.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.

Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd April 1868.*

No. 545. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 25th March 1868, No. 2,132:—

1. With advertence to the Order of Government, in the Department Public Works, under date 31st January 1868, No. 349, sanctioning a special rate of eight Pies, per ton, per mile, for salt carried by the Madras Railway, from Madras to Erode, in order to reduce the total charge, per ton, for the whole distance of 243 miles to Rupees 10-2-0, being six annas below the rate now charged by the Southern of India Company for carrying salt from Negapatam to Erode, a distance of 163 miles, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to bring to the notice of Government that, it is not, in the opinion of the Board, desirable that any action should be taken or sanctioned by Government which will be likely to cause an undue pressure upon the Madras Salt Stores at the expense of those at Negapatam, for the supply of which Government have recently incurred considerable expense by the construction of the Vedarniem Canal.

2. As Railway communication is extended in a northerly and north-westerly direction towards Bellary, Hyderabad, and Mysore, the demand upon the Madras stores will be fully as much as they can bear, and the extensions which have recently taken place has already so increased the demand as to require the utmost efforts of the Salt Department to keep up a proper supply.

3. Under these circumstances, the Board submit that it is expedient to leave the supply of the Western and Central Districts to the Great Southern of India Company, which must be in a position to carry salt thither at a lower rate than the Madras Railway Company, inasmuch as the lead by the latter line is one-third longer than that by the former.

4. Further, it is as much for the interest of the Government that the one Railway should pay a dividend as that the other should do so, and this desirable result will probably be more easily obtained by the carriage of goods at a fair rate, than by any endeavours to secure traffic at unduly low rates.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

1st April 1868.

No. 546.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1868, No. 1,304.

RAILWAY, No. 47.

As the reduced charge of eight pies per ton per mile which is now made by the Madras Railway Company for the carriage of salt from Madras to Erode is below the maximum in the scale of rates and fares that has lately been sanctioned, and within the limits of which the Railway Companies have been permitted to fix and to vary their charges as they may think proper, the Government do not consider themselves authorized to disturb the arrangement. On other grounds, however, His Excellency in Council would deem it inexpedient to interfere with the healthy competition of the Railways for the carriage of salt, as that competition must have the effect of cheapening the commodity to the consumer and of proportionably increasing the sales. It is open to

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the Great Southern of India Railway Company to lower their charges in turn to such a rate as shall secure to that Railway the advantage which its shorter lead to Erode naturally gives it, and the Government have no doubt that the Agent and Manager of that line will take this step as soon as he is satisfied that a full stock of salt at Negapatam will be permanently maintained to meet any demand that may be created by the diminution of the cost of its conveyance into the interior.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Revenue Department.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

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the G. S. I. Railway*

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