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No. 640-A. Read the following letter from C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Salem, 10th April 1877, No. 185:—

I AM directed by Sir Richard Temple to forward, for the consideration of the Government of Madras, a Memorandum by Captain Bisset on the railway charges made to the traders of Bangalore, who imported grain from Negapatam during the month of March 1877.

2. Sir Richard Temple would suggest that a refund be granted to such of these traders as consigned their grain under the belief that the rates from Negapatam to Bangalore had been reduced. The amount of money involved is not large; and the granting of the refund is likely to give confidence to the Bangalore dealers, who have been invited to draw some of their supplies from Negapatam.

Memorandum by Captain W. S. S. BISSET, R.E., on certain charges made for Grain booked from Negapatam to Bangalore.

WHEN at Bangalore, on the 7th April, the Chief Commissioner mentioned having received a petition from some of the traders* of Bangalore, stating that they had been charged the full rates on consignments of about a thousand bags of grain despatched from Negapatam after the publication of the advertisement of the equalisation of the rates.

2. By direction of Sir Richard Temple I made inquiries into the case at the railway station; and as I was unable to identify the particular consignments, I extracted the following particulars from the Goods' Delivery books.

3. There were consigned from Negapatam to Bangalore —

	Bags food grain.		Freight paid.		Freight chargeable at reduced Rates.
	No.	Weight.	RS.	A.	RS. A.
A. On the 1st and 2nd March.	300	600	271	14	Not applied.
B. On the 3rd to 7th, both inclusive	920	1,877	854	11	623 5
C. On the 8th, 9th, 10th	390	78	353	8	260 0
D. On the 11th and subsequent dates up to the 16th	2,602	5,81	2,692	10	1,937 0

4. There was a cessation of the booking from the 16th to the 24th March, on and after which latter date the reduced rate has been in force.

5. The reduction of rate was announced by the Government of Madras to the Chambers of Commerce, Madras and Calcutta, on or before the 1st March, but the first publication by the Madras Railway Company was made on the 8th March, no specific date being mentioned on which the reduced rate was to come in force.

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6. The advertisement by the Agent of the South Indian Railway specific 11th March as the date on and after which the reduction was to have effect.
7. In full confidence that the necessary orders had been issued before the of February, I informed the traders of Bangalore of the equalisation of the rates the meeting on the 1st March.
8. The consignors of the grain included in item A have not, I think, any claim for refund.
9. The consignors of item B may quote the telegrams of the Government of Madras and my verbal assurance as grounds for asking a refund of the excess charges.
10. The consignors of the grain in item C have the above grounds and also the advertisement of the Madras Railway Company, dated 8th March, to put forward.
11. The consignors of the grain included in item D have all the above grounds and also the advertisement by the Agent, South Indian Railway, stating that on and after the 11th March the rates would be the same as those from Madras.
12. It is not ordinarily advisable to allow railway notices to have retrospective effect, but if these men forwarded their grain from Negapatam to Bangalore under the belief that the rates had been reduced, a concession might be made in cases B and C.
13. The amounts involved are comparatively trifling—only Rupees 325. And the granting of these refunds may have the effect of giving confidence to the dealers who use this route.
14. The consignors of the grain, as shown in invoices of the 11th and subsequent dates, of which item D shows the abstract, have a right to a refund of the overcharge, and they would, in the ordinary course of business, receive it on application.
15. But in the present case, the difference has to be paid by Government, and the sanction of Government is necessary to the disbursement by the Railway Company.
16. If the above views be approved, the amounts to be refunded will be—

	RS.	A.	P.
On Item B	231	6	0
„ Item C	93	8	0
„ Item D	755	10	0
Total	1,080	8	0

(Signed) W. S. S. BISSET, Captain, R.E.

9th April 1877.

No. 640-B.

ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1877, No. 1,559-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are prepared to attend to and investigate any complaint or claims which may be preferred to them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Financial Department.

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From

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Secretary to Sir Richard Temple,

To

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Additional Secretary to the

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. BERNARD,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

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1877
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. to Govt.

Filed April, 25th.

G.O. No. 1,559-A.

APRIL.

No. 640A-640B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,028A.

Railway Charges made to the Traders of Bangalore who imported Grain from Negapatam. — Inquiries with reference to Sir R. Temple's suggestions regarding — that Government are prepared to attend to and investigate any complaint or claims which may be preferred to them.

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The advertisement by the Agent of the South Indian Railway specified the 11th March as the date on and after which the reduction was to have effect.

In full confidence that the necessary orders had been issued before the end of February, I informed the traders of Bangalore of the equalization of the rates at the meeting on the 1st March.

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on Item B, Rs. 231-6

Item C, „ 93-8

Item D, „ 755-10

Total Rs. 1,080-8

W. S. S. BISSET.

9th April, 1877

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