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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2891-2891A

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from J. E. O'CONOR, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 16th April 1885, No. 265 :—

With reference to the indent for 100 tons of anthracite coal required for the Salt Department of the Madras Presidency, which accompanied your letter to the Assistant Under Secretary of State for India, No. 16, dated 1st April 1885, I am directed to inquire whether it has been ascertained that Indian coal cannot be obtained more cheaply from Calcutta.

Mis. No. 2175.

Referred to the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue, for report through the Board of Revenue.

OOTACAMUND,
29th April 1885.

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

READ—the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cannanore, 12th May 1885, No. 4616 :—

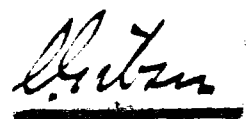
With reference to endorsement, No. 2175, dated 29th April 1885, upon the enclosed letter, No. 265, of 16th April, from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, I have the honor to report that I find from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Factory that anthracite coal costs about Rs. 22-14-0 per ton delivered in Madras, while I have had to pay Messrs. Massey and Co. Rs. 35 per ton for coal, and am informed that the Madras Railway Company charge Rs. 35 for patent fuel, and Rs. 23-12-0 for ordinary coal, per ton. The rate given by the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, compares very favorably with these.

2. I have also made inquiries on the subject, and am informed that in Calcutta, steam coal runs from Rs. 18 to Rs. 20 per ton for Indian and Australian coal, and from Rs. 20 to Rs. 23 for English coal. Any saving, however, that there might be in the first cost of such coal would, no doubt, be more than counterbalanced by the loss in quality and by the cost of freight from Calcutta to Madras, which is excessive for small quantities.

RESOLUTION—dated 22nd May 1885, No. 1526.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)



Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Letter to India
Indra Sankar
Copy to the Govt. of India.
Dept. of Finance & Commerce.

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In Board of Revenue
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Submitting, for the information of Govern-
ment, letter from the Commissioner of Salt and
Abkari Revenue, reporting the result of his
inquiries as to whether Indian coal cannot be
obtained more cheaply from Calcutta than the
Anthracite coal from England, for the use of
his department.