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Read again the following paper:—

G.O., Nos. 1013–1014 R., dated 23rd November 1897.

Read also the following papers:—

From—The Traffic Superintendent, East Coast Railway.
To—The Manager, East Coast Railway.
Dated—21st October 1897, No. 53871/28/110 A.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 3437, dated 10th August 1897.

Your docket No. 7160, dated 8th September.

I have the honour to remark that the Proceedings quoted are evidently in the nature of a Rider to the Resolution which proceeded on the 7th August, in rectification, seemingly, of the insufficiency of the information which formed the basis of the original proceedings.

2. The remarks, however, are still, I think inopposite, as the information is inaccurate in its cardinal point; the terminal (as fully explained in my letter, No. 45134/28/110 A. of the 31st August last) was not levied at all stations; but only at the station of Barang, for the specific purpose of regulating through consignments; it can therefore have no operative effect in favour of or against factories, adjacent to or distant from the line of Railway, as apprehended. This information is now before the Board in my letter quoted parenthetically above.

3. The Board is, however, again not quite correct in its concluding clause; the incidence of the terminal at Barang does apply in equal measure to salt as to other goods outwards or inwards from and to Barang; and therefore consignments of Calcutta salt coming down the East Coast Line, would, unless carried by the Out-Agency from Cuttack to Barang, have to pay at Barang the terminal before taking the Rail Road from there.

Endorsement by the Manager, East Coast Railway, No. 8546, dated 30th Oct. 1897.

Copy forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, with reference to his No. 2849, dated 2nd September 1897, with the remark that the statement of the Board of Revenue to the effect that the imposition or removal of terminals on this railway is left apparently entirely to the discretion of the Traffic Manager is not understood. At any rate, such is not the case, and undersigned is at a loss to understand how the Board of Revenue obtain the information, as shown in this present correspondence to be not strictly accurate, that is used in criticism of the working of the East Coast Railway.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W. Dept., Railway Branch.
Dated—Calcutta, 8th December 1897, No. 918 R.T.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1014 R., dated the 23rd November 1897, stating that the Manager of the East Coast Railway has recently imposed a terminal charge of one and half annas per maund on salt consigned to Barang, and that the imposition of such a terminal is in the opinion of the Local Government inconsistent not only with the definition of "terminal" as given in section 3 (14) of the Indian Railways Act but also with the provisions of sections 45 and 46 of that Act.

2. In reply I am to say that a report on the matter had been called for before the receipt of your reference, and that orders will shortly issue.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W. Dept., Railway Branch.
Dated—Calcutta, 9th March 1898, No. 236 R.T.

In continuation of Government of India letter, No. 918 R.T., dated the 8th December 1897, I am directed to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the Government of India have cancelled the terminal charge of 18 pies per maund which has hitherto been levied on goods booked to and from Barang.

2. As regards the recoupment to past consignors of the amounts which, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, have been illegally levied from them, and the refund of which was recommended in paragraph 3 of your letter, No. 1014 R., dated 23rd November 1897, I am to point out that the charges levied did not exceed the prescribed maxima *plus* a 3 pie terminal, at each of the stations of origin and destination (the levy of which the Government of India have accepted as admissible).

3. As the total rates charged were not therefore, in excess of the total amount legally leviable as rate *plus* terminal, the Government of India consider that it is doubtful whether a railway commission would hold that any refund is due. They have therefore issued no instructions in regard to refunds.

ORDER—No. 486 Ry., dated 26th March 1898.

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(True Extract.)

S. G. Roberts
~~Under~~ Secretary.

To the Manager, East Coast Railway.
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" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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