Appendix X: Extract of Important Clauses of the Steamer Companies' Agreement with Tea Gardens in Assam as regards the carriage of their tea traffic and inward stores

2. "For a period of 12 months commencing on the first day of July 1925, and continuing thereafter until determined by six month's previous notice on either side the undersigned hereby agree to ship exclusively by the Companies' vessels all cargo which requires to be carried upwards from Calcutta or intermediate Ghats or stations to the Tea Gardens in Assam above mentioned or any of them or downwards from any Ghat or station in Assam or from the said Tea Gardens or any of them to Calcutta or to any intermediate Ghats or stations now opened or which may be opened in the future including those mentioned in the Schedule hereto paying to the Companies for the carriage of such cargo freight at the rates specified in the Schedule hereto.

3. And it is hereby specially agreed that the undersigned shall on no account ship or cause any cargo as defined above to be carried by country craft or any other means whatsoever other than the A.R. Railway to or from Chittagong or Chandpur or elsewhere except as herein provided during the currency of this Agreement.

5. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary, the Undersigned may ship cargo to or from the river Ghats or stations in Assam by any of the following lines, namely, D.S. Railway, J.(P.) Railway, Chaparmukh-Silghat Railway and the Tangla-Amingaon Branch of the E.B. Railway.
6. The Undersigned shall also be at liberty in case their Tea Gardens above mentioned or any of them shall be situated inconveniently for transport of their cargo by the Feeder Steamers belonging to or worked by the Companies to transport their cargo otherwise to or from such Gardens to or from Gauhati. Provided always that when and so long as such Feeder Steamers are provided by the Companies the Undersigned will be bound and hereby agree to ship such cargo on or by such Steamers or by the A.B. Railway. The Undersigned may also ship teas from all river stations via Chandpur to Chittagong and from stations on the Railway via both Gauhati and Chandpur to Chittagong."

(Note: The Joint Steamer Companies entered into a Tea Carriage Agreement during the 1880's with the tea gardens in Assam and the Dooars, which was subject to modification from time to time. Agreement rates applied to over 99.7 per cent of tea which arrived in Calcutta. During 1954-55 the number of non-agreement gardens which consigned tea in local booking to Calcutta was only 8. As regards jute, there was an agreement with the Indian Jute Mill Association since the 1890's.)