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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th March 1873.

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1873, No. 1239 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vudapilly, 31st January 1873, No. 10:—

I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, the accompanying original letter, No. 343, dated 2nd January 1873, from the District Engineer of the Godavery District, suggesting the advisability of the Local Funds of the district undertaking the working of, at least, one of the large steamers belonging to the Upper Godavery Navigation, together with an extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle, dated 14th January 1873.

2. It would be of great use to the people if the Local Fund Board are allowed to undertake the working of one steamer.

3. I doubt whether the Local Fund Board could afford to buy it, but I would propose that one steamer may be lent to them on condition of their keeping it in repair and of paying after one year certain rent to Government for its use.

4. The Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle have sanctioned a sum of Rupees 1,000 for securing the service of the Captain, engine-man, and two lascars attached to the steamer.

5. Under these circumstances, I request that the Board of Revenue will obtain the sanction of Government for lending one Upper Godavery Steamer to the Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle on the conditions above set forth, as well as for expending such sum as may be required for working it between Rajahmundry and Dummagudem.

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. However desirable the facilities to trade secured by the proposal may be, their provision is not one of the objects to which Local Funds are applicable under the law, and the proposal is, in the Board's opinion, quite inadmissible.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1873, No. 316.

The Government concur with the Board.

2. The project is clearly one to be developed by private enterprise.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of [1873] Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 6th.

Read.

G. O., 6th March 1873, No. 316.

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Nos. 51-52.

Concurring in the opinion of the Board of Revenue that the proposed expenditure from the Local Funds of the Cocanada Circle towards working one of the large steamers belonging to the Government of Godavery Navigation is inadmissible.

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No 343

District Engineer's Office G.D.
Dowlaiswaram 2nd January 1873

From,

The District Engineer
Godavery District

To,

The President of the
Local Fund Boards
Cocanada

Sir,

The Government of India having issued orders to abandon the Godavery Navigation Scheme and to dispose of the floating plant to the best advantage, I have the honor to suggest for the consideration of the Board the advisability of the Local Funds of the District undertaking the working of at least one of the large Steamers on the river and thus securing to the Country the benefits already derived from 10 or 12 years experience of the river Navigation.

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2. I have just made the trip up to Doomagudiem with Colonel Rundall, the Inspector General of irrigation, and it is surprizing to find how well estab-lished the traffic on the river appears to be, boats are met with in every part of the river carrying up produce from the Delta, there is a considerable demand for salt from above Doomagudiem and also that the works at this place have been stopped for some years, the population collected by Colonel Haig for carrying on these, do not appear to leave the place but appear to have settled as cultivators, for the land on either side of the river is all taken up and well cultivated so that there is every reason to believe the people are settling up the Country, and with little

encouragement there can be no doubt the surplus population of the Delta would emigrate this way.

3. As far as I can ascertain at present, it will cost us Rupees 12,000 a year to keep up one of the large Steamers with its crew, and we may expect to receive one half of this money by her earnings: there is no sort or kind of difficulty in navigating the river upto near Doomagudiem, provided we do not lose the knowledge and experience already acquired, and as it is of the greatest importance to give the Delta outlets on every side for its surplus produce, I am the more anxious to secure all the advantages we can for maintaining this line of Navigation as much as possible; with the river channel properly buoyed

be enjoyed and, the steamer could work
easily up to near Doomagudium for 6 or 8
months in the year, above this point
we cannot work with the means we
have, for, the river requires considerable
improvements to be made in its bed,
but if we can establish and maintain
the line open for some time and shew
its advantages, the Government of Madras
the Nizam will in all probability
undertake to execute the works required
to reach Leroncha and Mahidpore whence
the produce of the Delta can be distributed
over the interior -

4. We have the means of producing
in the Delta all kinds of products of
great demand in the uplands, such as
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rice, tobacco, jaggery, betel, Cocoa-nuts
and other garden produce at such
cheap rates with the water supply at
our disposal that with cheap means
of transport, the resources of the District
must be soon developed to a much
larger extent than they are even at
present, and this would probably more
than repay the outlay required to
execute and maintain the navigation
up the river; and from the interior we
should be able to obtain gingelly, castor
and other oil seeds, Cotton, horns and
hides, dry products of all kinds, timber,
firewood and coal from the Nizam's
territories - and no doubt as soon as the
traffic up the river is again fully main-
tained, the demand for piece goods
and other imports will be greatly increased

5. I am unable from want of time to make a full report to the Board as to the trade already existing on the river, but the Members on it connected with the trade of Cocanada, will perhaps be good enough to afford any information you may require on this point, but seeing the advantages we already possess in having so fine a line of Navigation ready to hand, I am very desirous of securing this for the District at so moderate an outlay as 12 or 15000 Rupees a year, and I trust you will be disposed to support the suggestion - In submitting the matter for the consideration and Orders of Government, it will be necessary to obtain the sanction of

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of the Government of India to the transfer of the Steamer to the Lower Godavery District -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Wm. Tierchon Lieut Col RE
District Engineer Godry Dist.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Boards of the Cocanada Circle - 14th January 1873

15. Read District Engineer's letter No 343 dated 2 January 1873, suggesting the advisability of the Local Funds of the District undertaking the working of at least one of the large steamers belonging to the Upper Godavery Navigation - The Boards sanction Rupees 1000, for securing the service of the Captain, Engineman and two Lascars attached to the Upper Godavery Steamer, and request Government to make over one of the Steamers to the Local Funds and also to sanction the Expenditure of working the Steamer between Rajah-mundry and Dummagudem -

True Extract
W S Doster
President

Ex. No 208.

To
The District Engineer
Godavery
Cocanada

Dated 2nd January 1873

Board's Proceedings dated 14th January 1873
Read
Rs 1000
Appropriated
343
Endorsement thereon.

Returned to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Godavery Rivers Steamers
Letter.

Copy of Board's Proceedings dated 14th January 1873.

Chief Engineer's Office
Rajahmundry
14/1/73.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 1239

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 3rd March 1873.

Read the following

No. 10.

From W. S. Foster Esquire
President Local Fund Boards

To J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the Consideration of the Board of Revenue, the accompanying original letter No. 313, dated 2nd January 1873, from the District Engineer of the Godavery District suggesting the advisability of the Local Funds of the District undertaking the working of at least one of the large steamers belonging to the Upper Godavery Navigation, together with an Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle dated 14th January 1873.

2 It would be of great use to the people if the Local Fund Board are allowed

1873 Jan 14
Proceedings of the Local Fund Board Cocanada Circle
Forwarding Letter from the District Engineer Godavery District
Suggesting the advisability of the Local Funds undertaking the working of at least one of the large steamers belonging to the Upper Godavery Navigation
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board Cocanada Circle held at Rajahmundry on the 14th January 1873.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue No. 5784 dated 24/12/72 forwarding a letter from the Collector of Godavery No. 1239 dated 17th December 1872 with enclosures.

Read 4/12/73.

allowed to undertake the working of one Steamer

3. I doubt whether the Local Fund Board could afford to buy it: but I would propose that one Steamer may be lent to them on condition of their keeping it in repair, and of paying after one year certain rent to Government for its use.

4. The Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle have sanctioned a Sum of Rupees 1000 for securing the Services of the Captain Engineman and two Lascars attached to the Steamer.

5 Under these Circumstances, I request that the Board of Revenue will obtain the Sanction of Government for lending one Upper Godavery Steamer to the Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle on the Conditions above set forth, as well as for expending such Sum as may be required for working it between Rajahmundry and Dummagudem

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Godavery District
Local Fund Office
Camp Vudapilly
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31st January 1873

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Signed W. S. Foster
President

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. However desirable the facilities to trade secured by the proposal may be, their provision is not one of the objects to which Local funds are applicable under the law, and the proposal is in the Board's opinion quite inadmissible.

True Copy and Extract

H. Stokes
Acting Sub-Secretary

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
with 2 Estimates

C. Hanghton

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Mis. No 1239

Dated 3d March 1873.
Despatched 3d — — —
Recd 4th —

ans 2 No 412.

SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders of Govt. with a diverse remarks proposal of President of Local Fund Board, Godavery Dt. that one of the Steamers belonging to the Upper Godavery Navigation should be lent to the Cocanada Local Fund Board. With an Order

6th March 1873 R: 3/16
Submitted Proceedings of the Board
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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

To, The Board of Revenue.

Dated 6th March
Rcd. Encl.

G. O. 6th March, 1873, No. 316.

Nos. 51-52.

Concurring in the opinion of the Board of Revenue that the proposed expenditure from Local funds of the Cocanada Sub-towards working one of the large steamers belonging to the Upper Godavery Navigation, is inadmissible.