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Ferry Fund.

No. 290. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1875, No. 260 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rajahmundry, 5th December 1874, No. 452 :—

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3. At many of the ferries there are no boats supplied by Government. I propose building some boats from the balance in hand, and giving them to the renters holding them responsible to keep them in repair. This course avoids the necessity of our licensing the boats every year, and will leave little room for the people to complain of the want of accommodation and safety in the boats. If the Board approve of this suggestion, I request they will sanction a sum of Rupees 5,000 for the purpose.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1875, No. 401.

The necessary inquiries regarding steamers will be made in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Financial Department.

No. 311

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From The Board of Revenue.

Dated 5 February 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Steam ferry boat at Rajahmundry - Rs. 32.2v. Inquiries regarding cost of buying, working & keeping in repair steamer for this ferry -

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To

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated February, 22nd.

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G.O., 22nd February 1875, No. 401.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 290-291.

Ferry at Rajahmundry.—The Public Works Department requested to make certain inquiries regarding the cost of buying, fitting up, importing, working, and keeping in repair a steamer for this ferry.

Steamer for the Rajahmundry ferry

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Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
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No. 260.

Ferry—at Rajahmundry in Godavery District.—Government requested to make necessary inquiries as to cost of buying, fitting up, importing, working, and keeping in repair a steamer for—. Allotment of Rupees 5000 from balance under Ferry, for building some boats on behalf of Government, sanctioned. Collector to submit a draft notification with reference to his proposal that the Canal and Ferry Act (No. I. of 1870) be extended to crossings over several irrigation channels in the district without collecting any tolls.

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