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Financial (1899) Department.

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G.O., No.s 675, 676

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Govt. of India regarding the charge
be made in the case of civil officers of the 1st class wh
use the P. W. D steamers on the Godavari river, and
requesting that Govt., ~~if they do~~ in case that general pri
cannot be decided so as to be applicable to all offic
to extend the benefit of art 1131 of the C.S.R. to cases in
which the Dy. Forest officer, Godavari, uses a P. W. D
steamer in the public service on the Godavari rive

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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2856/98		Ex 930 25-8-99					
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Revenue Department
Extract from the office
arrear list for the week
ending the 1st instant.

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Cers. 4499/98 and 1329/99-
From the Board of Rev: (L.R.) —
re: the purchase of a
steam launch for the use
of the District Forest Officer,
Godavari — Remarks (made by
the Office) Sent to the Fin-
ancial Department unof-
ficially with a draft letter
to the Govt. of India 29/5/99-
Under Secretary's query on
the above 3.5.7.99," Why
still shown pending?".

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To Under Secretary.

The file was sent unoffi-
cially to the Financial
Department with a draft
order and letter to the Govt.
of India for acceptance
of the draft letter, with
reference to para 2 of
G.O. No. 643 Fmd. d 29.9.96.
It has now been ascertained

× (copy put up below).

I from the Financial Deptt. that the letter to the Govt. of India has already been despatched, the currents and draft order being treated as financial currents and order. It is regretted the office was not aware of this, as a copy of the Financial Order was not sent to the Rev. Department.

P.S. 6/7/99. Has our file returned?
M 6/7/99

Ag Under Secretary.

The notes in this Deptt. have been retained by the Financial Deptt. It is understood that the file of "put up" papers (all but two of which were copies of printed orders) has been returned to this Department. It is not known who received the file here. Of the two papers above referred to, one (of 1897) is in the proper place*. The other paper is of 1896 and has probably gone down to Madras.

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*: as per entries made in the Circulation Register.

I enclose the file

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 7-OCT.1899 OOTACAMUND

Fin. u.o. No. 5 dt. 7.99.

Will Fin. please communicate a copy of the order, so that the future progress of the matter may be watched by this Dept?
To Fin. Dept. u.o. No. 333 dt. 7.7.99. M 7/7/99

Co A 7, 16/29 8/10/99.

Note R.D. Circuits + notes are here.
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11/5/99. Fin. 13.6.99. 7.6.99.

To

The Board of Revenue (L.R.)

Copy to R.D. with original p/s. Dept 13-6-99 (10 to)

To issue in the Financial Dept (please see para 2 of G.O. 643 Financial 29.9.96 (flap I)

11.9.99.

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Revenue Department

Read Board's Forest No.262 d/ 20t
1898 (C.No.4499
" O.M. No.19 d/ 26th Jany: 18
" also letter from the A.G.No.6
21st Feby: 1899 (C.No.1328 of

G.O. Mis. No. 675 of 10-6-

The Government of India will
addressed.

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No. 676.

Leter:-

To the Secretary Government
India, ~~Rev. & Agril. Dept~~
Deptt. of Finance

Sir,

I am directed to submit
orders of the Government of India
following question regarding the
charge made
course to be followed in the cas
Civil officers of the first class
(whose
fined in Art:1096 of the C.S.R.)
the P.W.D. steamers on the Godava
river, ~~so as to prevent them fro~~
going pecuniary loss.

2. Under existing rules the officers of the P.W.D when journeying in one of these steamers are exempt from payment, while the officers of the other Depts. of Government are also the public are charged the full sanctioned tariff which varies from Rs.25 to Rs.30 per day of 10 hours under steam. But, ~~It has long been a recognised difficulty that~~ the travelling allowances drawn by the officers, last referred to, ~~other than those of the P.W.D.,~~ while using these steamers are in sufficient to meet the tariff charge, ~~for their hire. To prevent this, the Local Government has in past made some suggestions and~~ The matter was for some time a subject of correspondence with the Government of India.

3. In 1885 this Government suggested that the Travelling Allowance Code might be so amended as to allow an Officer not belonging to the P.W.D, who employed a delta steamer, to include his travelling

Letter No 516 financial 10.3.85 (M)

ii f.o 1116(financial) 25.7.85 (N)

Letter No 1117 fe 25.7.85 (O)

ii f.o (fe) 1363 1.10.85 (V)

Letter (fe) 324 12.4.86. (Y)

travelling allowance bill, the actual charge demanded by the P.W.D. without prejudice to his title to half travelling allowance; but the Government of India in their letter No. 1064 dated 27th May 1885 pointed out that there was no necessity for the amendment proposed, as the case might be met either by the exemption of the officers in question from payment and the grant to them of half travelling allowance or by the grant of the full travelling allowance and deduction there from of the proper charge for the use of the steamers. When the same point was again urged on the notice of the Government of India with a more full explanation of the difficulties involved in the course proposed, they pointed out in their letter dated 15th Septr.85, No.3028 that it was open to this Govt. to reduce the charge for the use of the steamers. But as the charges fixed as such by the P.W.D. were considered moderate, this Government again in 1886 suggested

for the use of a steamer &c

that the charges being included in

the contingent bill of the officer using

the steamer, the officer himself being

granted half travelling allowance. This

proposal also did not meet with the ap-

proval of the Government of India; who,

for
~~reimbursement~~ in their letter dated 3rd

they stated
June 1886 No.1160 that there were strong

objections on general grounds to allow-

ing an officer to charge as contingent

expenditure any portion of the ~~cost~~ expenditure in-

curred by him in travelling, to meet which

travelling allowance is granted."

4. It will thus be seen that the dif-

ficulty of arriving at a satisfactory ~~conclusion~~ decision

on the question arose chiefly from the fact

that while the Local Government considered

that the Revenue Accounts of the Delta works

should not be charged with the cost of the

conveyance of officers of ~~the~~ several departments other than the P.W.D.

~~of this Government~~, the provisions of the

Civil travelling allowance Code and the

general principles on which the grant

of travelling allowances is based did not

admit

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in P.O.(H) 531 & 17.6.86.(X)

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admit of such charges being either

drawn as contingent expenditure or in-

cluded in the travelling allowance bill.

5. 4. The question has again come into prominence ~~difficulties pointed out above have now again arisen~~ in connection with a proposal made by the Board of Revenue that in order to exercise an efficient control over the timber traffic on the Godavari river, the District Forest Officer should be permitted to use the P.W.D. Delta Steamers.

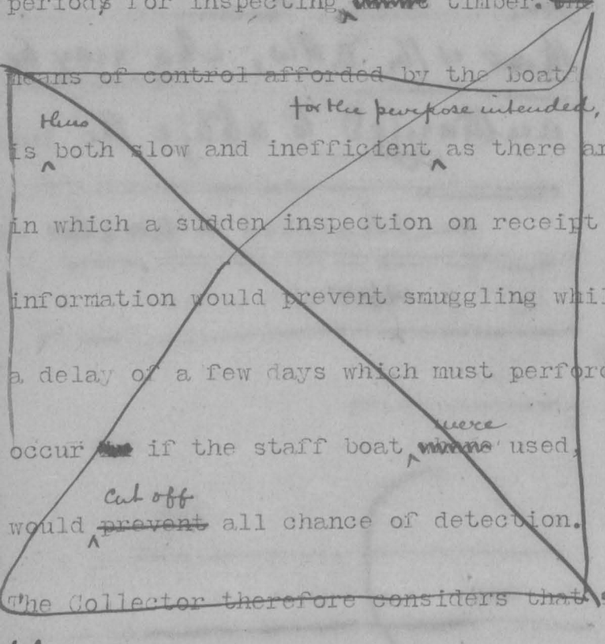
Collector's letter dt 4.11.97, No. 142 B
(enclosure to Gen B.P. Current)

~~The Collector of Godavari~~ has recently been brought to the notice of this Government that an extensive timber traffic exists on the Godavari river and there is considerable smuggling under the cover of Zamindari permits as well as a good deal of theft of deal timber by villagers on the river side. To prevent such frauds it is essential that the District Forest Officer should frequently patrol the river with a view of inspecting the work of the checking officers and seeing that timber Agent

in P.C. 411 Revd 9.6.84 (Q)

~~are~~ registered as required by the rules.

At present ~~he~~ this officer is provided only with a ~~the~~ staff boat ~~which is not serviceable for~~ which ~~which cannot be used at all~~ of ~~which cannot be used at all~~ ~~which is capable of towing the pulled upstream at the slow rate of less than 15 miles per day and~~ five months during the time the river floods, ~~though that which is moreover~~ the most important periods for inspecting ~~current~~ drift timber. ~~The means of control afforded by the boat~~ for the purpose intended, is both slow and inefficient as there are cases in which a sudden inspection on receipt of information would prevent smuggling while a delay of a few days which must perforce occur ~~the~~ if the staff boat were used, would ~~prevent~~ cut off all chance of detection.



~~The Collector therefore considers that is~~

What is wanted in these circumstances is therefore a speedier ~~some speedy~~ means of locomotion available at all seasons. ~~in this opinion this Government fully concurs.~~

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5. His Excellency the Governor in Council takes this opportunity to refer ~~the general question~~ for the orders of the Govt. of India ~~in reference to the suggested~~ the general q.s of the charge of A. H. to be made ~~selection~~ ~~tion of a~~ against public officers, other than ~~consistent with the general principles~~ those of the D.F.Os, who may be ~~regulating the grant of travelling allow~~ authorized to utilize the ser ~~all~~ ~~-ances and the views of this Govt, re-~~ ~~garding the desirability of exempting~~ ~~civil officers from payment for hire~~ of steamers on the public service ~~of the steamers.~~

printed in P.C. (Jc) 484 19.6.97 (flag xxi)

6. So far as the case of the D.F.O, Godavari, is concerned, this Govt. considers that, in view of the exceptional nature of the circumstances, it deserves special consideration at the hands of the Government of India. In this connec-tion I am to point out that in Under Secretary Mr. Gamble's letter dated 30th April 1897, No. 1989 A, the Govt. of India have permitted the extension of the benefit of Art. 1131 (a) of the C. S.R. to cases of journeys to Bhadrachal-am performed by the Special Asst Agent,

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Godavari. If the general question can-
as requested above, in such a manner as will enable
not be decided ~~so as to prevent~~ Civil
Officers ~~using~~ to use the D.P.W. steamers
~~from undertaking~~ without suffering pecuniary loss, I am
directed to say that His Excellency the
Governor in Council considers that
a concession similar to that extended
to the Special Assistant Agent, Goda-
vari, is called for in the case of the
District Forest Officer also. I am
therefore to request that the Government
of India may be pleased to extend the
benefit of Art. 1131 (a) of the C.S.R.
to cases in which the D.F.O. Godavari,
~~undertakes in one of the~~ uses a P.W.D. steamer/
~~a journey~~ in the public service
~~interests of the~~ timber traffic on the Godavari river.

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