

# Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1883 L.

DATED 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1895.

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## [Despatch Abstract.]

Steam Boat.

Agreeing, with remark, with the President, District Board, Godavari, in thinking that the district board would be well-advised to reconsider its resolution to purchase a -- to ply between Rajahmundry and Bhadrachalam, and requesting him to report the action that may ultimately be taken in the matter of employing one of the existing steamers to ply between Rajahmundry and Polavaram.

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District Board

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Godavari

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*Dated*

Despatched 16<sup>th</sup> September 1895

Received 19 SEP 95

Subject,

Submitting information  
called for in Govt Memo-  
randum of 17.6.95 No 806,  
in connection with the  
proposed establishment  
of a <sup>steam boat service</sup> ferry between  
Rajamundry and  
Bhadrachalam.

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~~Under the circumstances stated by the President in his second letter read above, the district board's proposal to establish the steam boat service in question cannot be approved.~~ W

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The Govt. agrees with the  
 President in considering that, as  
 Board it appears to be very doubtful  
 whether the service between Bhadrachalam  
 & Rajamundry would pay expenses,  
 much less interest on initial outlay, the  
 Govt. agrees with the President in  
 thinking ~~considering~~ that the District Board  
 will be advised to reconsider its  
 resolution to purchase a steam boat  
 for these two places.

resolution to  
to ply between these two places.  
2. The Pres<sup>l</sup> will be requested  
to report to Govt. the action that may  
ultimately be taken ~~to order~~ <sup>in the matter of</sup> employing one  
of the existing steamers to ply between Rajm  
murba & Polavaram.  
Should the experi-  
ment be undertaken the result would be,

The President, District Board, Godavari.

(with order)

Please see the  
Report for  
5/8/59 awaited with interest

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Ref No. 1018 DB 995

BOARD OFFICE 7-5-1895

LOCAL &amp; MUNICIPAL DEPT.

CURRENT No. 1328

FROM

V. A. Brodie Esquire  
President

District Board, Godavari

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government,  
Local and Municipal Department,  
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to the remarks of Government in para 4(2) of G.O. No. 4836 13.3.95, that the proposed establishment of a ferry between Rajahmundry and Bhadrachalam should form the subject of a separate communication, I have the honour to state as follows:-

2. In para 23 of the covering letter for the Budget for 1895-96, Mr. Le Janu's predecessor wrote thus:-

"The balance under Canal and ferry fund being still very large, the District Board resolved to purchase a

Steamer

Steamer at a cost of about Rs 40,000 to  
ply between Rajahmundry and Bhadrachalam.  
Chelam Calling enroute at the important  
places on the banks of the river for the  
benefit of the riparian residents. If  
Government approve of the establish-  
ment of this ferry, proposals will be  
submitted for the detailed working of the  
same and arrangements will be made  
for the purchase of the Steamer through  
the Superintending Engineer, 1<sup>st</sup> Circle.

3. I have therefore the honor to  
request to be furnished with the views  
of Government in the matter. It is  
of course rather a river steamer boat  
service that Government are asked to  
sanction than a ferry but I would solicit  
approval of the project as such a service  
regularly maintained would be a great  
boon to the residents of the Bhadrachalam  
Taluk and will also I hope prove  
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a profitable undertaking.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

1811 V. A. Brodie

President

~~M. A. Brodie~~

To President, Distt Board

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1895

Local Fund Department

From

The President

District Board, Godavari

Ref No. 1018 DB 795

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 1895  
Despatched  
Received 10 May 95

Subject,

Requesting to be favoured with the views of Government regarding the proposed Establishment of a ferry between Rajahmundry and Bhadrachalam

(With Ref)

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Ref 806 17/6/95

The President is requested to furnish information on the following points:-

- (1) The distance between Rajahmundry and Bhadrachalam.
- (2) The approximate initial cost of establishing the proposed steam boat service
- (3) The estimated annual working charges
- (4) The probable annual receipts.

8/6/95

The President, D. Bd., Godavari  
17/6/95

GODAVARI DISTRICT.

BOARD OFFICE 16-9-1895

Ref. on Cur. No. 1018 DB 795

Local Fund Department  
No. 2721

FROM

U. A. Brodie Esquire  
President

District Board, Godavari

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,  
Local and Municipal Department,  
Madras.

SIR,

In reply to Government Official Memorandum dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 1895 No. 806. I have the honour to state as follows:-

Point (1). The distance between Rajahmundry and Bhadrachalam is 99 miles.

Point (2). The Superintending Engineer, First Circle, says in reply to my inquiry that the approximate initial cost of establishing the proposed steam boat service would be as follows:-

Cost

Cost of a river steamer in England £ 6000 - 0 - 0  
Cost of a barge to be attached to  
the said steamer for the purpose  
of carrying cargo. £ 600 - 0 - 0

Freight on both the steamer and  
the barge £ 320 - 0 - 0

Loading and forwarding charges £ 100 - 0 - 0

£ 7020 - 0 - 0

Add 10 per cent on price in  
England on account of cost  
of erection at Dowlaishwaram £ 660 - 0 - 0

Total Cost £ 7680 - 0 - 0

The cost appears to be almost prohibi-  
tive but I may observe that it is  
not the intention of the Board to pur-  
chase such a large steamer. If the  
steamer to be provided is such as can  
conveniently carry the passenger traffic,  
the objects which the Board has in

view in making this proposal will have  
been achieved. If the use of the steamer  
be restricted to this purpose, a steamer  
launch on the pattern of the "Dorothy"  
now plying at the Godavari ferry under  
the management of the East Coast  
Railway may possibly answer the re-  
quirements and its cost may be put  
at a much more moderate figure,  
viz. Rs 60,000.

Point (3). As to the working charges,  
the Superintending Engineer says "That  
the cost per month of running the  
steamer between Dowlaishwaram and  
Bhadrachalam was Rs 1000, which  
includes wages, fuel, stores of all  
kinds, and repairs". But, as the  
steamer boat service is not likely  
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to be maintained for more than 6 months in a year, I think the working expenses may be reduced to Rs 700 per month on the average. The estimated annual working charges amount, therefore, to Rs 2400 under "establishment" and Rs 6000 under "Contingencies" or Rs 8400 in all.

Point (4). As to the probable annual receipts. The Board would have the following table of fares fixed in the case of passengers on the proposed ferry:-

Up stream.

1<sup>st</sup> Class, 1 anna per mile

2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 6 pies per mile

3<sup>rd</sup> Class, 2 pies per mile

Down stream.

Half the above rates.

Mr.

Mr. Spencer, the Special Assistant Agent, thinks that these rates admit of increase. He suggests that the 3<sup>rd</sup> class fare may be raised to 3 pies per mile up-stream and 2 pies per mile down-stream, and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> class rates may be fixed at double the above and 1<sup>st</sup> class rates at 1 anna per mile. Assuming that the rates will be so raised, Mr. Spencer says that "the receipts may be estimated at Rs 80 per trip at the lowest calculation and excluding special occasions". I would even go further than Mr. Spencer and put the figure at Rs 100 per trip on the average, taking ordinary as well as extraordinary occasions into calculation. But this gives us only Rs 4800 per annum, as

as the steamer can make only 48 trips during the 6 working months at 2 trips per week. The annual estimated receipts thus fall short of the working expenses by Rs 3000.

2. The Superintending Engineer further points out that "in 1868 Government purchased 3 steamers with the view of opening up river traffic but the traffic was found to be so insignificant that only one steamer was employed in making trips between Dowlaishwaram and Dummam. Judicious and it soon became evident that even one steamer could not be made to pay its way". He would therefore strongly advise the Board to consider whether there are good reasons

"reasons for supposing that the projected steam boat service between Dowlaishwaram and Phadraachalam is likely to be more successful than the service inaugurated by Government." While making every allowance for the present altered circumstances of the District and the development of Commerce between the hill tracts and the plains since the year 1868 and the growing desire of the people to avail themselves of the advantages of a speedier means of communication, I cannot say, on the materials placed before me and in the light of the experience of the past, that there is any reasonable prospect of the undertaking being made to pay. If I were satisfied that the

The estimated receipts would cover the working expenses. I should have earnestly commended the project to the consideration of Government, as the large ferry funds held by the Board at its disposal cannot be better utilized, from the point of public convenience. But as it is, I fear that the project will have to be abandoned for the present and I propose to ask the Board to reconsider the question. I am given to understand by the Traffic Superintendent of the East Coast Railway that the railway authorities propose to replace the L. F. Steamers which they are now using to cross the Godavari at Rajahmundry by specially constructed steamers

of

of their own next year, and were this done, I think the District Board might temporarily employ either the "Helen" or the "Dorothy" for a period of 3 months on a trial service between Dowlaishwaram and Polavaram. If the experiment turned out a success, it might be made a permanent undertaking and further extensions made gradually, if the same seemed likely to be profitable. If such a service will not pay between Dowlaishwaram and Polavaram which is 10 miles from Rajahmundry, it will not pay, I think, if continued further, and it will be wiser for the Board not to commit itself to attempting over-ambitious a scheme at first with

it necessary concomitant of a large  
initial outlay.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. A. Brodie

President

Whakatara

Vice President, Dist Board.

W. A. Brodie

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