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2. The draft rules amended in accordance with the foregoing remarks will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* with such verbal alterations and re-arrangements as are considered to be necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.
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APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 12 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following conditions for leasing out the collection of tolls payable at public ferries under the Act :—

1. The right of collecting the tolls payable at public ferries under the Act will be sold by public auction by the Collector or such officer as he may appoint. Previous to the sale, a notification shall be published specifying the places at which the auction sale will be held, the period for which the leases will run, and the upset prices at which they will be put up for sale. The officer who conducts the sale will, however, be at liberty to raise the upset price or lower it as the case may be.

2. The farms will be knocked down to the highest bidder above the upset price, subject to confirmation by the Collector, who shall be at liberty to reject all or any of the bids.

3. Persons intending to bid must attend in person or by duly authorized agent, and shall not be allowed to bid unless they deposit, before the sale commences, such amount as the Collector may direct. The deposit of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them at the close of the sale.

4. Within a week after receiving intimation of the confirmation of the sale, the renter shall pay into the taluk treasury such further amount as with the deposit already made will make up 30 per cent. of the bid or furnish security for half the amount of his bid. In default the lease will be resold at his risk, the deposit being held liable in the first instance for the loss accruing from such resale.

5. The renter shall execute an agreement in such form as the Collector may prescribe and register it if so ordered by him. The cost of registration as well as the value of the stamped paper required for the execution of the agreement shall be borne by the renter.

6. The renter shall pay the annual rent in such instalments as the Collector may direct. When any instalment is overdue, the Collector may either place the ferry under Government management or resell the lease at the defaulter's risk.

7. The renter's deposit shall be liable for the satisfaction of any claims arising against him ; any balance which remains will be returned to him on the expiration of the lease.

8. The word Collector used in the foregoing rules includes the President of a Local Board or the Chairman of a Municipal Council in respect of any public ferry, the management of which has been assigned to a Local Board or Municipal Council under section 11 of the Act.

Under section 16 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following rules :—

1. The renter shall provide himself with boats in good condition and keep them in good repair. He shall ply his boats between certain fixed points which will be specified in the sale notification and shall not take over or land passengers except at those points.

2. If Government boats are supplied they shall be returned in proper condition when the lease expires. If any of them is lost or damaged otherwise than by fair wear and tear, the Collector may, at his discretion, get it rebuilt or repaired and recover the cost from the renter's deposit.

3. The renter shall have a sufficient number of boats in readiness at each side of the ferry and shall take care that mails, passengers, animals and goods are not unnecessarily delayed, whether by day or by night, but are ferried over with expedition.

4. Every passenger will be allowed to carry with him his luggage, not exceeding a cooly-load or one Indian maund in weight free. Any quantity of luggage in excess of this limit shall be charged at the rates prescribed for goods.

5. No toll shall be demanded in the following cases:—

(*a*) Government mails, stores and remittances, and all persons, animals and vehicles employed in carrying the same.

(*b*) All Government officials (including troops and their families) travelling on duty and bearing passes signed by the head of the office; and also in the case of Police officers, prisoners and property in their custody.

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(*e*) Children under six years of age.

(*f*) Such other persons as may from time to time be exempted by the Collector.

Explanation.—The exemption of any person under this rule extends also to the animals and conveyances actually used by him in travelling.

6. The Collector or such officer as he may appoint may at any time, and for any length of time, attach the ferry boats for the conveyance of troops, camp equipage and followers, and the renter and his servants shall give all reasonable assistance for the supply of such additional boats as are required to ensure their speedy and safe carriage. A reasonable deduction will be made from the annual rent for every such occasion. The Collector's decision as to what is reasonable deduction shall be final.

7. The Collector shall determine the weight of cargo and the number of passengers which each boat can safely carry. He shall also prescribe the number and class of boats to be maintained by the renter and the number of men by whom they shall be worked. Two cooly-loads may be taken as equal in weight to one person.

8. The number of passengers and the weight of cargo which each boat can carry shall be legibly painted thereon in English and Vernacular, and no passengers or cargo in excess of the limit shall at any one time be allowed on the boat. The renter shall not use any boats other than those marked as aforesaid.

9. In lieu of a prosecution under section 17 of the Act, the Collector may cancel the lease for a breach of any of the above rules, recovering the balance of the rent for the year, or in lieu thereof recover from the renter a penalty not exceeding Rs. 5 for each such breach.

10. Vessels or other articles confiscated under the Act shall be sold under the orders of the Collector.

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12. These rules shall be exhibited to public view in English and the Vernacular of the district on each side of the ferry.

Under section 16 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act (II of 1890), His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following additional rules for the working of the ferry steamer at Rajahmundry:—

1. The steamer shall make three trips a day—the first trip in the early morning from Rajahmundry to Kovvur and back, the second trip from Rajahmundry to Bobberlanka, thence to Vijjheswaram and back to Rajahmundry, and the third trip from Rajahmundry to Kovvur, thence to Vijjheswaram and back to Rajahmundry. During the hot season, when the anicut is passable by foot-passengers, the trip to Bobberlanka shall be omitted.

2. The times of arrival at, and departure from, each place shall be fixed beforehand for each month by the President, Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, after consultation with the Engineer and the renter of the right to collect fees. The syrang shall arrange for the steamer departing at the hours so fixed and avoid all unnecessary delay in the transit.

3. Passengers and cargo shall be taken up and landed at the following places:—

Station.	Place for taking up or landing passengers..	
	During the freshes.	During the dry season.
1. Rajahmundry	Near the granary sheds	Near the steamer wharf.
2. Kovvur	At Puntarevu between Avarangabada and Kovvur.	As near the above point as is found convenient, regard being had to the lankas thrown up in the river during the freshes.
3. Vijjheswaram	As near the head sluice as possible ..	At the most convenient landing stage between Vadapally and Vijjheswaram, regard being had to the lankas formed during the freshes.
4. Bobberlanka	As near the head sluice as possible.	

4. The syrang in charge of the steamer shall not allow any passengers or cargo in excess of the limit prescribed by the President, District Board.

5. The ballakat shall not be taken with the steamer except when it is actually required.

6. The Engineer in charge may, during any trip, tow range boats to or from Dowlaishweram from or to any of the recognised ferry landing stages if 24 hours' notice be given by the owner of the boats, and if the number of the boats does not exceed the number which the steamer can safely take, or if such towing is not dangerous or will delay the steamer more than one hour in its ordinary trip.

Under section 10 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to fix the following tolls leviable upon passengers, animals, vehicles and goods conveyed by the ferry steamer at Rajahmundry:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. For an elephant with keeper ..	2	0	0
2. For an elephant-load ..	0	8	0
3. For a camel with driver ..	2	0	0
4. For a camel-load	0	6	0
5. For a cow, bullock or tathu ..	0	2	0
6. For a tathu or bullock load ..	0	2	0
7. For an ass	0	0	9
8. For an ass-load	0	0	6
9. For a loaded cart with a pair of bullocks and driver.	1	0	0
10. For an empty cart with a pair of bullocks and driver.	0	8	0
11. For a horse with his keeper..	0	4	0
12. For a sheep, dog or goat ..	0	0	4
13. For an adult	0	1	0
14. For a child	0	0	6
15. For a cavady-load or sack ..	0	0	6
16. For a palanquin irrespective of travellers or bearers.	0	4	0
17. For a doly do. ..	0	2	0

		From July to October. Rs. A. P.	From November to June. Rs. A. P.
18. Towing radhari boat with cargo or passengers from any one landing place to any other landing stage.	Against stream ..	4 8 0	3 0 0
	With stream ..	3 0 0	
19. Towing dingy with cargo or passengers from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream ..	2 8 0	1 8 0
	With stream.. ..	1 8 0	
20. Towing radhari boat without cargo or passengers from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream ..	3 0 0	1 8 0
	With stream	2 0 0	
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	With stream ..	1 0 0	
22. Range boat from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream ..	4 0 0	1 8 0
	With stream.. ..	2 0 0	
23. For towing range boat.	(1) From Rajahmundry to Dowlaishweram ..	4 0 0	2 8 0
	(2) From Dowlaishweram to Rajahmundry ..	6 0 0	2 8 0
	(3) From Dowlaishweram to Bobberlanka or *vice versâ*.	4 0 0	2 8 0
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Note.—Going from Rajahmundry to Kovvur or *vice versâ* and going from Bobberlanka to Vijjheswaram or *vice versâ* shall be considered going against stream.

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1 The right of collecting the tolls and of supplying fuel will be leased out by auction (under the orders of the President, District Board) annually subject to the following conditions.

2. The renter shall not interfere with the working of the steamer by the Engineer, syrang and crew employed by the President, District Board.

3. The renter shall furnish receipts in the form of printed tickets for all tolls collected by him.

4. The renter shall not claim any reduction of rent in the following cases:—

(*a*) When the steamer is taken for the rescue of boats in danger on the river during freshes;

(*b*) When it is laid up for repairs during the month of March; and

(*c*) When it is laid up on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in other months for the boilers and machinery being cleaned.

Provided that one half of the salvage fees collected in respect of (*a*) shall be paid to the renter if the steamer fails to make one or more trips in consequence of such employment, and that in respect of (*b*) and (*c*) reasonable deduction to be decided by the President, District Board, shall be allowed when the period of repair or of cleaning exceeds the limit prescribed.

5. The renter shall keep such accounts as the President may prescribe.

6. Whenever the steamer is laid up for repair or cleaning, the renter shall convey passengers in boats between the usual landing stages as far as possible in accordance with the time table prescribed for the steamer.

7. Whenever the steamer cannot get close to the usual landing place at Kovvur when the river is low and the passengers are landed on any island in the middle of the river, the renter shall make arrangements to ferry them from the island to the shore.

8. Salvage fees not exceeding a quarter of the value of the cargo and boat rescued may be levied subject to the following minimum rates :—

	RS.
For a radhari boat	25
Do. dingy do.	10
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In every case the amount of salvage fees to be collected shall be determined by the President, District Board, on a special report submitted by the President, Taluk Board. Half the fees collected shall be paid to the crew of the steamer in proportion to their salaries. The remaining half shall be paid to the renter under rule 4 or shall be credited to the funds of the Taluk Board.

9. The renter shall supply whatever quantity of fuel is required by the Engineer for working the steamer, and shall always have ready for use every day not less than 15 putties of dry wood by weight from November to June and 25 putties a day from July to November. The Engineer may reject wood as being green or wet or otherwise unfit for use or injurious to the engines.

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Exd. A. Raitt.

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5. The deposit will be liable to attachment and adjustment for any claims arising against the renter under these rules. If there are no such claims, it will be returned to the renter on the expiration of his lease, unless he desires it to be adjusted in satisfaction of his last instalment of rent.

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7. Under section 14 of Act II of 1890, all arrears with interest at 6¼ per cent. per annum will be recoverable from the renters as arrears of ryotwari revenue under Act II of 1864. In the event of any default, the Collector shall have also power to take the ferry under Government management or to re-sell it at the defaulter's risk.

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15. The Collector or such officer as he may appoint is, at any time, and for any length of time, at liberty to attach the ferry boats for the conveyance of troops, camp equipage and followers, and the contractors and their servants will be bound to give all reasonable assistance for the supply of such additional boats as are required to ensure their speedy and safe carriage. A reasonable deduction will be made from the amount of the contract for every such occasion. The power of deciding what is reasonable deduction is reserved to the Collector.

16. The revenue officer of the division or any other officer deputed by the Collector or Divisional officer to superintend the working of the ferry shall determine the weight of cargo and the number of passengers which each boat can safely carry, and keep the Ferry contractor duly informed of the same.

17. The number of passengers and the weight of cargo, which each boat can carry, should be legibly painted on each boat in English and Vernacular, and no more passengers or cargo than those mentioned must at any one time be allowed on the boat. Two cooly-loads may be taken as equal in weight to one person.

18. Any contractor who violates any of the rules will, in addition to the penalties prescribed in section 17 of the Act, be liable to forfeiture of his contract at the discretion of the Collector or President of the District Board, and may also be held liable to pay the balance of the rent for the year in which the offence was committed. Provided that in lieu of forfeiture of contract, the Collector or President of the District Board may at his discretion impose such fine not exceeding Rs. 5 as he may think fit.

19. Vessels or other articles confiscated under the Act will be sold under the orders of the Collector or President of the District Board, and the proceeds thereof will be credited to the Canals and Public Ferry fund.

ORDER—dated 8th June 1892, No. 578, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The draft rules submitted with the Board's Proceedings read above are approved subject to the following remarks :—

(1) The first nine rules have to be issued under section 12 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890 and the rest under section 16. It is desirable to make this clear by a notification prefixed to each set of rules.

(2) In rule 1, the expression "or President of the District Board" has been inserted with the evident intention of making the rule applicable to ferries the management of which has been assigned to Local Boards or Municipal Councils, but it requires to be amplified by the addition of the words "or Chairmen of Municipal Councils." The simpler plan would be to omit the expression from this and the succeeding rules and add a fresh rule at the end defining the word "Collector" as including the President of a Local Board or the Chairman of a Municipal Council.

(3) Rule 4 prescribes a complicated arrangement by requiring three different deposits from the successful bidder. If the deposit made at the time of sale is sufficiently high to prevent default in executing the necessary agreement, the bidder on confirmation of the sale may be required to deposit once for all such further amount as may be considered necessary.

(4) The first sentence of rule 7 repeats section 14 of the Act and is, therefore, unnecessary. A similar remark applies to the last sentence of rule 10 and to rule 11.

(5) Rule 9 which provides for compensation in the event of a public ferry being superseded by a bridge should be omitted. The result of erecting a bridge and the time within which it will be finished can generally be foreseen and the ferry contract should be limited to the period within which such a bridge is likely to be opened.

(6) The Act does not authorize the levy of *fees* from passengers at public ferries as contemplated in rule 11.

(7) Rule 17 provides for the number of passengers and weight of cargo, which a boat should carry as a maximum, being painted thereon. This provision requires to be supplemented by a further rule forbidding the use of any vessel other than those so marked.

(8) The Government considers that the penalties provided in rule 18 should be *in lieu of* and not *in addition to* the prosecution prescribed in section 17 of the Act.

(9) The Canals and Public Ferries Fund referred to in rule 19 has ceased to exist owing to the management of all public ferries having been assigned either to Local Boards or Municipal Councils.

(10) It is unnecessary to include in the rules for the working of the Rajahmundry ferry steamer any matter provided for by the general rules applicable to all ferries.

2. The draft rules amended in accordance with the foregoing remarks will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* with such verbal alterations and re-arrangements as are considered to be necessary.

(A true Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Superintendent, Government Press, with five notifications.
" the Collector of the Godávari District, with copy of the amended rules for working the Rajahmundry ferry.

APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 12 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following conditions for leasing out the collection of tolls payable at public ferries under the Act :—

1. The right of collecting the tolls payable at public ferries under the Act will be sold by public auction by the Collector or such officer as he may appoint. Previous to the sale, a notification shall be published specifying the places at which the auction sale will be held, the period for which the leases will run, and the upset prices at which they will be put up for sale. The officer who conducts the sale will, however, be at liberty to raise the upset price or lower it as the case may be.

2. The farms will be knocked down to the highest bidder above the upset price, subject to confirmation by the Collector, who shall be at liberty to reject all or any of the bids.

3. Persons intending to bid must attend in person or by duly authorized agent, and shall not be allowed to bid unless they deposit, before the sale commences, such amount as the Collector may direct. The deposit of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them at the close of the sale.

4. Within a week after receiving intimation of the confirmation of the sale, the renter shall pay into the taluk treasury such further amount as with the deposit already made will make up 30 per cent. of the bid or furnish security for half the amount of his bid. In default the lease will be resold at his risk, the deposit being held liable in the first instance for the loss accruing from such resale.

5. The renter shall execute an agreement in such form as the Collector may prescribe and register it if so ordered by him. The cost of registration as well as the value of the stamped paper required for the execution of the agreement shall be borne by the renter.

6. The renter shall pay the annual rent in such instalments as the Collector may direct. When any instalment is overdue, the Collector may either place the ferry under Government management or resell the lease at the defaulter's risk.

7. The renter's deposit shall be liable for the satisfaction of any claims arising against him ; any balance which remains will be returned to him on the expiration of the lease.

8. The word Collector used in the foregoing rules includes the President of a Local Board or the Chairman of a Municipal Council in respect of any public ferry, the management of which has been assigned to a Local Board or Municipal Council under section 11 of the Act.

Under section 16 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following rules :—

1. The renter shall provide himself with boats in good condition and keep them in good repair. He shall ply his boats between certain fixed points which will be specified in the sale notification and shall not take over or land passengers except at those points.

2. If Government boats are supplied they shall be returned in proper condition when the lease expires. If any of them is lost or damaged otherwise than by fair wear and tear, the Collector may, at his discretion, get it rebuilt or repaired and recover the cost from the renter's deposit.

3. The renter shall have a sufficient number of boats in readiness at each side of the ferry and shall take care that mails, passengers, animals and goods are not unnecessarily delayed, whether by day or by night, but are ferried over with expedition.

4. Every passenger will be allowed to carry with him his luggage, not exceeding a cooly-load or one Indian maund in weight free. Any quantity of luggage in excess of this limit shall be charged at the rates prescribed for goods.

5. No toll shall be demanded in the following cases : —

(*a*) Government mails, stores and remittances, and all persons, animals and vehicles employed in carrying the same.

(*b*) All Government officials (including troops and their families) travelling on duty and bearing passes signed by the head of the office ; and also in the case of Police officers, prisoners and property in their custody.

(*c*) All parties employed by Government servants to carry official reports and records when so carrying such reports and records.

(*d*) All servants of Local Boards and Municipal Councils travelling on duty within their jurisdiction and bearing passes signed by the Chairman, President or Vice-President.

(*e*) Children under six years of age.

(*f*) Such other persons as may from time to time be exempted by the Collector.

Explanation.—The exemption of any person under this rule extends also to the animals and conveyances actually used by him in travelling.

6. The Collector or such officer as he may appoint may at any time, and for any length of time, attach the ferry boats for the conveyance of troops, camp equipage and followers, and the renter and his servants shall give all reasonable assistance for the supply of such additional boats as are required to ensure their speedy and safe carriage. A reasonable deduction will be made from the annual rent for every such occasion. The Collector's decision as to what is reasonable deduction shall be final.

7. The Collector shall determine the weight of cargo and the number of passengers which each boat can safely carry. He shall also prescribe the number and class of boats to be maintained by the

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renter and the number of men by whom they shall be worked. Two cooly-loads may be taken as equal in weight to one person.

8. The number of passengers and the weight of cargo which each boat can carry shall be legibly painted thereon in English and Vernacular, and no passengers or cargo in excess of the limit shall at any one time be allowed on the boat. The renter shall not use any boats other than those marked as aforesaid

9. In lieu of a prosecution under section 17 of the Act, the Collector may cancel the lease for a breach of any of the above rules, recovering the balance of the rent for the year, or in lieu thereof recover from the renter a penalty not exceeding Rs. 5 for each such breach.

10. Vessels or other articles confiscated under the Act shall be sold under the orders of the Collector.

11. The word Collector used in the foregoing rules includes the President of a Local Board or the Chairman of a Municipal Council in respect of any public ferry, the management of which has been assigned to a Local Board or Municipal Council under section 11 of the Act.

12. These rules shall be exhibited to public view in English and the Vernacular of the district on each side of the ferry.

Under section 16 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act (II of 1890), His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following additional rules for the working of the ferry steamer at Rajahmundry :—

1. The steamer shall make three trips a day—the first trip in the early morning from Rajahmundry to Kovvur and back, the second trip from Rajahmundry to Bobberlanka, thence to Vijjheswaram and back to Rajahmundry, and the third trip from Rajahmundry to Kovvur, thence to Vijjheswaram and back to Rajahmundry. During the hot season, when the anicut is passable by foot-passengers, the trip to Bobberlanka shall be omitted.

2. The times of arrival at, and departure from, each place shall be fixed beforehand for each month by the President, Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, after consultation with the Engineer and the renter of the right to collect fees. The syrang shall arrange for the steamer departing at the hours so fixed and avoid all unnecessary delay in the transit.

3. Passengers and cargo shall be taken up and landed at the following places :—

Station.	Place for taking up or landing passengers..	
	During the freshes.	During the dry season.
1. Rajahmundry		
2. Kovvur	Near the granary sheds	Near the steamer wharf.
	At Puntarevu between Avarangabada and Kovvur.	As near the above point as is found convenient, regard being had to the lankas thrown up in the river during the freshes.
3. Vijjheswaram	As near the head sluice as possible. ..	At the most convenient landing stage between Vadapally and Vijjheswaram, regard being had to the lankas formed during the freshes.
4. Bobberlanka	As near the head sluice as possible.	

4. The syrang in charge of the steamer shall not allow any passengers or cargo in excess of the limit prescribed by the President, District Board.

5. The ballakat shall not be taken with the steamer except when it is actually required.

6. The Engineer in charge may, during any trip, tow range boats to or from Dowlaishweram from or to any of the recognised ferry landing stages if 24 hours' notice be given by the owner of the boats, and if the number of the boats does not exceed the number which the steamer can safely take, or if such towing is not dangerous or will delay the steamer more than one hour in its ordinary trip.

Under section 10 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to fix the following tolls leviable upon passengers, animals vehicles and goods conveyed by the ferry steamer at Rajahmundry :—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. For an elephant with keeper ..	2	0	0
2. For an elephant-load ..	0	8	0
3. For a camel with driver ..	2	0	0
4. For a camel-load	0	6	0
5. For a cow, bullock or tathu ..	0	2	0
6. For a tathu or bullock load ..	0	2	0
7. For an ass	0	0	9
8. For an ass-load	0	0	6
9. For a loaded cart with a pair of bullocks and driver.	1	0	0
10. For an empty cart with a pair of bullocks and driver.	0	8	0
11. For a horse with his keeper..	0	4	0
12. For a sheep, dog or goat ..	0	0	4
13. For an adult	0	1	0
14. For a child	0	0	6
15. For a cavady-load or sack ..	0	0	6
16. For a palanquin irrespective of travellers or bearers.	0	4	0
17. For a doly do. ..	0	2	0

		From July to October. RS. A. P.	From November to June. RS. A. P.
18. Towing radhari boat with cargo or passengers from any one landing place to any other landing stage.	Against stream	.. 4 8 0	3 0 0
	With stream	.. 3 0 0	
19. Towing dingy with cargo or passengers from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream	.. 2 8 0	1 8 0
	With stream..	.. 1 8 0	
20. Towing radhari boat without cargo or passengers from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream	.. 3 0 0	1 8 0
	With stream..	.. 2 0 0	
21. Towing dingy without cargo or passengers from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream	.. 1 8 0	0 12 0
	With stream	.. 1 0 0	
22. Range boat from any one landing stage to any other landing stage.	Against stream	.. 4 0 0	1 8 0
	With stream..	.. 2 0 0	

Note.—Going from Rajahmundry to Kovvur or *vice versâ* and going from Bobberlanka to Vijjheswaram or *vice versâ* shall be considered going against stream.

		From July to October. RS. A. P.	From November to June. RS. A. P.
23. For towing range boat.	(1) From Rajahmundry to Dowlaishweram	.. 4 0 0	2 8 0
	(2) From Dowlaishweram to Rajahmundry	.. 6 0 0	2 8 0
	(3) From Dowlaishweram to Bobberlanka or *vice versâ*.	4 0 0	2 8 0
	(4) From Dowlaishweram to Vijjheswaram	.. 6 0 0	2 8 0

Under section 12 of the Canals and Public Ferries Act II of 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following additional conditions for leasing out the right of collecting the tolls payable at the steam ferry, Rajahmundry, and of supplying fuel for the steamer :—

1 The right of collecting the tolls and of supplying fuel will be leased out by auction (under the orders of the President, District Board) annually subject to the following conditions.

2. The renter shall not interfere with the working of the steamer by the Engineer, syrang and crew employed by the President, District Board.

3. The renter shall furnish receipts in the form of printed tickets for all tolls collected by him.

4. The renter shall not claim any reduction of rent in the following cases :—

(*a*) When the steamer is taken for the rescue of boats in danger on the river during freshes;
(*b*) When it is laid up for repairs during the month of March ; and
(*c*) When it is laid up on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in other months for the boilers and machinery being cleaned.

Provided that one half of the salvage fees collected in respect of (*a*) shall be paid to the renter if the steamer fails to make one or more trips in consequence of such employment, and that in respect of (*b*) and (*c*) reasonable deduction to be decided by the President, District Board, shall be allowed when the period of repair or of cleaning exceeds the limit prescribed.

5. The renter shall keep such accounts as the President may prescribe.

6. Whenever the steamer is laid up for repair or cleaning, the renter shall convey passengers in boats between the usual landing stages as far as possible in accordance with the time table prescribed for the steamer.

7. Whenever the steamer cannot get close to the usual landing place at Kovvur when the river is low and the passengers are landed on any island in the middle of the river, the renter shall make arrangements to ferry them from the island to the shore.

8. Salvage fees not exceeding a quarter of the value of the cargo and boat rescued may be levied subject to the following minimum rates :—

	RS.
For a radhari boat	25
Do. dingy do.	10
Do. range do.	15

In every case the amount of salvage fees to be collected shall be determined by the President, District Board, on a special report submitted by the President, Taluk Board. Half the fees collected shall be paid to the crew of the steamer in proportion to their salaries. The remaining half shall be paid to the renter under rule 4 or shall be credited to the funds of the Taluk Board.

9. The renter shall supply whatever quantity of fuel is required by the Engineer for working the steamer, and shall always have ready for use every day not less than 15 putties of dry wood by weight from November to June and 25 putties a day from July to November. The Engineer may reject wood as being green or wet or otherwise unfit for use or injurious to the engines.

10. The average daily consumption of wood will be fixed at the following rates:—

(*a*) From July to October 13 putties + 2 putties extra for every boat towed against stream and 1 putty extra for every boat towed with stream.

(*b*) From November to June 8 putties a day + 1 putty extra for each boat towed If on any day the actual consumption fall short of the average above fixed, the renter shall pay wood money to the President, Taluk Board, at the rate of Annas 6 per putty on the deficiency. Out of this amount half shall be paid to the Chief Engineer, quarter to the second Engineer and quarter shall be distributed equally among the firemen.

11. The renter will be allowed to supply coal instead of wood if he obtains the previous sanction of the President, Taluk Board, and subject to such conditions as he may lay down as to the quality of coal, the average quantity to be supplied each day and the amount of coal money to be paid for savings.

12. The President, District Board, may impose a penalty not exceeding Rs. 50 for every breach of the above rules or any act or omission of his which delays or interferes with the proper working of the ferry steamer.

13. The annual rent shall be paid in 12 monthly instalments on the 15th of each month beginning from the first month of the lease.

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