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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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G.O. No. 545 — Press Mis.—

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Dated 25-3- 1857.

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No. 5. Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, D. P. W., dated 26th February 1857, No. 10486.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration, and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter dated 28th* January 1857, from the Superintendent East Coast Canal, recommending a compounded payment in lieu of toll for the boats tugged by a Steamer belonging to "Assuf Jung Bahadoor."

* In Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1857, No. 467.

2. In para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation 27th March, 1855, No. 365, it was ordered that should the owners of a Steamer plying on the Canal wish to compound for the toll by a monthly, or annual payment, the Board of Revenue D. P. W., should in communication with the Superintendent of the Canal state their opinion, as to the principle on which such composition should be made. Lieutenant Sankey, states with reference to this, that the more he examines the matter, the less confident he feels in determining any principle upon which the toll should be levied, without the benefit of direct experiment, but promises to do so after the lapse of six, or nine months, when he will have had an opportunity of inspecting the returns ordered to be kept by the toll Superintendent, of the numbers, and loads of the boats tugged by the Steamer.

3. Meanwhile, to save the delay, and expense which the owner of the boat would be subjected to, by the observance of the rules common to all boats arriving at the basin, the Superintendent recommends, "Assuf Jung Bahadoor" be allowed to compound for the toll for the next year, by a monthly payment of seventy Rupees, payable in advance.

4. As the owner is stated to have no objection to the sum demanded, and to be ready to enter into a guarantee for its due payment, I have the honor to recommend the proposition for the favorable consideration, and sanction of Government.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 545; dated 25th March 1857.

From Lieutenant Sankey's letter submitted with Captain Johnston's communication recorded above, it is not quite clear whether he proposes to compound the toll on the Steamer Carnatic or on the boats she may tug, though it might be fairly concluded that he supposes that both are to be free of charge on the payment of 70 Rupees monthly. The Government are prepared to give every fair encouragement to the Steam boats of the description under notice, but the toll should be paid by contract or otherwise separately for Steamers and for the boats she may tug. Colonel Faber will therefore be good enough to request the Superintendent of the East Coast Canal to revise his proposition accordingly.

2. The Government would also remark that the terms proposed are unnecessarily favorable. Four annas a ton is the toll levied on the boats using the Canal and supposing the Steamer to be of 30 tons, which is not improbable, and to make a trip only every other day, her own toll alone would be Rupees 112½ a month. Lieutenant Sankey will in again addressing the Chief Engineer inform him of the tonnage of the Steamer, and state the principal on which he proposes that her owners should be allowed to compound for the toll.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

№ 467

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th February 1857.

Read the following.

№ 397.

From

Lieutt R. H. Sankey. Engineer Superintendent of the E. C. Canal

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George.

Sir.

Assif jung Bahadoor, owner of the Screw Steam boat Carnatic, lately launched on Cochrane's Canal, having addressed me on the subject of a compounded payment in lieu of toll for the boats tugged by his Steam boat, I have the honor in accordance with the reso. lution contained in para 4 Extract Minutes of Consultation № 365 under date 27th March 1855, to submit the matter for the Board's consideration.

2. The Board in the para alluded to, state their readiness to compound for the toll, and to fix the principle of such composition in communication with the Superintendent E. C. Canal.

Being

~~Solicitor~~

3. Being very anxious to see steam power brought to bear on the traffic of the Canal, I shall spare no exertions towards putting the toll leviable on Steamers on an equitable footing, but the more I examine the matter, the less confidently I feel inclined to fix the principle upon which the toll should be levied, and the more I see that direct experiment alone must eventually decide the question

4. Meanwhile however the Steam boat Carnatic is subject to the rules common to all boats arriving at the Basin, and therefore to the delay and expense, which though unavoidable, cannot fail, to be discouraging to the owner.

5. Under the full persuasion, that Government are desirous of offering every encouragement to the enterprise displayed by Afsif jung Bahadoor, I have no hesitation in recommending that he be allowed for the next year to compound for the toll, by a monthly payment of 70 Rupees, which though it may appear small, amounts to half the disbursement on account of toll establishment.

6. I know the owner will have

accordingly. ...

2 The Post would also remark that the terms proposed ~~for the composition~~ are unnecessarily favorable. Four Annas a ton is the toll levied on the Boats using the Canal and supposing the Steamer to be of 30 tons, which is not improbable, and to make a trip only every other day, her own toll alone would be Rupees 112½ a month. Lieutenant Sankey will ~~it is therefore hoped for the composition and former toll~~

~~some settled principle~~
~~for~~ -

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in again addressing the Chief Engr: upon the tonnage of the Steamer. & state the principle on which he proposes that Lascars should be allowed to compound for the toll

J. C.

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no objection to pay this sum, and is ready to enter into a guarantee for payment each month in advance. No other restriction should I think be imposed, and he should have free use of the Canal and Basin without let or hinderance in consideration of this payment, and be allowed to load or unload whatever boats he can show are genuinely his own property, and forming part of the fleet, actually towed by the Steam boat Carnatic.

7. The owner has offered to show me his accounts. From these and a separate statement kept by Mr. Rozario for the next six or nine months, showing the number and load of boats tugged by the Steamer, I hope to be in a position to fix the principle upon which the Steam boats should be allowed to ply upon the Canal.

I have &c.

E. C. Canal Office
Thyappamoody Chuttrum
28th January. 1857.

(Signed) R. H. Sankey Lieut.
Supt. of the E. C. Canal

The Board observe, that the above letter should have been addressed to the

the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, they resolve therefore to forward a copy of it to him for disposal, and to intimate to Lieutenant Sankey that they have done so.

(A true Extract & Copy)
(Signed) J. D. Sim
Ag. Secretary.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer
Department Public Works

(True Copy)

Arthur Mc Captain
Ag. Supt. Engr. Northern Circle
in charge of the Central Office of P.W.

Empt. Thos.

encouragement should pay
the steamer but they
have stated they would be paid per an
Contract for separately
for steaming & for other
goods.

As a Condition under
which this Bill is passed
I am instructed by the Board
to inform you that the Company
will require to be
Exempt from Pilotage
Dues

The terms proposed seem
unexceptionable - any
contract would be for Two Years
Wednesday

W.D. No 10486.

for order.

The Sankey proposal
is a Bill of Lading
Freight of 70 Rs
a month shall
free the steamer from
all other demands,
and also all the
boats the carry less.
Fuel excepted,
a Copy of the table
annexed on the usual

Public Works Office

No. 5765

Extract from Minutes of Consultation

Monday 23rd March 1857.

Read the following.

Letter from Mr. Acting Engineer

intending Engineer M.C.

in charge of the Contract Office

Dated

Cornwall 20th February 1857

Sir

I have the honor to submit for your information Lieutenant Campbell's letter

with Captain Adams

Communication recorded

above it is not quite clear

what he proposes

to do on the

Canal

and "suppleing the Steamer the of 30 tons, (and boat of Sel size do ply on the Canal / and to make a trip every day the Lee over toll does not exceed the £1 12 1/2 a month. Any diminution the Govt may sanction had probably better be for the Steamer alone, and exclude the toll on the boat she may tug.

B.H.

Should it be necessary to ascertain from Lieut. C. Canal whether he keeps three Steamers a two boat the may tug from his letter it might almost be concluded that he supposes this to be the case. Every facility

on the boats she may tug,
tho' it might be fairly
concluded that he supposed
that toll would be free of
charge on the payments
of 30 Rupees monthly.
The Govt. are prepared
to give every fair encou-
-ragement to the Steam
boats of the description
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Superintendent of the
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accordingly

Rd 27th March/57 Nos 34 & 35.

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Of 25th March/57.

From Chief Engr dd 13th May/57.
C No 968 encls: 2 June-18-19.

Passing orders on the
letter from the Superint.t
East Coast Canal, regarding
a compromise for payment
for licence & toll, for the boats
engaged by a steamer belong-
ing to Assn of Jung Bahadoor.

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