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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of December 1859.

Read the following papers.

No. 53. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 19th November 1859, No. 7424.

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Government, a proposition made by the District Engineer of the Godávari division for the purchase of a stern wheel steamer, together with 3 iron barges, from the proprietors of the Windsor Iron Works, Liverpool, whose prospectus is herewith forwarded, for the ferry at Rajahmundry.

1 Letter from District Engineer, Godávari, No. 55, dated 9th June 1859, with Prospectus.
1 Do. from do. do. dated 5th Nov. No. 285.

2. It will be observed from the correspondence noted in the margin, that the new iron steamer sent out by Messrs. Forrester and Co., for use on the Godávari, the purchase of which has been authorized by Government, though originally intended for the ferry at Rajahmundry is to be used for a different purpose, viz., for the transport of stores up the river.

From Government, 19th November 1858, No. 2451.
To do. 11th February 1859, No. 7794.
To do. 8th March 1859, No. 8439.
From do. 11th May 1859, No. 1130.

3. The necessity for a steam ferry has been already so forcibly pressed on the attention of Government in the correspondence quoted above, and the Board of Revenue and Collector of Rajahmundry have likewise pointed out the advantages which its establishment would confer, that I feel no hesitation in now supporting Captain Rundall's proposal.

4. The cost of the vessel and its landing and fitting together in this country is computed at 25,000 Rupees, or just half the sum, which it was originally intended to pay for the same purpose.

5. Captain Rundall estimates that the daily expenses of working a steam ferry of the description now recommended will be about 19½ Rupees, to which he adds 2 per cent. for repairs and 5 per cent. for depreciation on the original cost of the steamer, making in all Rupees 24-5, or say 24½ Rupees per day. The traffic, as taken by the Collector, shows a collection of Rupees 24 per day as certain; but Captain Rundall is of opinion, judging by the receipts of the Rajahmundry Navigation Company, that the traffic cannot be less on an average than 40 Rupees per diem, and it is probable that the facilities afforded by a steam ferry, and the low rates at which it will carry, will greatly increase the traffic, so that Government would eventually be a gainer by its establishment.

6. I would beg, therefore, to recommend that the Home authorities should be requested to conclude a purchase with the proprietors of the Windsor Iron Works, Liverpool, for vessels of the description of those alluded to by Captain Rundall, so that they may be sent out in time to be put together before the freshes of 1860 in the Godávari.

No. 53A. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated Gindi, 6th December 1859.

On the whole, I cannot recommend that this expense should be incurred. The passage across the Godávari is not so essential to the public interests as the transport up and down that river, while it is more within the compass of private enterprise. It is, in fact, now done on that principle with only some assistance from Inám lands, and if the traffic becomes more profitable it will attract additional outlay. The Ellúr Zamíndár, commonly called "the Bullock Raja," is building several passage boats, and I heard that other persons were doing the same and that a steamer had been ordered from England on private account. All this could be checked if the Government entered the field.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 54.

ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1859, No. 2985.

In this letter the Chief Engineer sends up with reference to former correspondence, a proposal of Captain Rundall to import a stern wheel steamer and three iron barges from England for the purpose of establishing a steam ferry across the Godávari at Dawliswarum. The total estimated cost of the steamer and barges is 25,000 Rupees.* Colonel Bell recommends the proposal, and points out that the cost is about half that which was formerly contemplated, while the working expenses are given at 24¼ Rupees† a day. He adds that on the Collector's data the daily receipts would be only 24 Rupees, but that judging from the income of the Rajahmundry navigation company, the traffic cannot be less on an average than 40 Rupees a day.

* Steamer ..... £
3 Barges @ 200 1,350
Freight 600
Landing and fitting up 100
450

£ 2,500 or Rs. 25,000

† Commander ..... Rs.
Crew of steamer and boats 100
Firewood 160
Gumásta 300
Oil and sundries 14
10

Rs. 584 per month.

Rs. 24-5-0 per day.

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‡ See Proceedings of Government 3rd October 1854 No. 421.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George
19th November 1859.

No. 7424

From,
The Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.

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To do 11th Feby 1859 No 774.
To do 8th March/59 No 814.
From do 11th May/59 No 1130

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Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
19th November 1859

[illegible] Major
Dy Chief Engr Nn Circle

A. McD. Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.

Minute.

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Vizagapatam 6 Dec 1859.

Recd 19 Nov 1859
Received 21 Nov 1859

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No 2985. 21 Nov 1859

Submits for Consideration a proposition by the Assistant Engineer, Godavery Division for the purchase of a Stern Wheel Steamer together with 3 Iron Barges from the Proprietor of the Windsor Iron Works for the Rajahmundry Ferry.

With President's Minute.

Govt 19 Nov 1859 Public
Read 21st December
Para 7 No. 3021.

The Chief Engineer

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G. F. W.

Comm. 23 Nov 58 No. 52-53
17 May 59 - 12615.

Copy and Letter to E
of 23rd Dec 1859 - 1779.

No. 53-453 &c.

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6th Dec. 1859

Signed C. B. Trevelyan.

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Public Works 1859 Dep.t
Pro: of Govt: 31st December

No 120

Minute by the Honorable the
President
Dy 6th December 1859.

Declining to re:
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of establishing a Steam
ferry across the Godá:
:vari at Dawliswaram.

No 53 A

No 2985. 24 Decr

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Pub Works Department

No 2985.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24th December 1859.
Read the following letter
From the Chief Engineer.

Submits for consideration the
proposition of the District Engineer,
Godavari Division, to import
a stern wheel Steamer with 3 iron
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* See Pro. of Govt 23 Oct 54 No 422.

* Commander ——— Rs 100
Crew of Steam Vessels — 160
Firewood ——— 300
Gunnáda ——— 14
Oil & Sundries ——— 10
Rs 584 per Month
Rs 24.5.- per day.

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To
The Chief Engineer Dist 26
Board of Revenue

Copy in a Letter to Engd
D/ 28th Decr 1859 No 79

Public Works 1859 Dept to.
Pro: of Govt 31st Decr.

No 2985.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 24th December 1859.

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No 53-53 A. & 54.