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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of March 1860.

No. 125. Read the following letter from R. WATSON, Esq., Contractor to Government for Land Carriage from Godavery to Kamptee, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chandah, Nagpore Province, 20th February 1860:—

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council proposals for the better transport of Stores via the Godavery.

2. From my position as Contractor to Government for supply of Land Carriage from the Godavery, combined with my endeavours to develop the trade from Berar via the Godavery to the Eastern Coast, I have had extensive correspondence with several of the mercantile firms interested in the development of the Godavery route, and amongst them the following propositions were made to me, and these I have now the honor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and shall be glad if they meet with his approval and support.

3. It is proposed to pay Government interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the value of the Steamers now engaged on the Godavery in transport of Stores and lease them from Government, the Company undertaking all the working expenses.

2nd. The Steamers the Company would require are:—		Rs.
The "Sir Charles Trevelyan".....	value	50,000
"Arthur Cotton".....	"	25,000
"Queen".....	"	25,000
Total Rupees.....		<u>1,00,000</u>

and on this sum the Company are prepared to pay interest at five per cent. per annum, equal to Rupees 5,000 receiving in lieu thereof the entire use of the Steamers.

3rd. The Company would solicit from Government the Contract for five years for carriage of all their Stores despatched from Cocanada to Secunderabad, Kamptee and all other stations accessible from the Godavery, at a uniform rate of four annas per ton per mile for land and water carriage. The responsibility from Cocanada to Kamptee would thus be wholly on the Company instead of being distributed over several departments.

4. These Steamers have hitherto been of but little service to Government and the carriage of Stores by their means must have entailed a very heavy expenditure. A private Company could manage more cheaply and would employ an Engineer, whose attention would be entirely devoted to keeping the Steamers in working order.

5. The main use of these Steamers to Government is the conveyance of Stores. Now this will be managed with as great certainty as ever and certainly much more cheaply than it has hitherto been done by the servants of Government, if they be entrusted to a private Company in the way proposed. The effective working of this undertaking will, however, necessitate considerable outlay, and the Company must look for remuneration mainly to a trade which has yet to be formed—the exportation of produce from Berar via the Godavery. When Government shall have completed the projected improvements on the river it will prove a matter of no small moment to find a traffic, already formed and capable of rapidly expanding in a degree commensurate with the importance of the outlay that shall have been incurred. Up to this time the influence of these Steamers upon trade has been literally nothing, and it is surely worthy of trial whether the management of persons accustomed to mercantile undertakings may not meet with more success.

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1860, No. 573.

The Government will be prepared to enter into negotiation on the subject treated of in this letter, with an established Company; at present no Company for the object in view appears to exist.

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

1. The United States Government for Land Acquisition
in the Territory of New Mexico

2. The United States Government

Charles Augustus Pearce

26th February 1860.

3. The United States Government

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the United States Government the following proposals for the purchase of the land in the Territory of New Mexico.

1. The United States Government is to purchase the land in the Territory of New Mexico for the purpose of establishing a military post. The land is situated in the Territory of New Mexico, and is of great value for the purpose of establishing a military post. The United States Government is to purchase the land for the purpose of establishing a military post.

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The "San Carlos Development"	\$25,000
"Arthur Allen"	25,000
"Lucas"	25,000
Total	\$75,000

and in this sum the Company are prepared to pay interest of 5% per annum, amount to \$3,000, remaining to cover the cost of the land and other expenses.

3. The Company are to purchase the land in the Territory of New Mexico for the purpose of establishing a military post. The land is situated in the Territory of New Mexico, and is of great value for the purpose of establishing a military post. The Company are to purchase the land for the purpose of establishing a military post.

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system at a uniform rate of 4 annas per ton
per mile for land and water carriage. The
responsibility for the maintenance of the roads
will be thrown on the Company instead of being dis-
tributed over several departments.

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4. The Government has held a series of
little meetings for the purpose of
showing their means must have been a
very heavy expenditure, and found Company
could manage more cheaply and would
employ an Engineer whose attention would be
entirely devoted to keeping the system in working
order.

5. The main use of these steamers to
Government is the conveyance of troops. Now
this will be managed with economy and
as we can certainly make more cheaply
than it has hitherto been done by the
Government, if they be entrusted to a
private Company in the way proposed. The
effectiveness of this undertaking will however
be considerably enhanced if the Company
must work for communication mainly & be to be
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of justice in the Government. It will prove a
great advantage to the Government if it will prove a
meeting of no small moment to a such a traffic
already formed (and to public & especially opening
in a more commensurate with the importance
of the thing that shall have been gained.
If for this time the importance of these steamers
upon trade has been actually nothing and

It is surely worthy a trial whether the manage-
ment of public affairs should be nationalized.
I have the honor to be
Sir,

W. W. Hunter
Secretary to the Government
of India

20 Nov 1868. *Deborah*
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From Mr. Watson
Contractor to Govt for
Land Carriage from
Sedona to Hample

Dated 20th July
Received y 4 March 1868

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Submits proposals
for the better transport
of stores via Goringham

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No 578 19th March
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The Government will be
pleased to enter into negotiations
on the subject treated of in
this letter, with an estimate
of Company; at present
concerning for the object on
which appears to report

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From Mr. Watson
20th March 1868. No. 1868. 1868.

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