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28th January 1864.*

No. 624. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Sempatty, 20th January 1864, No. 1,707 :—

Read the following letter from Major W. SYME, Acting Superintendent of Operations at Paumben, to Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Paumben, 16th January 1864, No. 96.

Sir,

1. In reply to the information required regarding the purchase of a new Yacht for this place, and regarding the old one, I have the honor to forward a reply at last. I have had to make references to the different building yards where boats are built, and I find that labor has increased so much of late, that a boat that cost Rupees 600 a few years ago, will cost double now, and to get a boat even as good as the old one was, would cost Rupees 1,200.

2. There are no records in this office to show the present yacht's cost, she was the private property of Captain Gib, the Officer in charge of Operation, who sold her, I believe, to Government for Rupees 400 when he left.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of Colonel Orr's letter, the means of moving about here now are, a small canoe and an old ship's boat, which has a small awning to it, affords very little protection to the Officer, as he has to be out nearly all day on the sea; by having a yacht with a small cabin when the blasting is not going on he could retire into it and not be exposed all day, and carry on his office work, instead of at night, which he would have to do when he came home.

4. I have not forwarded Plans and Estimates as they amount to Rupees 4,000, which is out of the question; there is a splendid boat now for sale at Tellicherry, the property of some Officers at Cannanore, who bought her from Captain Dreyer, she has a double set of sails, and is quite a new boat, cost building Rupees 4,000; if Government would not consider Rupees 1,400 too much to lay out on a boat for this place she can be bought for that sum. I would propose paying for her out of the maintenance allowance allowed for this place; there has been very little work done this year, consequently there is more money in hand than former years, and the balance could be paid from next official year. Should Government agree to the purchase of this boat, I should like to have the answer by telegraph, as other parties wish to purchase her, and a boat like this could be used to bring any stones that may be required for this place, and would save a great deal in freight, and delay in getting what is required, as every piece of wood and bamboos has to be sent for to the different islands.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to Memorandum No. — of 20th November 1863.

(Signed) F. J. MOBERLY, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

No. 625.

ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1864, No. 309.

6th January 1864, No. 33.
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1. The Government will defer passing orders on this letter until furnished with the Superintending Engineer's replies to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. Captain Moberly will be requested to return the Memorandum from the Government Office, dated 20th November 1863.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Supy Engineer 8 Division

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Supg. Engineers Office 8th Divⁿ
Madras 12th November 1863

My
Dear

Captain S. J. Mauley R. E.
Supg. Engineer 8th Division

To

Colonel G. A. Aris R. E.

Sir,

Secy. to Government P. W. D.

I have the honor to report that Major
Lynes informs me that the yacht at Ponnai
here is rotten and beyond repair, her anchor
in work & may ^{be} believe fetch 500 Rs if
sold by auction. I beg the instructions of Govt.

2 Major Lynes further requests that he may
be provided with some other means of moving
about and seeing the work through the day -
which it is impossible for him to do in an
open boat. he estimates the cost at Rs 600.

3 I believe that the Supt. at Ponnai here is
not allowed travelling allowances, it seems
therefore but reasonable that he should be
provided with the means of inspecting his
work.

Yours &c
S. J. Mauley
Captain R. E.
Supg. Engineer 8th Division

Panama, 16th January 1864.

No 6.

— From,

Major W. Lyne

M. Superintendent of Operations Panama

To,

Captain G. J. Nicholas R.N.

Superintending Engineer S^d Division

Sir,

1 In reply to the information required regarding the purchase of a new Yacht for this place, and regarding the old one, I have the honor to forward a reply at last. I have to make reference to the different building yards where boats are built, and I find that labor has increased so much of late, that a boat that cost rupees 600 a few years ago, will cost double now, and to get a boat even as good as the old one, will cost rupees 1200.

2 There are no records in this office to show the present Yacht's cost, she was the private property of Captain Giff the Officer in charge of Operations, who sold her I believe to Government for rupees 400 when he left.

3 With reference to para 2 of Colonel Orr's letter, the means of moving about here now are, a small canoe and an old ship's boat, which has a small awning to it, affords very little protection to the officer as he has to be out nearly all day on the sea, by having a Yacht with a small cabin when the blasting is not going on, he could retire into it and not be exposed all day, and carry on his office work, instead of at night, which he would have to do when he came home.

4 I have not forwarded plans and Estimates as they are not available.

Refer to Major Lyne

J. L.

Drawn 30.4.74.8.
The duty of Engineers
8th Division
Showing to Government
P. W. 8

Dated 12th November 1863

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Requests instructions as to the sale of the Yacht at Panama how much is rotten and how much is sound and how much is to be repaired by Government. That Major Lyne should be allowed with some other means for moving about and leaving the work through the day as it is impossible for him to do in an open boat.

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8th Division for information on the following points—

1st The original cost of the "Yacht" now represented to be out of repair, and authority under which it was made or purchased.

2nd What are the means of moving about "as it is proposed to provide a plan, and estimate for the proposed outlay of Rs. 600, should also be submitted with information regarding the source from which the amount is to be provided.

The information now called for should have been submitted in the first letter. The Post cannot be expected to see orders on papers also submitted in such a manner.

Chapman 12/20 Nov 1863

Commander of the Pacific

