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No. 333. Read the following Official Memorandum from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 1st June 1864, No. 266 :—

From Major J. STODDARD, Executive Engineer, Godavery District, to Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Camp at Chintapilly, 23rd May 1864, No. 36.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that there are three paddle-boats now lying in the Cocanada Canal unused, of these one (a cabin boat) is, as far as the hull is concerned, unserviceable. It is a very old boat, having been built in 1851, and it will cost more than it is worth to repair. I would therefore recommend that it be sold by auction, the value of this boat in my return is Rupees 200. The cabin was constructed at Mr. Smith's own expense in 1857.

2. The second, No. 18, also a cabin boat, is in need of caulking only, having been done up two years ago for the use of the Police Department but subsequently returned. The boat is not required by any member of the Department, all those who can afford to keep up paddle-boats being provided with them, and as the boat will only go to ruin if left in the canal much longer, I would recommend its being sold also, and it is much more likely to fetch a larger sum now as a transit boat than it will a few months hence. Its value on the return is Rupees 200 exclusive of the amount to be paid to Workshop.

Vide my letter, No. 243, dated 7th December 1863.

3. The third boat without cabin was returned to this Range by Lieutenant Smalley some months ago, as (I suppose) the Acting Navigation Superintendent C. Soobaraidoo who had been using it, could not afford to take out a license or to keep a crew for it out of his small travelling allowance. It might be repaired and made a serviceable boat, but as it must still remain unused it would be throwing money away to put it in repair. I would therefore recommend its being sold by auction also before it gets worse by lying in the canal rotting. Its value on the return is 200 Rupees.

4. I would also take this opportunity of recommending that one of the five wooden dredge flats, borne on my returns at 300 Rupees a piece, and which is now quite unserviceable in the canal at Dowlaishweram be sold by auction. It is not worth repairing especially now that there are good iron punts.

In forwarding for the information of Government the accompanying original letter from Major Stoddard, Executive Engineer, Godavery, the undersigned requests permission to order the sale of the three paddle-boats and one mud-flat, which it is desirable should be disposed of.

Enclosure 1.

(Signed) O. W. S. CHAMBERS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

WALTAIR,
1st June 1864.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1864, No. 1,766.

Permission granted as requested.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Store Department.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

The L. No. 18, also a Cabin boat,
is

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Executive Engineers Office
Camp at Chintapilly
No. 36 23d. May 1864

From
Major J. Stoddard
Executive Engineer Godavery Dt.

To
Lieut. Colonel O.W.S. Chambers R.E.
Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that there are 3 Saddle boats now lying in the Cocanada Canal two of these one (a Cabin boat) is, as far as the hull is concerned, unservicable. It is a very old boat having been built in 1854 and it will cost more than it is worth to repair. I would therefore recommend that it be sold by auction. The value of this boat in my Return is Rs 200 The Cabin was constructed at Mr. Smiths own expense in 1857.

The 2d. No. 18, also a Cabin boat,

is

is in need of caulking only, having been done up 2 years ago for the use of the Police Department but subsequently returned - The boat is not required by any Member of the Department, all those who can afford to keep up Saddle boats being provided with them. and as the boat will only go to ruin if left in the Canal much longer, I would recommend its being sold also, and it is much more likely to fetch a larger sum now as a Funeral boat than it will a few months hence. Its Value on the return is Rs200 exclusive of the amount to be paid to Workshop.

Vide my letter No.243 d/7 Dec/63

The 3rd boat without cabin was returned to this Range by Lieut Smalley some months ago, as I suppose) the acting Navigation Superintendent C. Soobaraidoo who had been using it, could not afford to take out a license or to keep a Crew for it out of his small Travelling allowance. It might be repaired and made a serviceable boat, but as it must still remain unused, it would be throwing money away to put it in repair. I would therefore recommend its being sold by auction also. Left as it is it will be by lying in the Canal rotting. Its Value on the Return is 200 Rs.

I would also take this opportunity of recommending that one of the 5 Wooden Dredge flats borne on my Returns at 300 Rs a piece, and which is now quite unserviceable in the Canal at Dewlais would be sold by auction. It is not worth repairing especially now that there are good iron punts.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
E. Madden Major
Executive Engineer Gov Rds &

No. 266

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Official Memo

In forwarding for the information of Government the accompanying original letter from Major Stoddard, Executive Engineer, Godavery, the undersigned requests permission to order the sale of the 3 paddle boats and one mud flat, which, it is desirable, should be disposed of.

Supg Engineer's Office,
1st Division, Coattair,
1st June 1864.

Offg. Chambers
Superintending Engineer

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
Madras.

No. 2053/14
from
The Executive Engineer
Godavery Division
to
The Superintending Engineer
Coattair Division
Dated 23rd May 1864
Received 7th June &c.

No. 536

Submits that 3 P.S.C. boats and one Ferry Half became unserviceable & requests permission to sell them in public auction.

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The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 1st June 1864
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No 266
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Forwards an original
letter from Hajee Ibrahim
and requests permission
to erect the Sale of the
3 passable boats and 1 Buoy
float in Goomsur District

No. 1766 - 18th June 1864

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Permission granted
as requested.

Chepauk
18th June 1864

To The Supdg Engineer 1st Division
" Store Department
" Controller Auditor of P.W. accts
" Accountant General

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