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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th June 1865.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 299. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 24th March 1865, No. 151.

SIR,
1. Referring to G. O. No. 1,729, dated 14th June 1864, in which I am required to report whether the system of licensing boats which has lately been introduced on* the Kistna channels has had the effect of diminishing the traffic, I
* G. O. No. 3,003, dated 16th October 1863.

have the honor to report that the number of boats licensed from November 1863 to 31st December 1864, amounted to 156, and the receipts Rupees 6,281-9-8, and that from 1st January to 31st March of the current year 123 boats have been licensed and Rupees 4,195-6-3 received.

2. The tolls for rafts and for boats passing the head locks without licenses, amounted for the above periods to Rupees 873-9-6 and 189-7-9 respectively.

3. It is probable that a considerable number of boats will take licenses after the canals are re-opened in June; many were disabled by the cyclone of 1st November and have been laid up for repair.

4. I have no reason to believe that the introduction of the license system will have the effect of reducing the traffic, but it will be impossible to judge of this, by comparing the number of licenses issued on the Kistna canals from year to year, as many of the boats which ply on them are owned by residents of Cocanada and other places in the Godavery, and the licenses for them are taken out in preference in that District.

5. By comparing the number of licenses issued in successive years in the two Districts united a much truer result will be arrived at.

No. 300. From Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 29th May 1865, No. 163 :—

SIR,
1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,729, under date 14th June 1864, (and to Office Memorandum No. 82 of the 20th instant,) I have the honor to report that there has been no diminution in the number of boats plying on the Godavery canals since the introduction of the boat licensing system.

2. The number of boats which passed through the several locks was 27,075 in 1864-65 against 25,233 in 1863-64, and the licenses paid were Rupees 26,339 in 1864-65 against Rupees 20,993 in 1863-64.

3. It happens that I have lately received from a native merchant of Cocanada an offer to buy the monopoly* of passenger traffic on the Cocanada and Samulcottah canals for which he offered Rupees 3,000 per annum, which is nearly double the amount of the licenses† paid last year by the passenger boats on those two canals.

4. I believe that the licensing system, with the rates now in force, has no restrictive effect on the traffic.

5. The licensing officers ought to have power to refuse or suspend licenses in cases of breach of the Canal bye-laws or misconduct on the part of the boatmen.

No. 301. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1865, No. 1,618.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 57.

Ordered that the foregoing letters be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, for information with reference to his Despatch No. 13, dated 9th May 1864.

(True Extract.

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

No 157
3000

Superintendent
Madulipatam
24th March 1865

From

Lieut. Col. J. C. Anderson R.E.

Superintendent D. M.

To

Colonel C. A. O. R.E.

Secretary to Government

D. P. C.

Sir Referring to G. O. No 1729 of 14th June 1864

in which I am required to report

whether the system of licensing boats

which has lately been introduced

on the Krishna Channels has had

the effect of diminishing the traffic,

I have the honor to report that

the number of boats licensed from

November 1863 to 31st December 1864

amounted to 156, and the receipts Rs

6281-9-8, and that from 1st

January to 31st March of the current

year 123 boats have been licensed

and Rs 4195-6-3 received.

The tolls for Rafts and for boats

G. O. No 3003 dated
15th October 1863

passing the Head Locks without
license, amounted for the above
periods to Rs. 873-9-6 & 189-7-9
respectively.

It is probable that a
considerable number of boats will
take license after the canals are
reopened in June; many were disabled
by the cyclone of 14 November and
have been laid up for repairs.

I have no reason to believe
that the introduction of the license
system will have the effect of
reducing the traffic, but it will
be impossible to judge of this,
by comparing the number of licenses
issued on the Ristna Canals from
year to year, as many of the boats
which ply on them, are owned by
residents of Cochinada and other
places in the Godavery and the
licenses for them are taken out
in preference in that District.

By comparing the number of

licenses issued in successive
years in the two Districts united
a much truer result will be arrived
at.

I have the honor to be
Yours most ^{dear} Obedt Servt

J. Anderson Esq. ^{Comd. F. R. S.}
Supt. Engineer to Govt.

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Superintending Engineer's.
Office 7th Div. Warren
29th May 1865.
From Captain J. P. Ryner R.E.
Superintending Engineer.
To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. D. P. W.
Madras.

With reference to G. O. No. 1729
under dates 14th June 1864 (and to Office
Memo No. 82 of the 20th instant), I
have the honor to report that there
has been no diminution in the number
of boats plying on the Godavari Car-
nals since the introduction of the
boat licensing system.

The number of boats which pass-
ed through the several Locks was
27075 in 1864/65, against 25233 in
1863/64 and the licenses paid were
Rs. 26389 in 1864/65 against Rs. 20993
in 1863/64.

Copy in a letter to Eng.
of 29th June 1865 of 1865

To the Secy to Govt. D. P. W.
(1865)

From the Secy to Govt. D. P. W.
(1865)

22nd June 1865

By the Secy to Govt. D. P. W.
(1865)

22nd June 1865

By the Secy to Govt. D. P. W.
(1865)

22nd June 1865

Explaining that the traffic
of boats on the Godavari
Carnals is increasing after
the introduction of the
boat licensing system.

Encl. 1865

1865

29th June 1865 D. P. W.

29th June 1865 12th June 1865

3. It happens that, I have lately received from a Native Merchant of Cocanada an offer to buy the monopoly of Passenger Traffic on the Cocanada & Samulcotta Canals for which he offered Rs 3000 per annum which is nearly double the amount of the licenses paid last year by the passenger boats on those two Canals.

at the following fixed rates:
 Passenger — 2 pice per mile
 a country boat — 4 " —
 Pullman boat — 6 " —

* Rs. 1712

4. I believe that the licensing system, with the rates now in force, has no restrictive effect on the traffic.

5. The licensing officers ought to have power to refuse or suspend licenses in cases of breach of the Canal bylaws or misconduct on the part of the boat-men.

I remain, Sir, Your most Obedt. Servt.

V. J. [Signature]
 Superintending Engineer, P. & C.

ENR

Civil Works Public Works Department
No. 1618

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th June 1865.
Read the following letters

From the Chief Insp. D. S.

Informing that the
traffic of boats in the Muttia (How later 2nd March 1865 No 161)
Canals is increasing after
the introduction of license
tax.

From - Do - 1st D.

Reports in reference
to G. O. No 1729 of 15th June 1864 (Do - 29th May 1866 No 163)
that there has been no diminution
in the number of boats
in the Muttia Canals

Re-15th June/65. No 2385-286
Copy in a letter to England
of 2nd June 1865 of 1865.

13th July 1865
The Inspector of Boats
Madras Division

To The Secretary to Govt
D. S. M. Madras

Dated 29th
Received 30th May 1865
Previous 1st June.

Reports with reference
to G. O. No 1729 of 15th June 1864 that there has
been no diminution in the
number of boats/lying in
the Muttia Canals since
the introduction of the
boat licensing system

No. 200

29 June 1865 On 18th

29 June 1865 On 18th