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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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21st December 1867.*

No. 473. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 2nd December 1867, No. 202 :—

1. I have the honor to re-submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the plan for providing boats for Range Officers and subordinates in the Godavery Delta, proposed by Captain Beckley in his letter read in Government Proceedings, dated 16th August 1867, No. 2,504.

2. It is of course absolutely necessary that every Delta Range Officer should have a boat, and I beg respectfully to submit that its first cost ought to be a public charge,

(1.) Because by having a boat, the Delta Range Officer is not saved the expense of the ordinary equipment of tents, horses, and palankeen or tonjon.

(2.) Because he has no assurance that he will not be transferred to another district the day after he has, at heavy expense, provided himself with a boat which, if his successor declined to purchase it, would be unsaleable or saleable only at a very heavy loss.

3. In each Delta Range there ought also to be at least one boat for subordinates, *i. e.*, for the Delta Superintendent or for an Overseer. It would of course be out of the question to expect a subordinate, liable as he is to transfer or removal, to lay out a year's pay on building a boat.

4. By Captain Beckley's plan, the monthly hire of the boat is calculated to provide for a sinking fund (besides an ample allowance for repairs), by which the full cost of each boat will be recovered in ten years. I do not think that this sinking fund should be a charge on the Officer, but as it will make the boat establishment self-supporting, it is, I think, expedient to include the charge in the monthly hire to be paid for each boat, it being understood that the boat establishment will be kept up to its full strength at the public expense.

5. The rate per month which Captain Beckley proposes to charge is ample to cover interest, repairs, and re-construction once in ten years.

6. I beg respectfully to assure Government that the construction of boats for the service of the Department in the Godavery Delta is really a matter of urgent importance, and should be undertaken at once; and I trust that the moderate outlay proposed will be sanctioned, and funds appropriated for the purpose to the extent of half the total estimated cost in the current official year and the remainder for expenditure in 1868-69.

7. I have, therefore, the honor to submit for sanction the accompanying estimate, amounting to Rupees 5,200, for two first class, two second class, and three third class travelling boats.

No. 474. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1867, No. 3,959.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 74.

1. As the cost of the boats which the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division proposes to build for the use of Officers employed in the Delta appears to be excessive, the Government, before

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passing final orders on this application, request Captain Ryves to be good enough to furnish drawings, with estimates in detail, of the boats in question, as also of ordinary boats which may be rowed or sailed at pleasure, and be more easily towed than boats furnished with paddles.

2. The Government are inclined to the opinion that ordinary boats are preferable to those with paddles, but if the Superintending Engineer think otherwise, he will submit his reasons for recommending the latter.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with Estimate.

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*Superintending Engineer's Office,
1st Div. Camp Dowlaismaram,
2nd December 1867.*

*No 202
From Captain J. G. Ryves R.E.
Supg. Engineer, 1st Div.
To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. D.S.W.
Madras.*

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7. I have therefore the honor to submit for sanction the accompanying estimate amounting to Rs. 5200 for 2, 1st Class. 2, 2nd Class & 3, 3rd Class travelling boats.

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A. Ryves (Capt. R.E.)
Superintending Engineer 2nd Div.

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Public Works Department
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st December 1867

Read the following

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of the 1st Div.

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Dated 21st December 1867

Requesting the Supg.
Engr. of the 1st Division to
furnish further information
relative to the Boats proposed
to be built for Officers
employed in the Godavery
Delta.

No 473-474