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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st October 1870.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 15th September 1870, No. 2,074:—

IN continuation of my letter, No. 1,908, dated 5th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter, No. 298, dated 10th September 1870, received from the Executive Engineer in charge No. 1 Range, Godavery, for the information of Government.

2. I regret to say I cannot report at all favourably of the state of the boilers or machinery, and, if funds cannot be provided for their proper maintenance, the whole plant had better be sold for what it will fetch; of late years it has been little used and less looked after apparently.

From the Officer in charge No. 1 or Eastern Delta Range, Godavery District, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Dowlaishweram, 10th September 1870, No. 298.

IN reply to your memorandum No. 1,886, dated 5th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the boilers of the sea dredges were thoroughly inspected on the following dates:—

No. 1, Working dredge ...	{ November 1865. December 1866. December 1868.	No. 2, laid up ...	{ February 1866. January 1869.
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They were partially inspected at other times, the dates of which I have no record; the dates above given are the times when dredges were repaired, at any other time the boilers cannot be inspected without removing deck.

2. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice, that the punts belonging to these dredges are in terribly bad order for want of repair and will soon be useless; to put all the dredges and punts into good order about 20,000 Rupees are required.

3. I also again beg to point out that iron vessels laying in salt water require to be decked and painted twice a year, and for which purpose an annual sum of Rupees 8,000 at least is necessary for one tug, two dredges, and twelve punts, and without that expenditure, as I have repeatedly stated in writing and verbally, the vessels cannot be kept in efficient order.

4. I would also bring to your notice that, as reported nearly three years ago, the *Godavery* wants a new bottom, and it will cost roughly about 10,000 Rupees; if this is not done, or the vessel cannot be sold, I would recommend that she be docked (Coringa fashion), or she will some day go down at her anchors, and the engines, which are valuable, get spoiled also.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1870, No. 2,373.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

THE attention of the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division will be called to G. O., No. 2,242, and he will

be requested to expedite the submission of the information therein called for regarding the boilers of the dredges.

2. Adverting to paragraph 2 of this letter, Major Fischer will be informed that, as there are no funds available for appropriation to repairs, he will take measures for placing the vessels in dock out of reach of salt water, and will prepare and submit estimates for such work as may be necessary for protecting them from the action of the atmosphere.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Executive Engineer's Office
10th Septem^r 1870.

No 298

From

The Officer in Charge
No 1 or Eastern Delta Range
Godavery District.

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division, Dowlaishwarum.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No 1886 dated
5th Instant, I have the honor to inform you, that
the boilers of the Sea Dredges were thoroughly in-
spected on the following dates.

No 1 Working	Novr 1865	No 2 laid	Febry. 1866
Dredge	Decr 1866	up	Janry. 1869.
	Decr 1868		

They were partially inspected at other times, the
dates of which I have no record: the dates above
given are the times when Dredges were repaired,
at any other time the boilers cannot be inspected
without removing decks.

2. I take this opportunity of bringing to your
notice that the punts belonging to these dredges are
in terribly bad order for want of repair and will
soon be useless to put all the Dredges and punts
into good order about 20,000 Rs. are required.

No. 2074
From

Major J. F. Fischer R.E.
By Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To Colonel G. H. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government D. P. W.
Madras

SIR,

In continuation of my letter N^o 1908 dated 5th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter N^o 298 dated 10th September 1870 received from the Executive Engineer in charge N^o 1 Range Godavery for the information of Government.

2. I regret to say I cannot report at all favorably of the state of the Boilers or Machinery and if funds cannot be provided for their proper maintenance the whole plant had better be sold for what it will fetch, of late years it has been little used and left to rot apparently.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. H. Fisher Major R.E.
By Supg. Engineer 1st Div.

3. I also again beg to point out that iron vessels laying in salt water require to be docked and painted twice a year and for which purpose an annual sum of Rs. 8,000 at least is necessary for one tug, 2 Dredges, and 12 punts and without that expenditure as I have repeatedly stated in writing and verbally the vessels cannot be kept in efficient order.

4. I would also bring to your notice that as reported nearly 3 years ago the Godavery wants a new bottom and it will cost roughly about 10,000 Rs. if this is not done or the vessel cannot be sold I would recommend that she is docked (Coringa fashion) or she will some day go down at her anchors and the Engines which are valuable get spoiled also.

I have &c.
Signed J. F. Fischer
Executive Engineer.
True Copy

W. H. Fisher Major R.E.

Acting Superintending Engineer

11/5/53/10

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No 2373

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Under date the 1st Sept 1870

Read the following
From the acty Supg Engr
of the 1st Div (H.C. No 2074 of 15th Sept 1870)

The attention of the
Supg Engineer of the 1st
division will be called
to H. O. No. 2242, and he
will be requested to ex-
pedite the submission
of the information therein
called for regarding the
boilers of the dredges.

Adverting to para: 2
of this letter Major Fiocher
will be informed that,
as there are no funds
available for appropriation
to repairs, he will take
measures

11 Sept 70. Recd
From the acty Supg Engr
of the 1st Div
The 1st Supg Engr

1st Division

To
The Secretary to Government
Madras

Dated 15th September 1870.

Enclosure 1

In continuation of the

No 1908 dated 5th August
forwards for information of
Government Copy of a letter
from the Executive Engineer of
Range of Tanjore regarding the
state of the sea dredging
No 2373-1st Oct 1870

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vessels in docks out of
reach of salt water and
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[Signature]

The Supr Engineer
at San
Dec 3rd Oct 1870

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Ag. Superintending Engr.
1st. Division

Dated

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G. O. 1st. Secty 1870. No. 2373

Nos. 17918

Rules. Paying orders on the
letter from the M. S. Engr. the
1st Div. depending on the State of
the Railways of certain Districts.