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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th October 1870.*

No. 329. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 11th October 1870, No. 2,358.—

I HAVE the honour to request instructions on the following matter.

2. It appears that the owners of passenger boats plying on our canals refuse to carry Christian passengers on account of their caste, as they have licenses to ply for hire on the canals I held they were liable to punishment for refusing to fulfil the conditions of their contract with the public, and proposed to suspend their licenses. It now appears they intend to carry the matter into Court, on the plea that no such conditions have been laid down in their licenses, and I request I may be authorized to make the necessary additions in future.

3. I am not writing now particularly on behalf of Christians or any creed or caste, but because I consider it an entirely wrong principle to allow any people using a public highway, ostensibly for public purposes, to set up a standard of their own, as to who shall be accommodated, and who not. No objection has been raised to using the water supplied by the anicut, because it was designed and built by Christians, and it is a very petty, childish prejudice to indulge in, to say people of the same faith shall now be debarred the use of it by a quibble.

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1870, No. 2,528.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 30.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in this letter His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division to enter in all licenses which he may in future issue a clause stipulating that the holders thereof will be required to carry all passengers without reference to caste, creed, or colour.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Gobt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE ACTING SUPERINTENDING

ENGINEER 1st Div.

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Dated October 21st

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G O, 21th Oct 1870, 20 21

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Licenses—Authorizing the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division to enter in all licenses which may in future be issued a clause stipulating that the holders thereof will be required to carry all passengers without reference to caste, creed, or colour.

No 2358

Superintending Engr. Office 1st Division
Dowlaishwaram 11 October 1870

From

Major J. F. Fischer. R E
Ag. Supg. Engineer 1st Division.

To

Colonel L. A. Orr. R E
Secretary to Government P. W. D.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request instructions on the following matter

2 It appears that the owners of Passenger boats plying on our Canals refuse to carry Christian passengers on account of their caste; as they have licenses to ply for hire on the canals. Should they now be liable to punishment for refusing to fulfil the conditions of their contracts with the public, and proposed to suspend their licenses. It now appears they intend to carry the matter into court on the plea, no such conditions have been laid down in their licenses, and I request I may be authorized to make the necessary additions in future.

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childish prejudice to indulge in, to say people
of the same faith shall now be debarred the
use of it by a quibble.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. T. Tichenor Major &
Ag. Supg. Eng. 1st Division

No 2528 P. W. D.

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1st Div. } H. E. No. 23588/11
1st Div. } Oct 17/70

Under the circum-
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notice in this letter
His Excellency the
Governor in Council
authorizes the Acting
Superintending Eng^r
of the 1st Divⁿ to enter
in all licenses which
he may in future
issue a clause stipulating
that the holders thereof
will be required to carry

Public Works Dept. Madras
No. 2528-24-22 11/30

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Engineering Division

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Madras

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Request in connection
with certain additions
to be made in the
license for carrying
boats along the
canals in the Madras
District

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To
The Asstg. Superintending
Engineer 1st Division

Date

Recd

G.O. 24 Oct. 2528.

No 329-230

License. Authorizing the holder
to act as a tender in all business
which may in future be issued
a clause stipulating that the
holders thereof will be required
to carry all passengers without
reference to caste, creed or
color.