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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th May 1872.*

No. 80. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Bezwarah, 5th April 1872, No. 2 :—

REFERRING to the enclosed petition forwarded with your No. 548, 5th ultimo,

1 License Form.
1 Petition.

I have the honour to report that I have never received any appeal from either boat-owners or travellers against the

action of the clause inserted in the license, in pursuance of G. O., No. 2,528, 24th October 1870, on a reference made by the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st

G. O., No. 305, dated 1st February 1872.]

Division. The Government will have seen from my No. 93, 23rd October

1871, that I deprecated the interference with the trade suggested by the Collector of the Kistna District.

2. So far as I can discover the persons who complain are Christian converts, or pariah servants of gentlemen; few others of the classes objected to travel at all. The latter, if accompanying their masters, I believe find no difficulty, and my own servants say that they have never failed to get conveyance, though perhaps after some short delay. I am free to confess that I see small prospect of any accommodation being specially provided for persons of these classes under ordinary circumstances.

3. There is certainly no religious reason why the brahmin and the pariah should not travel together; more than one brahmin subordinate of mine has gladly accepted the convenience of travelling in my boat, in the full knowledge that my cook and sweeper were on board. The ordinary transit boats are manned by large numbers of Mussulmen, and I cannot conceive that they can be admitted as less alien than the pariah.

4. At the same time it must be acknowledged that the prejudice does exist very strongly in the Kistna District. I have heard that a high native official was taunted by his stricter brethren with sitting under a pariah coachman in his palanquin carriage, and that he was obliged to dismiss him.

5. While this feeling prevails, it is clear that such a clause in the boat license as the one complained of may affect very seriously the earnings of the boat-owners, who may be obliged, by fear of having their licenses suspended, to sacrifice the passage money of a large number of Brahmins and Sudras, because one pariah insists on being admitted.

6. It must be borne in mind that no boat has been allowed to pass our locks (unless by oversight) without a license. I was not aware till lately, or I should have urged it in my No. 93 of 23rd October 1871, that, under precedent of long standing, Mr. Norris, Assistant Engineer, and other gentlemen had been called on to pay license for their pleasure boats.

7. Many of the boats are not plying for hire. They carry their owners goods from some entrepôt inland to the coast, and either convey return goods of theirs or in some cases go back empty; they receive licenses to carry goods or passengers, but I fail to see how they can be compelled to carry either.

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8. I have reason to understand that no passengers are refused except in cases where those already on board object; and till this G.O. was issued the action of the boat-owner or his Agent was regulated by his calculation as to the profit which he might expect either immediately or on the whole by rejecting this or that party.

9. A form of license now issued to boat-owners in the Kistna canals is enclosed.

No. 51. Order number, 4th May 1872, No. 1,150.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

As the question raised in Petition No. 548 of 1872 affects boat-owners in the Godavery as well as the Kistna canals, the Government resolve to forward the papers now before them to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, with a view to obtaining the opinion of that officer as to the general working of the license now granted, and the existence or otherwise of any grievance of the nature complained of by the petitioners.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

to the Superintending Engineers, 1st and 2nd Divisions.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

No. 2

Superintending Engineer
Office, 2nd Division
Camp, Beawarrah
5th April 1872

Colonel & J. F. Nicholas P.E.
Superintending Engineer
Colonel J. Carpenter P.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Enclosure
1 license form
1 Petition

Referring to the enclosed petition forwarded with your 12544 & 11120, I have the honor to report that I have never received any appeal from either boat-owners or travellers against the action of the license issued in the license form forwarded of G.O. 12528. 26 October 1871. I have been informed by the Acting Superintending Engineer 1st Division that you want to be informed from my 12543. 22 October 1871. that I represented the interest of the boat-owners suggested by the Collector of the Kistna District. So far as I can discover the persons who complain are Christian converts, or Danish converts of gentle men - few others of the classes objected

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1st Feb 1872

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9. All forms of license now issued to boat owners
in the Panama Canal is of close off
I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. C. C. C.

Superintendent Engineer

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a 1st Copy 1872-1873

W. 1872 Michael.
No 1753.

The Super Engineer
The Secretary to
Govt. S.W.

Dated 10th April 1872
Res 10th April 1872
Submits report on the
petition (herewith returned)
from boat owners & others
objecting to Canvey pier
with high water people
on the boats & encloses
a form of licence as requested.

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From The Super Engineer } H.E. No 2 of 5th April 1872
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Superintending Engineer
1872 (Division)

4th May 1850.

No 80481

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in the Kiche Canal
for the conveyance of
mixed passengers forwarded
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