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No. 251. Read the following letter from Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., District Engineer, Kistna, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Masulipatam, 20th May 1873, No. 231:—

With reference to paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 1,096, dated 16th April 1873, I have the honour to forward a statement showing the district boats at present in this district, and the condition of the Boat Funds.

2. Since writing the letter printed with the above Government Order I have been given to understand that the Delta Ranges will be divided, and each of the new ranges put under the charge of an Assistant Engineer; under those circumstances I do not think any additional first-class boats are required. The Range Officers will not have such continual travelling by canal as at present, and the rent of a first-class boat is a heavy charge on the travelling allowance of an Assistant Engineer. I propose, therefore, to put the present boats into good order and distribute them among the Delta Officers; the two Upper Subordinates, who under the proposed arrangements will remain in the district, will not require boats.

3. The boats available for Range Officers are two old paddle-boats from the Upper Godavery—cost not known at present—which I propose to fit up at an expenditure of 300 Rupees each. One second-class boat, original cost 250 Rupees, put in order for 250 Rupees; and two old ancient paddle-boats, one of which has a wooden cabin in front and the other a roof with parlais. These will suffice for the four Assistant Engineers to be in charge of ranges and the Assistant Engineer just joined.

4. The paddle-boats from the Godavery will, I should imagine, cost but little more than a third-class boat (new), but the accommodation will be better than in a third-class boat. I originally proposed to class them as third-class boats, but looking to the accommodation provided, and to the probability of the proportion of boat rent reserved for reconstruction not being sufficient, at a rent of Rupees 8 per mensem, to pay for a new boat by the time the paddle-boats are worn out, I think they should be classed as intermediate between second and third class; and a rent of 12 Rupees per mensem charged for them. The second class boat is a very old one and inferior to the present second-class boats, and as the balance to the credit of the boat is considerable, I propose to reduce the rent of it also to Rupees 12 per mensem. The old paddle-boats are of very little value, I would allow the rent of them to remain as at present, and be satisfied if the receipts pay for the necessary expenditure on them.

5. If the arrangements I have proposed meet with the approval of Government, as I trust they will, I have to request that the amount required for fitting up the Godavery paddle-boats, approximately 600 Rupees, may be sanctioned and funds allotted. The amount required for putting the second-class boat into order, I propose to provide from the balance at credit of the boat.

6. In requesting the approval of Government to these arrangements, I wish to call attention to the fact that, with the exception of the District Engineer's boat, the accommodation for the officers of Government has been provided by purchasing old boats at a low price, the estimated expenditure when the boats are fit for use being only Rupees 1,650, while the amount at credit of the boats is more than Rupees 800, and that the boats are much inferior to those which have been provided for the Godavery District. I think they will do sufficiently well for the present, but after the lapse of a few years it will be necessary to provide new boats, when it

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should be remembered that the District Officers have never been provided with proper boats in the Kistna District.

Statement showing District Boats in the Kistna and condition of Boat Funds on 31st March 1873.

Description of boat.	Cost	Officer occupying	Monthly rent.	Total amount spent on repair.	Amount reserved for re-construction.	Remarks
First Class	1,200	District Engineer	24	14 5 10	55 10 2	
Second ..	500	Lieutenant Campbell, Assistant Engineer.	16	131 9 5	633 0 5	
Third ..		Mr. Peters, Assistant Engineer.	8	221 11 9	130 1 3	Out of order and do not work.
Do ..		Mr. Norris, Assistant Engineer.	7	60 13 10	60 1 1	do not work.

Camp at Madras, 20th May 1873.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Kistna.

No. 255. ORDER IN COUNCIL, 19th June 1873, No. 1,508.
ACCOUNT, No. 10.

In pursuance of the sanction given in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 1,090, of the 16th April 1873, for the construction of the arrangements for providing the Range Officers with boats, which are detailed in this letter from the District Engineer, which arrangements are suited to the revised scheme of ranges sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,406, dated 23rd May 1873.

2. Rupees 600 are placed at the District Engineer's disposal, from the amount reserved under Tools and Plant, for the purpose of rendering the two boats, received from the Godavery, available for the use of two of the Range Officers.

3. With reference to the last paragraph of Major Hasted's letter, it may be noticed that, if the amounts reserved from the rents received for the boats are, at the time when re-construction, or the substitution of a better description of boat, may become necessary, equal to their cost, the Government will be prepared to sanction the difference between these amounts and those required for new boats of approved design. The condition, on which the provision of boats has from the first been sanctioned, is that re-construction shall be provided for out of revenue or hire, and the monthly rent must be so adjusted as to ensure, not only ordinary up-keep, but the accumulation of the original capital invested by the time the boats become unfit for further service.

(True Extract.)

To the District Engineer, Kistna
.. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Ed. S. T. Austin.
Spare Office.

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

Statement showing District boats in the Kistna and condition of boat funds on 31st March 1873.

Description of boat	Cost	Officer occupying	Monthly rent	Total amount spent on repair	Amount reserved for re-construction	Remarks
First class	1,200	Lieut. Engineer	24	14 5 10	55 10 2	
Second class	500	Lieut. Campbell, Asst. Engineer	16	131 9 5	633 0 5	
Third class	"	Mr. Peters, Asst. Engineer	8	221 11 9	130 1 3	Bl'd present for re-construction. 1000 on a bill. over, in front.
Third class	"	Mr. Norris, Asst. Engineer	7	60 13 10	60 1 1	do not work. 1000 on a bill. over, in front.

for actd Major R.E.
District Engineer

Residual Engineering Office
Kistna
20th May 1873

No 23

District Engineer's Office
Camp Mahanipatan
20 May 1878

(3)
From Major J. A. Foster R.E.
District Engineer
Kistner
Lieut Colonel J. Mullins R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Dear Sir,
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With reference to para 4 of G.O.
No 1096 dated 16th April 1878. I have
the honor to forward a statement
showing the District Boats at present
in this district and the condition of
the boat funds.
2. Since writing the letter printed
with the above G.O. I have been
given to understand that the Delta
Range will be divided and each
of the new Ranges put under the
charge of an Assistant Engineer.
Under these circumstances I do
not think any additional 1st Class

Boats are required. The Range
Officers will not have such continual
travelling by Canal as at present,
and the rent of a 1st Class Boat
is a heavy charge on the Travelling
allowance of an Assistant Engineer.
I propose therefore to put the present
boats into good order and distribute
them among the Settlement Officers, the 2
upper subordinates who under the
proposed arrangements will remain
in the District, will not require boats.
3. The boats available for Range
Officers are 2 old paddle boats from
the upper Godavery. Cost not known
at present, which I propose to fit
up at an expenditure of 300 Rupees
each - One 2nd Class boat, original
cost 250 Rupees, put in order for
250 Rupees, and 2 old Assistant
paddle boats, one of which has a
wooden cabin in front and the

other a roof with paddles. These
will suffice for the 4 Assistant
to be in charge of Ranges, and the
Assistant Engineer's party -
4. The paddle boats from the
Godavery, will I should imagine
cost but little more than a 3rd class
boat (new), but the accommodation
will be better than in a 3rd class
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to class them as 3rd class boats,
but looking to the occasional duties
provided and to the probability
of the proportion of Boat (Rent)
received for remuneration not being
sufficient, at a rent of Rupees 8 per
month, to pay for a new Boat by
the time the paddle boats are worn
out, I think they should be
classed as intermediate between
2nd and 3rd class and a rent of
12 Rupees per month charged
for them. The 2nd Class Boat is

is a very old one and inferior to
the present 2nd Class Boats, and
as the balance to the credit of the
Boat is considerable, I propose
to reduce the rent of it also to Rs. 12
per mensem. The old paddle
boats are of very little value, &
I would allow the rent of them
to persons as at present, and be
satisfied, if the receipts pay for
the necessary expenditure on them.
5. Of the arrangements I have
proposed must with the approval
of Government, as I trust they
will, I have to request that the
amount required for fitting up
the Godavery paddle boats,
approximately 600 Rupees, may
be sanctioned and funds allotted.
The amount required for putting
the 2nd Class boat into order. I
propose to provide from the balance

at credit of the boat. 1
6. In requesting the approval
of Government to these arrangements,
I wish to call attention to the fact,
that with the exception of the District
Engineer's boat, the accommodation
for the Officers of Government has
been provided by purchasing old boats
at a low price, the estimated expenditure
when the boats are fit for use being
only Rupees 1650 while the amount at
credit of the boats is more than Rs. 800,
and that the boats are much inferior
to those which have been provided
for the Godavery District. I
think they will do sufficiently well
for the present, but after the lapse
of a few years it will be necessary
to provide new boats when it
should be remembered
that the District Officers
have never been provided

with proper boats in the Kistna District.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

John A. Russell

District Engineer Kistna

Public Works Department

N^o 7598

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Read the following

From The District Engineer

Kistna

M.O. N^o 237/20th May 1873

In pursuance of the sanction given in para 3 of G.O. N^o 1096 of the 16th April 1873, for the construction of an additional T. & C. Boat for the Kistna Delta, the report approved of the arrangements for providing the Kistna Delta with boats, which are detailed in this letter from the District Engineer, which

W/E

which arrangements
are suited to the re-
vised scheme of Rugs,
sanctioned in L.O. 12406
dated 23 May 1973

2. Rugs 300 are
placed at the District
Engineer's disposal, for
the amount received
under L.O. 12406, for
the purpose of tender-
ing the 2 boats, re-
quired from the Goda-
verry, available for the
use of 2 of the Range
Officers.

3. With reference to
the last paragraph
of Major Baskin's letter,
it may be noticed that,
if the amounts received
from the boats receive
for the boats are, at
the time when recon-
struction, or the sub-
stitution of a better
boat is required.

at least, may be
made, equal to
their cost, the Govt
will be prepared to
sanction the difference
between these amounts,
and those required
for new boats of
approved design.
The condition, now
which the provision
of boats has been
first been sanc-
tioned, is that re-
construction shall
be provided for out
of revenues or hire,
and the monthly
rent must be so
adjusted as to en-
sure, not only the
ordinary upkeep of
the boats, but also

of the original ca-
pital invested, by
the time the boats
become unfit for
service.

by 3/6/73
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Boats Passenger
In letter from the
Kistna, reporting on the
boats in use with
Officers in the Kistna.

6 Dr. Reuben
5 Chas. J. J. J.
C. J. J.
Dec 26/6/73

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