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Respected Sir,

I am very sorry to find that the Government have desired me to deposit forty five thousand Rupees on account of the repairs and to be responsible for the loss of any plant. I never understood that I shall have to bear such a heavy expenditure. In all your letters you only pleased to say the expenses of the steamer will be about Rs. 1500 per month so I thought I will not be required to pay any more money and the D.P.M. might have always one month's advance as security. I cannot make out whether the Government misunderstood of my saying in my first letter that I shall deposit with the Collector Rs. 45,000 on account of salt to be purchased.

Between merchants & boat owners it was only usual when boats were given out on hire or rent to fix a monthly sum to be payable by the renter to the owner who only will execute all repairs and pay the Licence. The renter in himself will employ all Calasces and Sundals. Hence the arrangement ought to be a similar one. For the advantage of the Government I gave them the option of employing their own servants whose salaries I agreed to pay. The requiring me to bear the heavy expenditure of repairs which are wanted on account of their long use in the Dept. appears to me to be unreasonable. While the Government Officers takes the management of the steamers and boats who should I be responsible?

Rent for the steamers & so the Government will have to advance funds for the repairs of the steamers and boats.

I think you are well aware that I shall have to deposit with the Collector a large amount of money under the value of salt and will have the risk of building store houses and to store the salt for along time and thereby to lose a large amount of interest & wastage because the Salt Merchants will not be accustomed to come to these new localities until some months to come and that I shall have to buy Gummy bags, Scales and other things which all amount to a large sum. These charges I must incur whether the experiment succeeds or not. Instead of depositing 15,000 Rs with the Collector for the steamers and paying several thousands of Rupees for repairs, it might be to my own advantage if I could buy a new steamer for myself.

Under these circumstances I beg to represent you that I am unable to embark in this business unless I am allowed the liberties asked for in above paras.

As I shall be the first person who must incur all kinds of vain expenses & troubles of the commencement and when the business begins

begins to be profitable, as competitors will at once come forward I intended to ask the favor of the Government to let me have the monopoly of conveying salt on the River at least for the first two years - I have no objection for the other conditions laid down in the order above quoted.

As this is the beginning of Native enterprise in this part of the country and of the establishment of a commercial connection between the distant countries for which the Govt have already spent Lacs of Rupees. I beg the paternal Govt will be so kind as to help a common subject of the land either by sacrificing a few Rupees instead of binding the stranger with harsh conditions.

Masulipatam
16th June 1873

I beg to remain
Sir
your Most Obedient Servant
Signed H. Vainaswara Dw

/True Copy/

W. T. T. S. R. B. E.
District Engineer Godavari

responsible for the loss of any plant. If the Government please the conditions ought to be as follows to make me to undertake the trade on the steamers - 1st A monthly sum must be fixed on account of salaries, repairs and reserve fund to meet the value of the plant. And such a sum will be paid by me at beginning of every month and then to allow me the use of the steamers & should the steamers did not work for any period on account of the repairs or any accidents, the proportionate sum for the delay must be repaid to me. 2nd I am not to be responsible for the loss and management of the steamers and boats. 3rd I may have the option of buying them at the end of the year should I desire to do so at a price to be then fixed by arbitrators. 4th I might reserve sufficient place for other traders and passengers on reasonable rates. Should the Government be so kind to sanction the renting of the steamers ^{on these conditions} I am still ready to undertake the business. As I have addressed a letter to your honor and another letter to Vingarazgar to represent these circumstances only I beg you will order him to write to me what was your opinion on the subject.

17-6-73

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I remain your most obedt servant
(Signed) C. Amaswami

I regret much that there was so much misunderstanding in the matter.

(True Copy)
W. to Fisher
District Engineer Johanna

Received
14th Aug 73

Little Colonel J. F. Fische R.E.

District Engineer Johanna District

In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant I beg to represent you that I cannot take over the steamers on the conditions laid down in the Govt order under the date of the 20th Ultimo.

I do not know why I should deposit with the Govt Rs 5000/- and to bind myself to pay the loss of any plant. As the steamers and boats will be in the charge and under the management of a European Officer / Captain Barber / the crew & balance selected by Government I could not see how I could make away the steamers or loose them by my negligence. I am of course ready to pay the salaries & fee at the end of every month and will make a deposit before hand a monthly total of the sum so that I may not run away at the end of the month without paying the expenses after using the steamers.

As for the repairs. I beg to state that the annual amount must be fixed at the beginning only and may be taken monthly in proportions with the amount of salaries together with a reasonable

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 1873
 Enclosure in a letter
 No 949 dated 27 June 1873
 from the District Engineer
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 to Government N. P. 15
 Madras.

N. No 949 District Engineer's Office Godavery
 Dowlaiahwarum 27 June 1873.

To
 Lieut Col. J. T. Fischer R.E.
 District Engineer Godavery

From
 Col. J. M. Nocher R.E.
 Secretary to Government S. P. 15

To
 Mr. M. M. M.

On receipt of G.O. of the 30th May 1873
 No 1458 A, I communicated a copy of the same
 to C. C. Amaswarra Di'ke and now I have the
 honor to forward for the information of Government
 copies of letters received from him in which
 he declines to accept the terms offered to him
 by Government and proposes some other conditions
 which he trusts the Government will be pleased
 to take into their favorable consideration.

I cannot but think the floating
 Plant should be put into thorough working
 order at the expense of Government before
 being lent to Camaswarra, but he ought to
 be responsible for its maintenance as long
 as it remains with him. As the Captain
 and Crew are appointed by Government, he
 of course, cannot be held responsible for
 the working of the vessels or their loss; it would be

be impossible to work the vessels without these individuals, at all events at first starting and this is a point Camaswaras does not appear to have well considered: in his first letter to me offering to lodge Rs. 45,000 as security with the Collector whilst using this Plan, he said nothing at all about this being an account of salt, in fact his whole letter referred to obtaining the use of the Steamers.

3 If the Government should not now be disposed to encourage this individual further in his enterprise, I request you will be good enough to let me know if I am to go up the river and carry out the instructions contained in Pro: of Government of the 7th April/73 No 1071 I have made application to collect firewood so as to be prepared as much as possible for this duty, but up to this date, I have received no further instructions, as the river will now be soon in fresh, I beg orders may be sent to me as early as possible.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt servant
Wm: T. Tucker Lieut Col R.E.
(District Engineer Godavari)

is no probability of any more

Camp Dowlaismarum
5th August 1873. !!
Respectfully

No 1470
From

The Collector and District Engineer
Gosawry

The Secretary to Government
P. M. D.
Madras

With reference to G.O. of the
5th July 1873, No 1738, we have the honor
to submit the following report for the con-
sideration and orders of Government.

2 We would premise that the subject
of Navigating the Gosawry had been submitted
by us when sending up the proposal to work
the scheme by Local Roads; also in pro-
posing to establish salt depots up the
river and to allow a private individual
to work the Steamers, the matter had been
verbally discussed between us.

3 The proposal now sent to us for
consideration is that of the Deputy
Commissioner Sriracha and seeing there
is no probability of any private individual
accepting

The Secretary to Government
P. M. D.
Madras

The District Engineer
Gosawry, District

The Secretary to Government
P. M. D. Madras

Recd. 27th June 1873

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Forwarded copies of
letter received from
the Government objecting
to accept the proposal
not by Government regarding
the issue and making
certain proposals which
be considered by Government
consideration of Government

No 1504

No 1504/14 July 1873

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accepting such terms as those offered by the Government, also that it is inexpedient for any private person to have the independent charge of these steamers, to work them with such crews as he could pick up at a sea-port, further that the Government have declined the Local Fund cannot be applied to this purpose, we consider Major Scott's proposition the best which can be adopted if the Government will provide the necessary means from the Provincial Budget of this Presidency or submit the matter for the consideration of the Government of India connected as it is with the Imperial revenue of the country.

This can be shown by considering the chief article of import, so much in request up there, a steamer can convey up at each trip 1200 bags of salt, the cost of this at Cocanada would be Rs: 4800, or Rs: 5000 delivered at Rajahmundry, the steamer expenses for the trip will be about Rs: 500 making the total outlay for one journey Rs: 5500. Salt sells up there at present at about Rs: 12 per bag, and this cargo would then be worth Rs: 14400, leaving a profit of Rs: 8900 on each trip for salt alone without taking into consideration what the passenger traffic may become or what other

other produce may be sent down or up, any thing urged upon these subjects might be considered as mere conjecture but as regards the prices for salt at Cocanada and Surincha, these can be tested by a reference to the price lists of the Districts, those published in the Indian Economist, it has often been alleged that the country up the river is all jungle but as there is a large export trade from Cocanada of Horns and Hides, there is every probability of these articles at least finding their way down the river, other products such as hemp, gingelly and Castor oil seeds, bees-wax, yea now come down the river by boats, and as the certainty of the means of conveyance are better known, there can be no doubt the trade will increase; again we have a large Emigration from the District to Burma &c. Moulinia yea yea, there is no reason why this should not be turned up the river by holding out inducements to these people to take up the land on favorable terms and so develop the resources of the country. We propose then that two steamers

should run, a third being kept available
for use, in case one of them breaks down;
that they should run for the six months
or so that the river is navigable; that
during the time the river is navigable the
whole way the two steamers should run
the whole distance each, and that at other
times of the year, the two steamers must
work, one above, the other below, Damagudim,
arrangements being made about transhipping
the goods; that Government should work
the steamers themselves, and that the Central
Provinces should pay half the expenses
of the undertaking and receive half the
profits, this last proposal being of course
on the supposition that Government will
take no part in establishing depôts for
salt, the profits being derived only from the
carriage of goods and passengers: we
cannot urge this matter too strongly
for the favorable consideration of the
Government convinced as we are that
full justice cannot be done to the Delta
works until the means of cheap communica-
tion with the interior are fully established.
the

the Delta with its abundant supply of
water and cheap means of transport by
Canals can raise ~~immense~~ quantities
of produce which are of the greatest value
in the interior, such as tobacco, sugar, betel,
Coconuts, Chillies &c requiring a supply
of water at a time of the year when this is
not available in the Central Provinces,
as the Districts there are subject only to
the influence of S. W. monsoon and for
8 months in the year have no reliable
rain-fall so that stored water up there
has to last nearly double the time it has
to do in more favored parts, and it is
only necessary to look at the price list
above referred to, to see that the Berars
with the Rail-way from Bombay are
running thro' them have to pay nearly
100 per Cent more than the Bombay
prices for their salt to appreciate
what a boon such a line of navigation
would be to these parts to afford the
people

people up there the means of obtaining
of this great necessary of life even for us
at moderate rates

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt. servants

W S Foster

Ag. Collector of Jodan

W: to teacher Sicut Col Ml

(District Engineer Jodan)

...a reasonable cargo of
private goods for deli-
very at any station
on the River not higher
than the prevailing rates,
at such rates as may be
agreed on. Mudhe shall
report the details of such
experimental trips, their
cost and profits, repeat-
ed as often as the River
may be open for naviga-
tion, with a view to the
record of data for the
use of interested traders
in future years. Due
notice of the dates of pro-
bable despatch of steam-
ers will be given to the
public, to the B. P. Com-
missioners of Mysore at
Srirangapatna, and to the
Port at Madras.

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The Order of Govt. No. 1071 of
7th April, attended to in the
District, business pending
is in abeyance pending
the final decision of the
Govt of India as to the
transfer of the Works of
the 3rd Barrages - No more
Tools or Stores or Plant
will be brought down the
River; and L. J. Dirker
will on no account ac-
company the Steamers
beyond his own District.
G.M.W.

Dr. E. G. Godavari

Dr. S. Copy despatch

S. C. 14th Dec 73

Per. Secy to S. C. (15)

Subd 6/10/73

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