

- (1) பக்கங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை _____
(2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் _____
(3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் _____

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

அவ்வண துறை

அரசாணை எண். — 1122 மு. கோப்புத் தாள் எண். B.no (541-542)	அச்சகம் பலவகை
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மடிக்கவோ கண்டபடி கையாளவோ கூடாது

Ferry Fund.

No. 290. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1875, No. 260 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rajahmundry, 5th December 1874, No. 452 :—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 31st August 1874, No. 2,446, I have the honor to inform you that the District Engineer tells me that there is no steamer which can be used across the river at Rajahmundry. From the *Madras Mail* of the 26th September 1874, I observe that there are steamers available for sale with Messrs. Yarrow and Hedley, Engineers and Ship-builders, Isle of Dogs, Poplar, London. I think that the one valued from £360 to 1,040 might be obtained. We might go to the extent of £2,000 or £3,000 if we could get one suitable for the purpose of not only taking passengers, but also towing boats across the river. There are funds enough; the amount in hand on the 30th September 1874 being Rupees 54,207. Inquiries might first be made in England as to whether these steamers would be able to cross the Godavery at Rajahmundry when the river is in flood, and I have no doubt that Sir Arthur Cotton would willingly give us his opinion if he were asked. I, therefore, request that the Board will take steps to ascertain whether a steamer can be got fitted for the purpose intended. I think that the steamer should, if possible, be narrow enough to go through the locks in case this might be necessary; the locks are twenty feet wide.

2. The ferry at Rajahmundry paid a rent of Rupees 1,265 in Fasli 1281, and Rupees 1,480 in Fasli 1282. In the past and current years, it is under the direct management of Government. The average receipts per month may be calculated at 250 Rupees, and the expenditure is Rupees 177½ for the same period. There is thus a saving of Rupees 870 in a year. I do not suppose at first we shall make any revenue out of the steamer; but I do not anticipate any loss from it. If it did prove a loss, it might be made use of on the canals between Bezvada and Cocanada, especially by the Post Office. The ferry is a very important one, and it is very necessary that the people should be provided with the best means of conveyance, as, especially during the freshes, boats are dangerous. The sacrifice of revenue is a matter of minor consideration, seeing that there is a large balance in hand, and there is a great deal to be added to it every year from the ferries.

3. At many of the ferries there are no boats supplied by Government. I propose building some boats from the balance in hand, and giving them to the renters holding them responsible to keep them in repair. This course avoids the necessity of our licensing the boats every year, and will leave little room for the people to complain of the want of accommodation and safety in the boats. If the Board approve of this suggestion, I request they will sanction a sum of Rupees 5,000 for the purpose.

4. I would also propose that the Act (I. of 1870) be extended to the crossings over the several irrigation channels without collecting any tolls, as the Government are not bound to collect them. If this is done, we might, to some extent, supply the deficiencies of the agricultural grant.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department.
22nd February 1875.

THE Collector's proposal to obtain a steamer for the Rajahmundry Ferry seems to the Board to merit consideration. The river is so broad and rapid that there must often be great delay and some danger in crossing by an ordinary ferry-boat, and the traffic is great. The Board accordingly request Government, unless they altogether disapprove of the project, to cause inquiries to be made as to what would be the cost of buying, fitting up, importing, working, and keeping in repair a steamer such as that described by the Collector.

2. It is observed that the Collector is scarcely justified in assuming that the whole of the surplus of the Ferry Fund in the Godavery District will be available for expenditure in that district.

3. The allotment requested in paragraph 3 is allowed.

4. With regard to paragraph 4, the Collector should submit a draft notification. Section 2, Madras Act I. of 1870, seems to require that the ferries to which the Act is to be applicable shall be specified.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

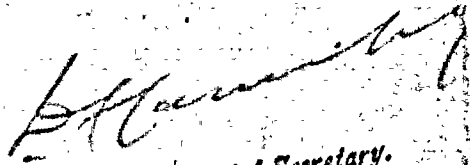
H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1875, No. 401.

The necessary inquiries regarding steamers will be made in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)


Acting Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Coast
Read the following
Pro: of the Madras Coast
in the Ind. Dept. (H. E. No. 401 of 22nd Feb 1875)

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The Chief Engineer for Irrigation has recently, by O. 17th February 1875, No. 473, - been authorized to communicate with the Master Attendant at Calcutta, with a view to certain Steamers required for the Godavery and Krishna Deltas being constructed in the Government Dockyard. The smaller of these steamers will be not much larger than

P. M. 1875 Sept.

(2) No. 1527

Govt. of 1875

FINANCIAL.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Co., &c., &c.

Dated February, 22nd.

Recd. March 8th

G.O., 22nd February 1875, No. 401.

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NO. 290291.

1875 Feb 19/75 No. 473, 426-427.
 " 18/75 No. 73 - 2050 274-275.
 " 27/75 No. 74 - 2020 - 513-515.
 " 12/75 No. 1 - 2600-269-268.

Ferry at Rajahmundry.—The Public Works Department requested to make certain inquiries regarding the cost of buying, fitting up, importing, working, and keeping in repair a steamer for this ferry.

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than will be wanted for a
steam ferry at Rajahmundry.
Should it be decided to estab-
lish that means of crossing
the river there, and Lieut
Colonel Mullins will report
the result of his enquiries,
when no doubt it will be
comparatively easy to design
and estimate the cost of such
a boat as the Collector of the
Godavery District requires.

J.M.V.

To the District Engr. Godavery
6 " Supty Engr. Krishna
5 " Chief Engr. for Irrigation
5 " Collector of Godavery
4 " Financial Dept.
1 " Board of Revenue
Recd 23-4-25

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1875
Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
Mr. C. S. S. S.
Sodary.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 21 April 1875, No.

1122

Nos. 571-572

Steamers required for the
Sodary & Kishia Bellas

Whereby that the Chief Secy
for India has been authorized
to communicate with the
Master Attendant, Calcutta,
regarding the construction of
the port dockyard
regarding Col Mullins to
want the result of his en-
quiries ~~with~~ with a view
to the design & cost of a steamer
for the Sodary & Kishia Bellas

Dec 23-4-75