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From,

Major J. Beatty R.E.

District Engineer Godavari.

To,

Lieutenant Colonel J. Mullins R.E.

Offg. Chief Engineer & Secretary to Govt. of M.

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to that part of G.O. No. 1271 of 5th Ultimo, directing me to report what use I can make of the "Prince", the "Fred and May" and the "Shamrock" and how I would propose to dispose of them if I cannot utilize them, I have the honor to state that the "Prince" and the "Shamrock" are not required here, and that I consider it advisable to retain the "Fred and May" for use in the river above the Amicut. 2. The "Prince" as you are doubtless aware was purchased specially for the Upper Godavari navigation, and worked on the river, keeping up communication with Durgam Cheruvu in

in the freshes, from 1860 to 1868, the year that the "Godavery" "Murda" and "Wynegunga" were brought out and built on the banks of the river. The "Prince" is no longer required for the Upper Godavery service, and owing to her great draught and high starboard she is ill adapted to the work required among the shoals and shallows near Dowlaishwaram; consequently she has lain idle for several years. The "Prince" would, it is believed, do well for towing cargo boats into and out of such a place as Cocanada in moderate weather, but she requires a good deal of repair and should under any circumstances be taken over the Annicut and down to Coringa in the first high freshes. I request sanction to have this done.

For, before sending the "Prince" to sea she must be docked and examined, and this can best be done at Coringa, and necessary repairs effected. She is known to have been upon rocks on the Upper Godavery more than once. When on some rocks in 1866-67 she sustained severe injury in the starboard bow which was never well repaired, and she also requires several

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several alterations to fit her for being sent to sea.

4. The steamers we now have at Dowlaishwaram for towing boats across the river are the "Thistle" and "Little Nell"; for the "Fawn" is only of use for inspection purposes. Now the "Thistle" and "Shamrock" are vessels of about the same size and efficiency. They are capable of towing boats across the river in moderate currents, but useless for such work when there is more than four to five feet on the Annicut. Consequently another boat like the "Thistle" is not wanted; but one of greater power such as the "Fred and May" (sister boat to the "Frank and Ada", which did good service in the great fresh of 1861, as I observe by Major Stoddard's reports) would be of much use in high floods.

5. The "Shamrock" is now lying at Cocanada having been recently returned to this Presidency from Calcutta. She is also supposed to be well adapted for towing cargo boats at one of the ports, but she is much less powerful than the "Fred and May", now under repair in the dry dock near Dowlaishwaram, and therefore

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of the two she is least fitted to contend
with heavy currents in the river, during
the freshes and had better be transferred
to some other place.

6. Possibly the Marine Department may
be willing to give the "Prince" and "Shamrock"
a trial at Negapatam, Cochin, or the Pamban
pass. If not, I would suggest their being
sent for sale to Singapore about January next.
Singapore is said to be the best market for
such craft.

Have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. Peatty Major R.E.

District Engineer Godavery.

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P. W. 1875 Dept.
From
No: 4093
The District Engineer
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To
The Offg Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Govt. S. W.

Dated 17th June 1875
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Reporting on what
should be done
with the steamers
"Prince" "Fred" and
"May" and "Shamrock"

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Memorandum.

In the opinion of the undersigned the "Prince" is adapted only for river work and she would not do for the Cocanada Harbour service. However it would be desirable to have the opinion of the Master Attendant at Cocanada on this point as early as possible as unless she be wanted on the coast it would not be desirable to take her down into salt water where if out of use, both hull and engines would deteriorate rapidly. The engines are powerful and were in excellent order when inspected at the end of 1873. If the steamer be useless at Cocanada the engines and boilers might be valued and offered for sale.

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2. The "Shamrock" is as regards
hull a sister vessel of the "Thistle"
but she was re-engined while on the
Upper Godavari works and her
engines are much more powerful
it is believed than those of the "Thistle"
though altogether she is probably
not a more efficient boat for river
work at Dowlaishweram. She too
must not be left longer than is
available at Kesanada in salt
water, if her services be not required
by the Marine Department.

3. The "Fred and May" is
a sister vessel to the "Frank and
Ada" which has been ordered to
be transferred permanently to the
Marine Department. They were
built for Harbour tugs and are
better adapted to such service
than to river work, their freeboards
being

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being considerable. If the Marine
Department wish to have the "Fred
and May" the undersigned thinks
that she should be made available
for the service for which she was
built, but otherwise there can be
no objection to her employment,
while not otherwise required, at
Dowlaishweram.

Dated and
30 June 1875

Lt. Col. R.E.
Offg. Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

X^d att^d

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Ordered that
these papers be com-
municated to the
Marine Department
in order that it may
be determined whether
the steamers Prince
and Shamrock are
deemed suitable for
work in that Dept.
either at Cocanada
or

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or elsewhere, and also
whether the Fred and
May a sister tug to the
Frank & Ada will be
required for Harbour
work at Vancouver.

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& "Fred and Mary." — Pres.

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on the use to be made of
the _____.