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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th June 1876. *No* 1,658.

No 633. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary, dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1876, No 994 —

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq, Lieutenant, R.N R, Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st June 1876, No 4,082.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum, No 913, of the 17th instant, and to state that an inquiry has been made from Messrs. Witber and Company, of False Point, regarding the terms of sale and description of the Steamer *Prince*, to which I have duly replied. I am also in communication with the Marine Departments at Bombay and Calcutta, and will make a final report to Government on the subject shortly

2 It is, however, highly advisable that the very earliest opportunity be taken of getting the *Prince* over the anicut She is no use above it, and the chances of a good market for her are yearly much reduced by deterioration, and she requires to be seen to secure any purchaser.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for the issue of the necessary instructions.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No 633-A. From Major J. BEATTY, R E, Acting Superintending Engineer, Godavery, to Major-General G. W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 20th November 1875, No. 2,505

WITH reference to the latter part of G.O, No. 2,936, of 14th ultimo, I have the honor to report that it is not possible to have the *Prince* brought down to Cocanada at once, as the season of freshes in the Godavery is over for this year, and, owing to her great width, that steamer cannot pass through the locks on the canal.

2. It would not be safe to attempt taking the *Prince* over the anicut in a fresh of less than 8 to 9 feet, and such freshes occur in this river only between the 10th of July and 10th of October, with less than 8 feet the draught of the vessel, the anicut posts, and the great afflux, would make it a dangerous operation. This year there was more than 8 feet on the anicut from 25th to 30th July; 17th to 20th August; 10th, 11th, and 16th to 20th September.

3 In memorandum of 30th June 1875, Colonel Mullins recommended that the opinion of the Master Attendant at Cocanada should be obtained as to the *Prince's* fitness for Harbour service. That officer inspected her in September last, when there was 7 feet of water passing over the anicut and a strong current, and in order that he might be able the better to judge of her fitness for other service the vessel was taken the same day with him on board five miles up the river.

4. Captain Castor pronounced the *Prince* not adapted for service at Cocanada as, owing to her great size, she would be an obstruction to traffic in the little creek

that goes by the name of a river at Cocanada, but he considered that she would be of use at Cochin, and stated that he would be willing, if required, to take her there himself in the quiet season of the year about December or January He promised to report this at once, but apparently the Master Attendant at Madras took a different view of the case.

5 In my letter, No 895, of 17th June 1875, I recommended that the *Prince* should, under any circumstances, be taken over the anicut in the first high freshes. As this was not done, she must now lie at Dowlaishweram until July next, and I request permission to take advantage of the first high fresh in that month to have her sent over the anicut There is a greater probability of a sufficiently high fresh in July than in any other month

No 634 ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1876, No 1,658

IRRIGATION, No 39-A
Account.

RECORDED, pending the further report promised

2. Instructions have already been issued to bring the Steamer *Prince* over the anicut (G O, No 1,523, dated 20th June 1876)

(True Extract)

Colonel,
Offg Under Secy to Govt, P W.D

To the District Engineer, Godavery
" Marine Department

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Administrative Department.

MADRAS,
Marine Office,
21st June 1876.

No. 4082.

From
J. H. TAYLOR, ESQ., LIEUT, R.N.R,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras.

To
The Honorable W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum No 913, of the 17th instant, and to state that an enquiry had been made from Messrs Withers & Co of Table Point regarding the terms of sale and description of the Steamer "Prince", to which I have duly replied. I am also in communication with the Marine Departments at Bombay and Calcutta, and will make a final report to Government on the subject shortly.

2. It is, however, highly desirable that the very earliest opportunity be taken of getting the "Prince" over the anicut.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Master Attendant

Assistant Executive Engineer

Marine 1876. Department
From (Steamer. Prince)

The Member Attendant,
Administrative Department
Madras.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Marine Department
Fort Saint George.

No. 347
Despd 21st June 1876.
Recd: 24th June 1876.

No. 4082.

Reports that inquiry has been made by the Agts Watkins & Co. Kalas Point regarding the S.S. "Prince" and that the Marine Departments at Bombay and Calcutta have been communicated with. Suggests that the earliest opportunity be taken of getting the "Prince" over the Basin.

Transferred

Sd/17-11-75 vide 197 Bright
Cha 7602 of 1875
Sd/14-10-75 No. 2936
" 13-11-75 " 3235
" 7-3-76 " 58 Marine Office
" 29-6-76 " 1523

Sd. 24 June 1876
Rd 24 June 1876

No. 1523 of the Despatch.

Recorded Agents for the further despatch of steamer.
2. Instructions have already been issued to bring the Steamer Prince over the Basin.
Gt No. 1523 3/20 June 76.

Sd/
N.E. Forbes
Marine Secretary

Despd 6 Oct 28-6-76

No. 1944.

Transmitted to the Secretary
Govt of the Secretary
Public Department
for information.

Sd/ Buckle
Chief Secretary

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The Public Works Department
Dated — 24 June 76.

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P. W. 1875. Dept
No 7602

From
The District Engineer,
Godavery Distrt.

To
The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
MADRAS

Dated. 20 Novembr
Received 29th "

No. 2505
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Subject.

With reference to G.O. No 2936 of 14th ult. reports that the Prince cannot be taken down to Co. canada until early next.

Sir,

I have the honor to be

Your Most obedient Servt

A. Beatty Major R.E.

Offg Dist. Engineer Godavery.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Govt. of Godavery

Dated

Rec.d

Ans.d

G. O. 30 June 1870 No. 1538

P. 633 & 634

Enclosure Copy of the Drawing

Steamer "Pinee"

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Letter from the Master

Attendant Madras.

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