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5th July 1876. No. 1,696

Read the following papers —

No 63 Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Votacimund,
22nd June 1876, No 952.

From J H TAYLOR, Esq, Lieutenant, R N R, Master Attendant, Administrative
Department, to the Hon W HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St George, dated Madras, 16th June 1876, No 4,008

IN G O, Marine, No 58, bearing date 12th February 1876, an expenditure of
Rupees 3,813 was sanctioned for fitting the Steamer *Fred and May* with new decks,
skylights, bulwarks, and paddle-boxes. I now have the honor to report, for the
information of His Grace the Governor in Council, that, on removing the decayed deck-
planks and water-ways, it was found that the iron plates which bind the beams to the
vessel's side were completely corroded away, and, as it is utterly impossible to go on
fitting the new decks until the old plates are renewed, application was made to the
Workshop at Dowlaishweram for an estimate for the work, which I now beg to submit
for the approval and sanction of Government. I would here explain that the work,
for which sanction is now solicited, could not have been foreseen, and its necessity was
only discovered after the old water-ways were removed; and, as the vessel is now
intended to be something more than a river-steamer, it is essentially necessary that she
should be put into thorough efficient order.

2. The original estimate sanctioned by Government in the Public Works
Department in their Proceedings bearing date 6th March 1875 amounted to
Rupees 7,867, and provided for a "new bottom throughout, repainting, new decking,
docking, and refitting the engines, and fitting in the new boiler," but, as this depart-
ment has already undertaken all the woodwork, painting, &c, from the General Port
Fund, I would respectfully solicit that Government will be pleased, in the Public
Works Department, to transfer to the Marine Department the unexpended balance of
that estimate, which was debited to the head of Irrigation in order to meet the present
estimate, which amounts to Rupees 1,232, or order the Dowlaishweram Workshop to
execute the same free of charge. As this department has now permanently taken over
from and relieved the Public Works Department of two steamers, I think it only
reasonable that both vessels should have been handed over in good and sea-worthy
condition.

REFERRED to the Department of Public Works for remarks

(Signed) W HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary

No 82 W.

MEMORANDUM.

No 63-A.

THE Master Attendant is mistaken in supposing that the estimate of Rs 7,800
sanctioned in G O of the 6th March 1875, No. 646, was chargeable to Irrigation.
The *Fred and May* has never belonged to the floating plant of the Irrigation
Department, and the latter has been responsible only for current repairs required in

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consequence of the occasional use of the steamer at Dowlaishweram when not wanted on the work at the port of Cocanada for which it was originally provided

2 This steamer and other floating plant have been transferred to the Marine Department without charge for the value of the plant, and the Master Attendant's suggestion that the former should be put into good and sea-worthy condition at the cost of the Irrigation Department, which has never been responsible for the condition of the Harbor plant, appears therefore to be inadmissible

3 When it was supposed that the *Fred and May* would not be required at all for Harbor work, there was a proposal to transfer this steamer to the Irrigation Department, and in paragraph 2 of G O, 13th November 1875, No 3,235, it was directed in this connection that that department should provide for any further outlay required to fit her for the work she would in that case have had to perform.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut-Col, R E,
29th June 1876. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No 64

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1876, No. 1,696.

ACCOUNT, No 5

UNDER the circumstances stated by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation the cost of repairs should, it would appear, be borne by the Marine Department.

(True Extract)

(Signed) G W. WALKER, Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.

Exd J W Fischer
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Administrative Department.

MADRAS,

Marine Office,

No 4008

16th June 1876

From

J. H. TAYLOR, Esq, Lieut., R.N.R.,

Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras.

To

The Honorable W H Colleston

Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In J. O. Marine, No 58, bearing date 12th February 1876, an expenditure of 3813 Rupees was sanctioned for fitting the steamer *Fred and May* with new decks, skylights, bulwarks and paddle boxes. I now have the honor to report for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, that on removing the damaged deck planks and water-ways, it was found that the iron plates, which bind the beams to the vessel's sides, were completely corroded away, and as it is utterly impossible to go on fitting the new decks until the old plates are renewed, application was made to the

the Workshop at Dowlishveram for
an estimate for the work, which I now
beg to submit for the approval and
sanction of Government. I would here
explain that the work for which
sanction is now solicited could not have
been foreseen, and its necessity was only
discovered after the old water-ways
were removed, and as the vessel is now
intended to be something more than a
river steamer, it is essentially necessary
that she should be put into thorough
efficient order.

2 The original estimate, sanctioned
by Government, in the Public Works
Department, in their Proceedings bearing
date 6th March 1875, amounted to Rs 1232, as
provided for in "New Bottom
throughout, repainting, new decking, decking
and refitting the engines, and fitting in
the new boiler," but as this department
has already undertaken all the work

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Post Fund, I would respectfully solicit
that Government will be pleased, in
the Public Works Department, to
transfer to the Marine Department
the unsuspended balance of that estimate,
which was debited to the head of
Expenditure, in order to meet the present
estimate, which amounts to Rs 1232, as
provided the Dowlishveram workshop
to execute the same class of charge.

As this department has now permanently
taken over from, and relieved, the Public
Works Department of this steamer, I
think it only reasonable that both
vessels should have been handed over
in good and seaworthy condition.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
J. H. Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department.

82-W

Memorandum

The Master Attendant is mistaken in supposing that the estimate of Rs 7800 sanctioned in G.O. of the 6th March 1895, No 646, was chargeable to Irrigation. The "Fred and May" has never belonged to the floating plant of the Irrigation Department, and the latter has been responsible only for current repairs required in consequence of the occasional use of the steamer at Dowlaishivaram when not wanted in the work at the Port. of Cocanada for which it was originally provided.

2 This steamer and other floating plant have been transferred to the Marine Department without charge for the value of the plant, and the Master

The Master Attendant
Administrative Dept
Chennai

P. N. 4-849
to The Chief Secretary
to Government
Chennai
and Mr. George

Dated 16th June 1895.
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Instructions for a/c =
Personal and domestic
expenditure of Rs 1232 for
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- 1 March 75 - 577
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To

The Marine Department

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Steamers

"Fred & May"

Observing that under
the circumstances stated
by the Chief Surg. for
the cost of repairs to the

— should be borne
by the Marine
Dept.

End
29-7-76