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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd February 1876.*

No. 396. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Petition Department, dated 1st February 1876 :—

Petition from S. Byravaswamy, G. Appaswamy, and 38 others, Boatmen of Cocanada,
dated 18th January 1876, No. 212.

Petition from Vencata Reddy, C. Tatiah, and 77 others, Boatmen of Cocanada, dated
17th January 1876, No. 213.

The petitioners, who are boat-owners, complain, firstly, that a fee is now recently
charged on their boats for the Kistna and Godavery canals separately, whereas
formerly a license taken out in the Godavery was valid also over the Kistna canals ;
secondly, they complain that the license is only good for some months under the year
owing to the closing of the canals during the remaining months, or owing to scanty
supplies of water. These points will be transferred to the Public Works Department
for consideration, with the remark that a proper abatement of the fee seems desirable
in the circumstances.

2. It is further complained that, in addition to the license abovementioned, a fee
is charged on the boats plying within the limits of the Cocanada Harbour. With
reference to this point, the Marine Department should request the Master Attendant to
report the several classes of fees levied and the exact limits covered by each.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

No. 397. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1876, No. 478.

IRRIGATION, No. 40-D.

It is observed that the rules under
which boat licenses have been issued in the
Godavery and Kistna Deltas for many years

and the revised rules sanctioned in Government Order, of the 4th March 1873,
No. 691, equally bar claims to compensation in consequence of the closing of the
canals. The licenses, moreover, are issued on the 1st of January, and the notice that
the canals would be closed for three months from the 15th January was given two
months beforehand ; consequently the petitioners must have been well aware that the
closure would take place when they applied for licenses. Taking, however, into
consideration the circumstance that the main canals of the Eastern and Western Deltas
have this year to be closed, thus stopping navigation altogether for a time, His Grace
the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that one-fifth of the amounts charged for
licenses issued on the 1st January last shall be refunded.

2. No alteration can be made in the orders directing the issue of separate licenses
for the Godavery and Kistna Deltas respectively. The charges for licenses are very
low, and now that so much has been done to improve the navigation in the Godavery
Delta by the large outlay thereon since 1871, it will be necessary to reconsider the
terms on which licenses for this delta will in future be issued, it being requisite that
the receipts should cover all current charges for establishments, repairs, &c., therewith
connected, even if interest on capital sunk be not taken into account. Orders on this

subject will be issued as soon as the District Engineer has clearly shown what the cost of maintaining navigation is, and has, after consultation with the Collector, reported what alteration of the scale of license charges will be necessary to cover this cost.

2ndly.—What the scale would have to be to cover, in addition to the current charges, interest* on all outlay since the beginning of 1871 for purely navigation

* i.e., current interest.

purposes. As little time as possible should be allowed to elapse before submitting a report, in order that due notice of any changes decided upon may be given.

3. The following reply to the first two complaints made by the petitioners will be given:—

"His Grace the Governor in Council can make no alteration in the order prescribing the issue of separate licenses for the Godavary and Krishna Deltas respectively.

"2. It is observed with regard to the second complaint that no compensation can be claimed under the rules on account of the closure of the canals, but taking into consideration that the main canals of the Eastern and Western Deltas have been closed this year, and that such complete stoppage of navigation is unusual, and, secondly, that for part of the three months during which the main canals will be closed the navigation is generally not very good, a refund of one-fifth of the charges made for licenses issued in January will be allowed."

4. The circumstances of the Krishna Delta are somewhat different, as there navigation is practicable for a comparatively short period only, and measures can be arranged so as not materially to shorten that period. The District Engineer should, however, make any recommendations which may seem to be necessary, if this year or at any other time navigation may be more than usually interfered with by the operations of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Petitioners, with endorsement in paragraph 3.

- .. District Engineer, Godavary
- .. " Krishna
- .. Chief Engineer for Irrigation
- .. Examiner of Public Works Accounts
- .. Revenue Department
- .. ~~Public Works Department~~

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Petition Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon, 1st February 1876

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FORMER CASES.

Current No. of 187

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M. WORKS FORM No. 3.

Current No.

From

No. 827
Pro: of the Petition Dept.

No.

Dated

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1st Febuary 1876
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Subject.— Passing Orders on the petitions of certain boatmen of Coimbatore regarding fee charged on their boats.

To. E. S.

ENCLOSURES.

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Orders and Proceedings in file.

Department.	No.	Date.	ENDORSEMENTS.		
			Department	No.	Dated.
P.H.D.	948	14/4/76			
"	1897	5/7/75			
"	691	6/3/73			
"	1185	28/5/73			

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Under date the 22nd Febry/76
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The Petitions

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Boat licenses in the foray
Trinidad & Tobago. Rules
made on Dec. of the Petition
depl. on the petitions of
Captain Watson of Coca
regarding the fee
charged on their boats -

Petitions with endorsement
in para 3. sent in M.S.

S. E. Spencey
Ch. Secy
Gen. Secy
Pet. Secy

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