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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

29th November 1878, No. 4,578 W.

General.

Account.

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4. Though private individuals may not offer to run the steamer yet I think it necessary that the Government should continue the steamer communication for some time to come. The following are the reasons for my opinion :—

Bhadrachellam Taluk was lately annexed to the Madras Presidency, and it is far from the principal seat of the Government of the district. If the Government should cut off the steamer communication all on a sudden it would, I am afraid, create an unfavorable impression of the Madras Government in the minds of these remote people. If the steamer be not run in the time of the freshes the natural consequence will be to run common boats between the places, and if they are allowed to run during the freshes I think there will be great danger and many lives will be lost. If the Government should think that the expenses will be greatly in excess of the receipts the present rates of freight may be slightly raised without causing inconvenience to the people. The public will, I am sure, not grudge a few annas so long as there is safe and rapid communication. If the receipts do not still meet the expenses then I humbly suggest, as a member of the Local Fund Board, that a certain sum not exceeding Rupees 2,000 may be annually paid out of the Local Funds towards the loss incurred by Government in the steamer affair. I may support my proposal by the fact that Bhadrachellam with its neighbourhood is considered a holy place and that hundreds of pilgrims from this part of the country go there. Bhadrachellam being connected with this place by a united Government it is natural that the people of both places should mingle with each other. Besides there is no safe and speedy land communication between this place and Bhadrachellam, if I am not mistaken, for which the Local Fund Board are responsible. It is not therefore unjust I think to spend money out of the Local Funds for the benefit of the people and for securing for them a safe and rapid steam communication by the river in the absence of a good one by land.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 6 to 8.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

2. From the papers which accompany the Collector's report it appears that the running of these steamers on the Upper Godavari meets a public want and that their sudden withdrawal would cause appreciable inconvenience. The returns show a steadily developing traffic in goods and passengers and the Board would recommend the service being continued by Government until such time as it may be undertaken by private enterprise. Mr. F. H. Bowden of Dummagudem has requested information as to the terms on which Government would dispose of the steamers and flats, and has expressed an opinion that private individuals will be forthcoming to work the vessels if moderate terms are offered. The suggestions made by this gentleman, with reference to measures being taken to provide in some measure for the comfort of third class passengers during the voyage, would, if adopted, have a good effect, and the proposal of the Collector to establish agencies at Rajahmundry and Dummagudem commends itself to the Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to G.O., 14th March 1878, No. 401.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 362-A. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1878.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1878, No. 2,482

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 13th August 1878, No. 219 :—

IN continuation of my letter, of the 25th June last, No. 155, embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July last, No. 1,956, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a second letter received from the Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, under date the 8th instant, on the subject of working the steamers on the Upper Godavari.

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From C. W. SIMSON, Esq., Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, dated Cocanada, 8th August 1878.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that this Chamber, having been in communication with the District Engineer respecting the length of time occupied by a steamer in performing a trip on the Upper Godavari and other details, is of opinion, judging from the information received, and the accounts of expenses, &c., provided, that the running of the steamers is not sufficiently remunerative to induce private persons to undertake the enterprise with a view to pecuniary profits.

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SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1878, No. 1,956.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department in continuation of endorsement, dated 12th August 1878.

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No. 362-B. From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Acting District Engineer, Godavari District, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishvaram, 28th October 1878, No. 2,440.

THE Collector of this district has requested that I will inform him as to the "terms on which Government would let private persons have the Upper Godavari steamers."

2. The book value of the *Godavari* (the only steamer now in working order) is with her "jolly boat" Rupees 28,100, and that of the six barges used in the Upper Godavari traffic Rupees 21,500 (see G.O., No. 2,534, of 7th September 1874).

3. I am informed that when these steamers came out* their boilers and engines were only guaranteed for eight years. The boiler of the *Wurda* went some months ago, see my No. 1,532, dated 10th August 1878, and that of the *Godavari* cannot last much longer whilst her engines are so worn as to cause frequent stoppages and to necessitate constant and expensive repairs.

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* They commenced to run in 1868 or 1869.

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No. 362-C. From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cocanada, 2nd November 1878, No. 2.

WITH reference to your memorandum, of the 24th September last, No. 4,308, I have the honor to inform you that I did not promise to send Government any further information. I thought Government would be in possession of this. Had I thought Government wished for it I would have sent them the letter of the District Engineer as soon as I had received it. I, however, send a copy of it now.

No. 362-D. *Note by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

IN their present condition the steamers can neither be sold or let. They should not, I think, be used at all with the machinery in the state Mr. Walch reports it to be in; deterioration is very rapid when the machinery is out of order. I should propose to put both steamers in thorough repair, and then to offer them for sale at their present book value plus cost of repairs. If they cannot be sold they may be let at a rate to cover depreciation and interest on the book value after repairs have been executed. I think it would be advisable for Government to sell the steamers if possible. Now that a new steamer has been provided for Dowlaishvaram the want of a more powerful boat than the canal steamers will not be felt, and I agree with Colonel Mullins that it would be better that the river trade should be taken up by private persons.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

15th November 1878.

No. 363. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1878, No. 4,578 W.

THE Government approve the proposals made in the Acting Chief Engineer's Office Note recorded above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
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To the Collector of Godavari.
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3. As for paragraph 3 I beg to state that the last year was an exceptional year and that the future receipts will not be so favorable as those of the last year when the exportation of food-grains, &c., from this place was unusually great, owing to the total failure of crops in the Upper Godavery. Hence I humbly submit that it is not safe to be guided by the last year's receipts. Besides grain-crop is more favorable this year in that part of the country and myrabolams have failed. I am therefore of opinion that this year's receipts will not amount to so much as those of the last year. For these reasons I do not think it advisable for private individuals to take upon themselves to run the steamer.

4. Though private individuals may not offer to run the steamer yet I think it necessary that the Government should continue the steamer communication for some time to come. The following are the reasons for my opinion :—

Bhadrachellam Taluq was lately annexed to the Madras Presidency, and it is far from the principal seat of the Government of the district. If the Government should cut off the steamer communication all on a sudden it would, I am afraid, create an unfavorable impression of the Madras Government in the minds of these remote people. If the steamer be not run in the time of the freshes the natural consequence will be to run common boats between the places, and if they are allowed to run during the freshes I think there will be great danger and many lives will be lost. If the Government should think that the expenses will be greatly in excess of the receipts the present rates of freight may be slightly raised without causing inconvenience to the people. The public will, I am sure, not grudge a few annas so long as there is safe and rapid communication. If the receipts do not still meet the expenses then I humbly suggest, as a member of the Local Fund Board, that a certain sum not exceeding Rupees 2,000 may be annually paid out of the Local Funds towards the loss incurred by Government in the steamer affair. I may support my proposal by the fact that Bhadrachellam with its neighbourhood is considered a holy place and that hundreds of pilgrims from this part of the country go there. Bhadrachellam being connected with this place by a united Government it is natural that the people of both places should mingle with each other. Besides there is no safe and speedy land communication between this place and Bhadrachellam, if I am not mistaken, for which the Local Fund Board are responsible. It is not therefore unjust I think to spend money out of the Local Funds for the benefit of the people and for securing for them a safe and rapid steam communication by the river in the absence of a good one by land.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 6 to 8.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

2. From the papers which accompany the Collector's report it appears that the running of these steamers on the Upper Godavery meets a public want and that their sudden withdrawal would cause appreciable inconvenience. The returns show a steadily developing traffic in goods and passengers and the Board would recommend the service being continued by Government until such time as it may be undertaken by private enterprise. Mr. F. H. Bowden of Dummagudem has requested information as to the terms on which Government would dispose of the steamers and flats, and has expressed an opinion that private individuals will be forthcoming to work the vessels if moderate terms are offered. The suggestions made by this gentleman, with reference to measures being taken to provide in some measure for the comfort of third class passengers during the voyage, would, if adopted, have a good effect, and the proposal of the Collector to establish agencies at Rajahmundry and Dummagudem commends itself to the Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with three original Statements to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

814-3-78 Nos 154-56

Revenue 1878 Deptt
No 3382.

1878

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH JULY 1878, No. 1,956.

Desp. 31/7/78

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Received 8th August/78

JULY.
No. 1,956.

Upper Godavery Steamers.—Submitting to Government, with Board's remarks, letter from Collector forwarding papers relating to the running of the —.

Transferred

In Govt. O. No 1611/78

From
The Officer in charge
Eastern Delta Division Godavery.

To
The District Engineer
Godavery District
DOWLAISHWARAM.

Dated 12 Decr 1877.
Despatched
Received

Statement shewing the expenditure on
Steamer [illegible] and the charges
on Government for its working during the
month of October & Novr 1877

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Statement shewing the expenditure on Steamer "Wurdah" and the charges on Government for its working during the month of October & November 1877.

				Actual expenses on Working days.						Expenses on Idle days.								
No. of Trip.	Original Cost.	Interest at 5 and Depreciation at 10 per Cent total 15 per cent for the whole year Calculated only for one month.	Daily charge for Interest and Depreciation.	Wages.	Fuel.	Stores of all kinds.	Total of Wages, Fuel, and Stores.	No. of days worked.	Daily charge for working.	Wages.	Repairs.	Total of Wages and Repairs.	No. of days lying idle	Daily charge on idle days.	Total of Columns 4 and 10 shewing the total Daily charge on Government on working days.	Total of Columns 4 and 15 being the total Daily charge on Government on idle days.	Total of Columns 8 and 13 showing the total cost of each Trip.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
[illegible] 77	—	—	—	81 8 -	168 11 -	33 3 7	283 6 7	7.3	39 1 6	75 14 2	83 13 2	159 11 4	6.9	23 10 7	—	—	443 1 11	
Income derived.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	527 8 9	As per details annexed.
																	84 6 10	Profit.
[illegible] 77	—	—	—	78 11 1	119 13 6	42 11 5	241 4 -	6.8	36 3 -	78 11 1	5 10 5	84 5 6	7.4	11 8 -	—	—	325 9 6	
Income derived.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	772 11 5	As per details annexed.
																	447 1 11	Profit.
[illegible] 77	—	—	—	71 15 4	130 5 6	24 - 10	226 5 8	5.6	41 2 6	98 1 -	25 7 3	123 8 3	7.6	16 7 6	—	—	349 13 11	
Income derived.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	445 14 5	As per details annexed.
																	96 - 6	Profit.
[illegible] 77	—	—	—	67 6 3	79 15 6	24 3 6	171 9 3	5.6	34 5 1	148 4 2	18 2 -	166 6 2	11.0	15 2 -	—	—	337 15 5	
Income derived.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	253 9 1	As per details annexed.
																	84 6 4	Loss.

Exd. Dn. Office G.A.
Dowlaishweram
12th December 1877

C. Beatty Lieutt Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer Gody Dt.

Executive Engineer in charge
E. Dn., Godavery

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The Officer in charge
Eastern Delta Division Godavery.

To

The District Engineer
Godavery District
DOWLAISHWARAM.

Dated 12th } Decr 1877.
Despatched
Received

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Statement shewing the expenditure on Steamers Wynegunga & Mardale and the charges on Government for its working during the months of August Septr & October 1877

Rd 6387/78

L. Govt R No/611/28

Enclosures in a letter
No 3099 of 8th January
1878 from the Superintending
Engineer Godavery to the
Chief Engineer, P. W. Deptt
Madras

Statement showing the expenditure on Steamer [illegible] and the charges on Government for its working during the month of August, Septr & October 1877.

No. of Trip.	Original Cost.	Interest at 5 and Depreciation at 10 per Cent total 15 per cent. for the whole year Calculated only for one month.	Daily charge for Interest and Depreciation.	Actual expenses on Working days. Wages.	Fuel.	Stores of all kinds.	Total of Wages, Fuel, and Stores.	No. of days worked.	Daily charge for working.	Expenses on Idle days. Wages.	Repairs.	Total of Wages and Repairs.	No. of days lying idle	Daily charge on idle days.	Total of Columns 4 and 10 showing the total *Daily* charge on Government on working days.	Total of Columns 4 and 15 being the total *Daily* charge on Government on idle days.	Total of Columns 8 and 13 showing the total cost of each Trip.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
5 from 11th [illegible] 1877				69 14 9	209 11 -	43 7 1	323 - 10	7·3	44 8 11	113 5 2	29 8 -	142 13 2	11·9	12 2 6	-	-	465 14 -	
Income derived																	893 6 11	As per details annexed.
																	427 8 11	Profit.
6 from 30th [illegible] 12th [illegible] 77				74 - 7	162 10 -	30 3 3	266 13 10	6·5	41 9 5	76 - 2	23 4 3	99 4 5	6·7	15 1 3	-	-	366 2 3	
Income derived																	773 1 -	As per details annexed.
																	406 14 9	Profit.
7 from 12th to 25th [illegible] 77				78 4 2	137 3 -	22 1 4	237 8 6	6·7	35 1 3	64 6 3	65 4 -	129 10 3	5·5	23 13 -	-	-	367 2 9	
Income derived																	779 1 1	As per details annexed.
																	411 14 4	Profit.
8 from 24th [illegible] 77				90 - 8	132 10 -	28 10 11	251 5 7	7·8	32 12 4	15 10 7	26 12 0	42 6 7	1·4	31 12 11	-	-	293 12 2	
Income derived																	720 6 6	As per details annexed.
																	426 10 4	Profit.

L. Beatty Lt Col RE
Supg Engineer [illegible] Dist

Ex. Divisional Officer [illegible]
Dowlaiswaram
13th December 1877

Executive Engineer in charge
[illegible] Godavery

Statement shewing the total receipts in each item derived from Steamers running on the Godavery from the year 1873 to 1877 and the Expenditure on them.

Description of items		1873				1874				1875				1876				1877			
		Quantity	Amount Rs	A	P	Quantity	Amount Rs	A	P	Quantity	Amount Rs	A	P	Quantity	Amount Rs	A	P	Quantity	Amount Rs	A	P
Receipts																					
Galnuts	Tons	„	„	„	„	290·1	1429	7	3	98·14	408	10	1	440·5	1807	4	7	272½	1166	4	„
Rice	„	2·19	26	13	8	21·13	183	4	6	69·18	450	14	8	128·4	1102	7	„	218¾	1520	6	1
Wheat	„	„	„	„	„	2·7	12	5	5	7·12	48	6	5	9·10	54	8	5	3	18	9	9
Salt	„	4·6	36	13	9	16·0	102	5	7	281·5	1662	9	5	56·[illegible]	440	10	11	73	518	9	8
Fruit	„	0·17	9	11	2	11·12	67	7	6	10·2	76	12	3	3·2	21	13	1	3¼	23	4	„
Grains	„	0·5	2	15	8	15·4	69	„	11	243·0	1744	15	3	134·12	486	6	3	89½	555	15	5
Sundry goods	„	17·4	237	10	2	84·6	603	5	10	32·14	180	9	„	533·13	2607	„	7	164½	1781	12	4
Total goods		25·11	314	„	5	441·3	2467	5	„	743·5	4572	13	1	1305·14	6520	2	10	824½	5584	13	3
Passengers 1st class	No	„	„	„	„	4	65	„	„	22	336	3	7	12	168	4	6	19	333	13	6
Do 2d class	No	„	„	„	„	10	81	4	„	11	33	9	5	9	64	„	„	14	116	8	„
Do 3d class	No	355	247	11	6	1990½	1295	8	3	2041	1624	10	10	2659½	1782	13	7	2162½	1611	11	9
Cabins		„	„	„	„	„	60	„	„	7	56	„	„	3	16	„	„	4	32	„	„
Miscellaneous		„	13	1	9	„	509	13	1	„	649	„	1	„	211	8	6	„	249	2	„
Total Traffic		355	260	13	3	2004½	2011	9	4	2081	2699	7	11	2683½	2242	10	7	„	2343	3	3
Grand Total		„	574	13	8	„	4478	14	4	„	7272	5	„	„	8762	13	5	„	7928	„	6
Expenditure																					
Wages on working days		„	129	14	9	„	729	13	2	„	1135	11	10	„	1121	13	1	„	848	1	6
Do on non working days		„	77	10	4	„	670	1	6	„	927	3	7	„	761	6	7	„	888	7	„
Fuel		„	326	12	„	„	1555	2	1	„	2452	13	„	„	2437	9	„	„	1689	„	1
Stores of all Kinds		„	48	1	„	„	196	14	1	„	391	1	„	„	363	1	6	„	380	5	2
Repairs		„	„	„	„	„	1601	10	„	„	314	„	5	„	93	14	11	„	300	1	9
Total Expenses		„	582	6	1	„	4753	8	10	„	5220	13	10	„	4777	13	1	„	4105	15	6
Net Profit		„	7	8	5	„	274	10	6	„	2051	7	2	„	3985	„	4	„	3822	1	„

Dowlaishweram
1 January 1878

G. Beatty Lieut Col RE
Superintending Engineer Gody Dist

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Ledg No 5217/78

General.

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NO. 3099

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FROM,

THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MADRAS.

Encls 11

8 Statements of details of Income derived by running Steamers

2 Statements showing the Expenditure on running Steamers

1 Statement showing the total receipts on each item derived from Steamers running on the Godavery from the year 1872 to 1877 and the Expenditure on them

CAMP DOWLAISHWERAM, 8th January 1878

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 2108 of the 24th September 1877 and with reference to G. O. No. 1017 W. of 13th October 1877, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, two Statements shewing the financial results of the remaining 8 Trips made by the Steamers "Wurda" and "Wynegunga" in the season of 1877, together with 8 Statements shewing the details of income.

2. Twelve trips were made by the Steamers during the year and the net profit on the whole was Rs. 3822-1-. and the traffic is now stopped for the season.-

3. The past season was an unfavorable

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ones, owing to the drought as regards goods traffic down river, as there was but little produce to be sent down; but the Steamer obtained better cargoes for up river than in previous years principally grain and sundries. The expenses of working were lower than previously owing to the improved condition of the Steamers employed, which required less in petty repairs-

4. I also forward herewith, a statement shewing the results up to date, of the traffic by Steamer, and the extent of its development from the commencement of the running of the Steamers in 1873, as directed in G. O. No. 1017 W of the 13th October 1877-

5. Early intimation is solicited as to whether the Steamers are to run again next season, as preparation should be made for it as soon as possible in respect of firewood supply, which becomes more difficult as the rainy season approaches-

6. The wreck of the Steamer "Wymegunga" has been examined. She is lying about 200 feet below the place where she struck. The house on the upper deck has entirely disappeared having doubtless been detached and washed away in some fresh. The main deck has been partially detached from the hull and doubled up, and is now visible a foot or two above water. The rest of the Steamer is lying in deep water. Arrangements have been made to recover as much as possible when the river falls sufficiently a month or so hence-

7. There are no claims to be settled in connection with the loss of the "Wymegunga". A Statement of the Materials recovered will be reported as soon as the work of raising them has been carried out.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
L. Beatty. Lieut. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer Gody. D.

General.

FROM,

THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

DATED 8th } January 1878.
RECEIVED }

G.O. 13 Octr 1877 No. 1017 W.
" 30 Apl " " 1155.

No. 3099

ENCLOSURES 11

Upper Godavery Steamers — Running of the — Forwards Statements and requests early intimation if the running is to be resumed next Season —

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[illegible] 11-1-78

No. 11-W.

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Memorandum.

The irrigation Department has no very direct interest in the navigation of the Upper Godavery, but it is good for the Delta, and for the country generally bordering on the river, that the steamers should run, so long as they can be worked without material loss or until private enterprise takes up the trade. Government have two steamers suited to the river, and these if left unused would deteriorate rapidly.

2 It would be better were the trade taken up by private persons, as they would develop it much more effectually than can be done by Government Officers who, even if they had the power, which they have not, have a great deal of other and more legitimate work to attend to. Government might let it be understood

that

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that they will be ready to dispose of the Steamers whenever a purchaser may offer to take them on reasonable terms.-

3 The accounts as at present prepared do not, it is believed, show the whole cost of working in comparison with receipts. Captain Barber's salary is not included it is understood, and there are depreciation of the steamers, and interest on their cost to be taken into account, though so long as current working expenses do not greatly exceed receipts, the running of the steamers may well be continued. When this approximate equilibrium ceases to be secured, it will indicate that the requirements of the country for the transport of produce have been otherwise provided for. Many boats navigate the river, and no doubt carry at a cheap rate. While the steamers carry enough passengers and produce to pay current expenses, there is evidence that they meet a real want in a convenient manner.-

4 The Serangs and engine drivers who have been trained in these Steamers, are very useful men; and when the large steamers are not running they are placed in charge of dredges &c where their services are of no little value.-

Camp at
Cocanada
4th February
1878-

Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To the Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Hon. Mr Huddleston
Hon. Sir W. Robinson K.C.S.I.
His Grace the Governor

Circulated with reference to the notes of the members of Government in connection with the District Engineer's Letter. The Chief Engineer concurs in the remarks of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation as to the running of the Steamers and as to their disposal should the circumstances of the trade hereafter show that they may be dispensed with.

E A Ford Col. R.E.
Chief Engr & Secty
P.W.D.

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I think it worth consideration whether some officer or person of commercial experience & knowledge of the district [illegible] deputed to investigate the rates of freight

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From
The Chief Engineer for Irrign.

Dated 4 } Febry 1878.
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No. 11-W.

Upper Godavery Steamers. –
Memo stating with remarks, that the steamers may continue to run so long as they can be worked without material loss or until private enterprise takes up the trade.

And the quantities of steam and report on the arrangement necessary for this traffic [illegible] supply [illegible] is obtainable.
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P.W.D.
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Letter from the Offg Superintending Engineer, Godavery, No. 3099 dated 8th January 1878.

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 11 W dated 4th February 1878.

Transferred to the Revenue Department for disposal with reference to His Grace the Governor's remarks.

E A Ford Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Fort Saint George }
21st February 1878 }

To
The Revenue Department.
with papers.

G. O. [illegible] October 1877 No. 6181 Mis
– " – 22 May 1877 No. 2894 Mis

Revenue 1878 Depts

No 819.

From

Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Dated 21
Rec 22 } February

No 941.

Encl: 3
[illegible]

G O No 401 – 14 March 1878

Transferring

letters from Offg: Supg:
Engineer Godavery Dt and
Memo from Chief Engr
for Irrigation regarding
the running of the Upper
Godavery Steamers, and
as to their disposal hereafter.

Transferred to the Chief
Engineer P.W.D. with reference to
G.O. 14th March 1878 No. 401

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12th Augt/78 }

Secretary to Govt.

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To The Chief Engineer P.W.D.
with 3 Statements and original correspondence
and Notes of Members of Govt.
received with his endorsement
dt. 21st February last No. 941

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6 [illegible] October 1877 No 6181 Mis

Revenue

Misc No 1571 w/ 27-8-78
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No. 2,482.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1878.

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Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 13th August 1878, No. 219:—

In continuation of my letter of the 25th June last, No. 155, embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July last, No. 1,956, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a second letter received from the Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, under date the 8th instant, on the subject of working the steamers on the Upper Godavari.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. W. SIMSON, Esq., Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, dated Cocanada, 8th August 1878.

I have the honor to inform you that this Chamber, having been in communication with the District Engineer respecting the length of time occupied by a steamer in performing a trip on the Upper Godavari and other details, is of opinion, judging from the information received, and the accounts of expenses, &c., provided, that the running of the steamers is not sufficiently remunerative to induce private persons to undertake the enterprise with a view to pecuniary profits.

2. At the same time the Chamber fully appreciates the benefits derived from the steamers, and would be glad to learn that they were running more frequently and more punctually than is now the case. It is thought that a larger return on the outlay would probably result were the system improved in this respect.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
Collector.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1878, No. 1,956.

(True Copies and Extract.)

C. A. Galton
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of the Godavari District.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Transferred to the Public Works Department in continuation of endorsement 12 August 1878

by Chief Secretary

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17 September 1878

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Recd 19th Septr.

Revenue Department

No. 4044

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated Sep. 6th.
Printed Sept. 7th.
Recd. 13th

PROCEEDINGS, 6TH SEPTEMBER 1878, No. 2,482.

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SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,482.

Steamers.—Submitting to Government letter from Collector of Godavari forwarding one from the Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, on the subject of working the — on the Upper Godavari.

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No. 2440 General. A578 P.10 / 11

FROM,

A. District
THE ~~OFFG. SUPERINTENDING~~ ENGINEER
GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MADRAS.

Encl.

~~CAMP~~ DOWLAISHWERAM, 28th October 1878

SIR,

The Collector of this District has requested that I will inform him as to the "terms on which Government would let private persons have the Upper Godavari steamers"

2. The book value of the "Godavari" (the only steamer now in working order) is with her "Jolly boat" Rs 28,100 and that of the six barges used in the Upper Godavari traffic Rs 21,500 (see G.O No. 2534 of 7th July 1874).

3. I am informed that when these steamers came out× their boilers and Engines were only guaranteed for 8 years. The boiler of the "Wurda" went some months ago see my No. 1532 dated 10th August 1878, and that of the "Godavari

×They commenced running in 1868 or 1869 -

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cannot last much longer whilst her Engines are so worn as to cause frequent stoppages and to necessitate constant and expensive repairs.

4 Under these circumstances I would recommend that the terms, if any, on which the plant is offered to private persons should be moderate.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servt.

A. E. Distt. Engr. Godavari

No. 2

Godavari District
Collector's Office
Cocanada
2nd November 1878

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From
W. S. Foster Esquire
Collector

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your memorandum of the 24th September last, No. 4308, I have the honor to inform you, that I did not promise to send Government any further information. I thought Government would be in possession of this. Had I thought Government wished for it I would have sent them the letter of the District Engineer as soon as I had received it. I, however, send a copy of it now.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
W. S. Foster
Collector

Compd B. G.

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From
The Collector
Godavery &c
To The Secretary
to Government
Public Works
Department
Fort Saint George
Dated 2d }
Recd } November 1878.
Encl } No. 2
Subject
Sending papers relating
to running of Upper Godavery
Steamers with reference to
his memorandum No 4308
dated 24th September last

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1878. { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 12th Nov 1878.

OFFICE NOTE.

To I

The enclosed papers are forwarded for your remarks

No 5

12/11/78

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In their present condition the steamers can neither be sold or let. They should not, I think, be used at all with the machinery in the state Mr. Walch reports it to be in, deterioration is very rapid when the machinery is out of order. I should propose to put both steamers in thorough repair, and then to offer them for sale at their present book value plus cost of repairs, if they

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cannot be sold they may be let at a rate to cover deprecia and interest on the book va after repairs have been execu I think it would be advis for Government to sell the ste if possible, now that a ne steamer has been provided Dowlaishweram the want of more powerful boat than the canal steamers will not be felt, and I agree with Col Mullins that it would be better that the river trade should be taken up by pri parties.

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No 1323

District Engineer's office G.D.
Dowlaishwaram 23 July 1878

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From,

The Acting District Engineer
Godavari

To,

The Chairman of
Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada

Sir,

With reference to the latter part of your letter of the 17th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the expenses shown in the statement forwarded by me were for running only one steamer at a time.

2. For information as to the length of time generally occupied in the trips and other information with reference to the steamers I beg to refer you to the notification published in the District Gazette of 8th June 1878.

I have &c &c

(Signed) G. T. Walch
Ag District Engineer

(True copy)

(Signed) G. T. W.
Ag District Engineer G.D.

(True copy)

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Godavery District

Statement showing the Expenditure incurred on running Steamers from Dowleswaram to Sarlagudam in the Year 1875-76 & 77-

	Expenditure -					
Particulars -	1875 -	1876	1877	Total	Average	Remarks
Wages of temporary Crew on working days - -	1136	1122	848	3106	1035	Value of Steamers and barges as per G.O. No 2534
Do of Do on non working days -	927	761	889	2577	859	of 7th September 1874 -
Fuel - - - - - - -	2453	2438	1689	6580	2193	Value of the Steamer "Godavery" with Jolly Boat } 28,100
Stores of all kinds -	391	363	380	1134	378	Value of 5 barges at
Repairs - - - -	314	94	300	708	236	Rs 3,500 } 17,500
Total -	5221	4778	4106	14105	4701	Do of one barge - - 4,000 The value of Steamer "Warda" is probably about that of the Godavery.

N.B. The above Expenditure does not include the pay of the Commander which is Rs 350 and of the permanent Crew Rs 71 per mensem

(Sigd) J. T. Walch
Ag District Engr

(True copy)
(Sigd) J. T. W
Ag District Engr

(True copy)
W J Foster
Collector

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District Engineer's office G. D
Dowlaishwaram 8th July 187

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From,

The Acting District Engineer
Godavari District

To,

The Chairman of the
Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada

Sir,

Enc: 1

As requested by the Collector of the District in his No. 85 of 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward a statement showing the expenses of running the steamers from Dowlaishwaram to Tarlagudem in the last three seasons with information in the remark column as to the value of the steamers and barges.

I have &c &c
(Signed) G. T. Walch
Ag District Engineer

(True copy)

(Signed) G. T. W.
Ag District Engineer G. D.

(True copy)

A W S Foster
Collector

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No. 2403

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From

The Ag District Engineer
Godaveri

To

The Collector of
Godaveri District

Dowlaiswaram 26th October
1878

Encls 2

Sir,

With reference to your No. 136 of 2nd Instant, I have the honor to enclose copies of my letters^x^ and Enclosures to the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Upper Godaveri Steamers.

x Nos 1154 d/8/7/78
" 1323 d/23/7/78

2 The information as to the terms on which the Government would let private persons have the Steamers, is referred for orders, which on receipt shall be communicated to you.

I have &c.

(Signed) G. T. Walch
Ag District Engineer
Godaveri

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(True Copy)
W. S. Foster
Collector

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In a letter from the
Collector of the Godavery
District dated 2d November
1878 No. 2

To

The Secretary
to Government
Public Works Deptt
Fort Saint George

Copies of District Engineer's
letter No. 2403 dated 26th
October 1878 and its
Enclosures.

P.W. 1878 [illegible]

General

From No 12459
The Ar. District Engineer
Godavari
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Madras

Dated 28th } October 1878
Desp 28th }
Recd 5th Novr
No 2440

Steamer - Upper Godavari
Letting out of — to
private persons - Re-
-questing that the terms,
if any, of — should
be moderate -

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Letter from the Offg Supg Engineer
Godavery No 3099 d/ 8th Jany 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Continue certainly
B[illegible] 23/1

Fort St George }
16th Jany 1878 }

So long as the Navig:
can be maintained [illegible]
[illegible] the
State - and at present
there seems to be a
considerable profit.
(probably on cost & cover
interest on plant, &c.
I don't find included
in the Comp. Stat.)
So long as private

Enterprise doesn't
come forward & do
what Govt. has been doing
& develope the Godavery
navigation. I cannot
conceive any good
reason why the Govt. shd.
withdraw. But on the
contrary think it our
duty to continue the
effort. I thought this
subject was in the
Irrign. Dept. There
are probably many
considns. in that Dept.
P. Wd. is therefore to
decide on effort. & I
think we ought to have
Col. Mullins remarks
before stopping navigation
at least.

Certainly Do.
carry on for an-
other year
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FOR ORDERS. 16

Hon'ble Huddleston
Hon Sir W. Robinson KCSI
His Grace the Governor

P.W. [illegible]

To E. I.

With reference to remarks within

E.A.W.
23-1-78

Following tel. sent to D.E.

Upper Godavery Steamers are to run again next season.

recd 9-2-78
Cn 16-1-78

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Endorsement in the Revenue Dept. dated 12th August 1878 on Pro: of the Board of Revenue No. 1956 d/ 15th July 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

A further report may be expected from the Collector who has called on the District Engineer for information as to the terms on which the Steamers might be disposed of to private persons.

E A Ward Col: R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

I think we had also Lieut. Col. Mullins remarks on the papers before completed.

W.B.

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I would direct the immediate revision (in connexion with traders interests) of the fares & cargo rates.

20th Augt. 1878

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~~Hon. Mr. [illegible]~~
~~Hon. [illegible] K.C.S.I.~~
~~His [illegible]~~

To The Joint Secretary
Irrigation Branch
For remarks.

26-8-78

The joint secretary
remarks that
we want all the
papers when complete
that is when the
additional report has
been received

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To await for the
Collector's further report
vide para 5 of his letter
No. 135 d/ 25 [illegible]
[illegible] 18/11/78

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated
12th August 1878.

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do do dated 17th Sept./78.

Letter from the District Engineer, Godavari
No. 2440, dated 28th October 1878.

Letter from the Collector of Godavari, No. 2,
dated 2nd Nov/78.

FOR ORDERS. with note by the
Acting Chief Engineer for
Irrigation.

I approve C.E.'s proposal

WA

E A Bird Colle R.E.
Secy: to Government
P.W.D.

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BC 28/11

N.S.P. 15/11

18 Nov/78.

FOR ORDERS.

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CE No 4308 - 24-9-78.
Go " 3325W. 22.8.78.
Ms " 1571W. 27-3-78.
Go " 1017W. 13-10-77.
" " 1455 30-4-77.
" " 2534 7-9-74.
" 3398 24-8-74.

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Genl
Acd

Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 29 Nov/78.

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Read the following :—

Endorsement in the Rev. Dep HE No — d/ 12th Augt (78)
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Letter from the DE. Godava S " 2440 — 28th Octr (78)
— " — " Collr of Godav — " 2 — — 2nd Nov —)
Note by the Ag Chief Eng — " 15th " —)
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The Govt approve the proposals made in the Acting Chief Engineer's Office Note recorded above.

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Collr of Godavari S
Supg Engr 1st Circle R
Board of Revenue S

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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 29 Nov 1878, No 4578

Nos. 962 to 963

Cleaners, Upper Kodavanar

Approval of the proposals made in the Ag Ch Engr note regarding the —

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