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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd May 1879, No. 1,291 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 16. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 24th March 1879, No. 28 W.

From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Parvatipur, 12th March 1879, No. 111 C.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the statements* named below in connection

*Only just received from the Divisional Officer.

1 Statement showing cost of each trip.

1 Do. do. the income for each trip.

1 Do. do. the financial results of the steamer running.

with the running of the Upper Godavari steamers during the past season, and to request early orders as to whether the steamers are to continue running in the approaching season.

2. The steamer was during the past season taken off the line from 16th August till commencement of October to assist in the operations of damming the Main Canal, Central Delta, after the destruction of the head sluice, and after the 20th October she was employed in attempting to clear the Dumagudem tail locks and upper lock approach channel of the immense quantities of silt which completely stopped navigation through the canal, so that she made only seven and a half trips in the season.

3. The profit (excluding all consideration of the salary of the Commander, &c., wear and tear of the plant) made on those trips was Rupees 1,618-9-9.

4. There can be no doubt the running of these steamers has done much in developing the trade and traffic from the districts on the upper reaches of the river, and that they are a convenience occasionally to traders and passengers, but the great bulk of the trade is now carried on by native boats.

TRANSFERRED to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for disposal.

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

No. 16-A. Telegram from the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 31st March 1879.

No. 16-B. Telegram from the same Officer, dated 16th April 1879.

No. 16-C. Telegram from the same Officer, dated 21st April 1879.

No. 16-D. From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishvaram, 21st April 1879, No. 152 G.D.

With reference to your memorandum No. 1,330 received this day by "packet-post," I have the honor to inform you that the Upper Godavari steamers have not been repaired as approved in G.O., 29th November 1878, No. 4,578 W, because—

(a) The Steamer *Godavari* met with an accident as reported in my No. 2,828, dated 26th November 1878, which, though slight, prevented her return to Dowlaishvaram till next June or July, and she cannot be thoroughly repaired where she now is.

(b) The Steamer *Wardah's* boiler was sent to Madras for repair last November, and was expected back in December, but has not yet come; the

*See G. O., No. 3,345 W, of 22nd August 1878.

†Now being put in hand at an estimated cost of Rupee 2,230.

other repairs necessary for her were postponed † to this year on account of the stringent orders received in December

to stop all expenditure under the head of "Provincial" in that official year.

2. I would draw attention to paragraph 4 of my No. 2,440 of 28th October 1878 (with G.O., No. 4,578 W, 29th November 1878), and beg to say that I

‡See note of Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 362 D, dated 15th November 1878.

do not consider the "book value"† plus cost of repairs" a moderate price to ask for the steamers. There is not the remotest probability of anything like such a price being obtained, and I do not consider it will be possible to let them at a rate such as that laid down in the Note of the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation above quoted.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1879, No. 1,291 W.

The decision communicated to the Superintending Engineer in Government Proceedings of the 29th November 1878, No. 4,578 W, will be maintained.

2. It is evident from the fourth paragraph of Mr. Walch's letter, No. 111-C, of the 12th March 1879, that the native trade is now established and in a sufficiently healthy condition, the withdrawal, therefore, of the Government steamers, instead of injuring the trade must tend, so far as native boats are concerned, to increase it.

3. The Superintending Engineer will accordingly have the necessary repairs to the steamers completed, and then call for tenders of purchase, which should be submitted with his opinion for the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.
" Collector of Godavari.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of 1879 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 3rd.

Issued

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G. O., 3rd May 1879, No. 1,291 W.

MAY.

No. 16-17.

Upper Godavari Steamers.—The decision already communicated to the Superintending Engineer in respect to the repair and disposal of the — to be maintained.

1877

No. 3389

1297/7

From S.E. 1st. Cich.

No. 152 G.O.

Dated 21st April, 1877

Recd. at Rtg. 30

Per 43-5-79 No. 1291 W

In reply to enquiry why the Upper Godavari Steamers have not been repaired in accordance with G.O. No. 45784, dated 29th November, 1878, stating that the accident which happened to the "Godavari" will prevent her returning to Basolishanaram till next June or July; she can't be repaired where she is now is, and that the orders for building expenditure prevented the execution of repairs to the "Murdah" till this official year; moreover her boiler has not come back yet from Madras. The S.E. says that he doesn't believe any one will offer to take the steamers at their book-value plus the cost of repairs, nor is it likely that they will be let at a rate to cover depreciation and interest on book value, as suggested by Col. Dooted.

Ref with 3389
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Previous Cases. 2537
2773
3145

draft order is sanctioned
for approval. It seems
desirable that it should
be generally known that
the steamers are not going
to run next season,
and a draft order which
can be placed on the
Editor's Table has therefore
been prepared instead
of a C.R. Memo. which
in other respects might
have been better.

H.S. 30/4

1292

P.H. Dept.
Munich

To Mr.

note

The accounts do not show the
whole cost of working in compari-
son with the receipts. In his letter
No. 3099 of the 5th of January 1878
(recorded with Rev. G.O. No. 401
of 14th March 1878) Colonel Bratty
forwarded a statement professing
to show the results of the steamer
traffic to Malabar, which was
referred to the Collector of
Godavari with other papers,
but it would seem from the 7th
para of letter from the Chairman
(Cocanada) Chamber of Commerce that de-
-preciation, interest, &c. cannot
have been taken account of
in that statement. There are
no

no means in the office for
filling in the columns as desired
by the Secretary.

The net profits, as given by
the District Engineer for the last
3 years, excluding pay of Comm-
-dary, wear and tear, and inter-
-est, are shown below:—

1876	1877	1878	Total
Rs 3985	3822	1618	9425

The pay of the Commander
(Rs 350 monthly) for the 3 years,
alone amounts to 12,600 Rs., to that
during this period, the total loss
to Govt., not including the wear
and tear, interest &c, or the cost
of ~~the~~ repairs (which are frequently
required — see para 3 of Mr.
Walch's letter No 1532 of 10th Sept 78)

amounts to Rs 3175.

The file has been made more
perfect.

The late Chief Engineer, considered
the statements very fallacious.

12/9/78

12/9/78

12/27/77

* Act. Secy's No 1330 D.
7. April 1877

In f. l. of 29 Dec 77 P.
appears sale after
repair. Not maintain
this decision. provided
we can get a fair
price. LK

In Hon. W. H. Hurdleston
G O Dec 12/77
Upper Godalmy Steamer

Colonel Bastid it
seems advised the
sale of these steamers
but before issuing
a distinct order to
this effect a call
was made at the
suggestion of Mrs. Rose
the Governor on the
Act. Sup. Engineers to
know why the steamers
were not being repaired

From that Officer's
telegram of the 16. and
21st inst. it would
seem that one at
least "the Wandah"
will be in order - and
as he asks for orders
regarding her running
a decision can not
longer be delayed

on the Western
Sale at the time
for collecting fuel
while it is laid in
down over

The Appointed Office
note of this date shows
that judging from the
very imperfect returns
it is impossible to
compile a proper Capital
and Revenue Account
for these Steamers but
that taking the working
of the past three years
there has been a loss
to Government of Rs 3175
if the Commanders
salary be treated as a
charge

On matters concerning
Repairs, charges for
depreciation, interest
&c are included,
the net loss must
have been much less

Greater

The only reasons assigned
against Sale are those
brought forward in the
Act? Sept. Enquiry No 111
of 12 March 1879 para 4
viz.

"There can be no doubt
"the running of these
"Steamers has done much
"in developing the trade
"and traffic from the
"districts on the upper
"reaches of the River and
"that they are a convenience
"occasionally to traders
"and passengers, but
"the great bulk of the
"trade is now carried
"on by native boats

As from the concluding
statement it would
appear that the trade
is sufficiently established
and in a healthy
condition the cessation
of the Steamers during
the next season

but only cannot
 injure the trade but
 must tend to increase
 it so far as native
 boats are concerned
 it seems to me best to
 instruct the Col. Sup.
 Engineer that after
 putting the Steamers in
 repair he should
 call for tenders of
 purchase and submit
 them with his opinion
 for the consideration
 of Government

If this be agreed to
 I would now write
 to him

Collect no fuel
 your letter awaited

D.H.

23/4/79

Tel. despatch 24-3-79.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.				Local No.
Class.	To Madras			From Coconada
To (Station)	18/5 31 4 31			Official Instructions.
To (Person)	Madras Works - Superintendent Engineer 186			Circle
Your telegram 25 no but Madras boiler being repaired in Madras				
RECD. FROM	L. N.		SENT TO	
At Hrs. Mts. By			At Hrs. Mts. By	
Date MADRAS 31-3-79				
				W. Chatter Telegraph Master.

sent to Madras for repair last
 November

but - only cannot
improve the trade but
must tend to increase
it so far as native
boats are concerned

3021-4-76 10005
" 30-4-77-1655
" 22-8-78-33657
" 14-11-78-45784
" 14-11-78-45784
" 1-12-78-10866

1893-5-77-161294

1893-5-77-161294

Collect no fuel
your letter awaited

Q.B.H.

23/4/79

Tel. despatch 24-3-79.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH						Local No. 352
To (Station)			From (Station)			
17/7			Rajahmundry			
16 16 1			Supt. Engr.			
Work Resignation			29/7			
My Telegram			and			
March 11			E works 31st			
to			Steamer			
run			wire			
MADRAS 16-4-79			Telegraph Master.			

(b) The steamer "Wardah" boiler
was sent to Madras for repair last
November

will only cannot
improve the trade but
must tend to increase
it so far as native
boats are concerned

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Copy to the office
of 1330, 7th station
will be omitted.

Delivered

17/4/79

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Tel. despatch 24-3-79.

Class.

~~INDIAN~~ P

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Local

To (Station)

Potacamund

From (Station)

Rajahmundry

Words.

23/4.

Time tendered for transmission.

(Madras time.)

Day. H. M.
21. 14. 45

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.—

To (Person)

Madras works.

From (Person)

Suptg Engr

Reply

Follows

be

but

collecting

soon

Wardah

in

time

fuel

too

will

order

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passing

late

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RECD. FROM

(L. L.)

SENT TO

(L. L.)

At

H.

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on the

At

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AMOND 21-4-79

By

A. B. Sanyal

Date

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 27.10.78
 14.12.78
 25.8.79
 7.4.79

P.W. 18/9-24
 No. 3565

Recd 34 May

Sent me
 file Enquiry
 P.W. 18/9-24
 21/4/79

24.79. P.W. 25.4.79
 26.4.79

Del. despatch 24-3-79.

No. 15292 General. 174

FROM, *De*
 THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
 1st Circle
 GODAVERY DISTRICT.
 TO, *1291*
 THE CHIEF ENGINEER
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 MADRAS.

CAMP DOWLAISHWARAM, 21st April 1879

SIR,

With reference to your Memo
 No. 1030 received this day by Packet Post
 I have the honor to inform you that
 the Upper Godavari Steamers have not
 been repaired as approved in G.O. 29th
 November 1878 No. 4578 Wt., because;
 (a) The Steamer "Godavari" met
 with an accident as reported in my
 No. 2828 dated 26th November 1878 which
 though slight, prevented her return
 to Dowlaishwaram, till next June
 or July & she cannot be thoroughly
 repaired where she now is.

See G.O. No. 3345 Wt.
 21st August 1878
 (b) The steamer "Wardah" boiler
 was sent to Madras for repair last
 November

November, and was expected back in December, but has not yet come; the other repairs necessary for her, were postponed to this year on account of the stringent orders received in December, to stop all expenditure under the head of "Provincial" in that official year.

* Now being put in hand at an estimate cost of 2230 Rs.

2. I would draw attention to para 4 of my No. 2440 of 28th October 1873, (with G.O. 4578 W. 29th November 1878) and beg to say that I do not consider the "book value plus cost of repairs" a moderate price to ask for the steamers.

* See note of Mr. Chief Engineer for Irrigation 362 D. 15 November 1878

There is not the remotest probability of anything like such a price being obtained - & I do not consider it will be possible to let them at a rate such as that laid down in the note of the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation above quoted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

C. S. Swale

Asst. Supl. Engineer / # Circle.

Conf. H. S.

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General.

FROM,

^{ag}
THE ~~OFFG.~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

DATED

RECEIVED

21st April 1879.

No. 15292

ENCLOSURE.

Steamers up the
Godavari -

Submits explanation
for not repairing the -

No. 1291 Wd 3rd March 1879
G.O.

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The decision communicated
to the Supt. Engr. in G.O.
No. of the 29th November,
1878, No. 4578 W. will
be maintained.

2. It is evident from the
4th paragraph of Mr
Hutchins letter No. ¹¹¹/_C of
the 12th March, 1879, that
the native trade is ^{now} ~~is~~ ^{restoring}
and in a sufficiently
healthy condition.

The withdrawal therefore
of the Government Steamers,
instead of injuring
the trade must tend,
so far as native
trade is concerned,
to increase it.

3. The Supt. Engr. will
accordingly leave the
necessary repairs to
the steamers complete,
and then call for

tenders of purchase,
which shall be submitted
with his opinion for the
consideration of Govt.

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[Signature]

1/5/79

to Mr. J. C. [unclear] 9
- Alfred P. [unclear] [unclear]
- [unclear] [unclear]
- Collector of [unclear] 5

best 4-8-79

[Signature]

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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

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Dated

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Encl.

G. O., 3 May 1879, No. 12914

Nos. 16-17.

Copper Kodavari Steamers

The decision already com-
municated to the Supt. Eng.
in respect to the repair and
disposal of the — to be
maintained.