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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

22nd October 1880, No. 2,441 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 98. From Captain A. AWDRY, R.E., Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Sadras, 26th August 1880, No. 1,489.

WITH reference to your No. 415, of the 6th February 1880, and to my No. 3,961 (paragraphs 1 to 3) and No. 794, of the 28th February and 14th June respectively, I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence, on the subject of the purchase of the special boats, which has passed between the Private Secretary to His Grace the Governor and myself.

2. Applications have from time to time, at considerable intervals, been made to me for permission to use the special boats fitted up at a cost of Rs. 5,102-14-0, which amount was originally adjusted with the Workshops by me, but has since been repaid to me by the Private Secretary to His Grace. The boats therefore belong to Government House, and applicants for use of them have always been referred by me to the Private Secretary.

3. Captain Hankin, in his letter of the 25th June, requests me to inform him what I consider would be a fair price at which to transfer the boats from Government House to the Canal, as it is not convenient for the arrangements for letting them out on hire to be managed from Government House.

4. To this I replied, on the 14th ultimo, pointing out that the boats are not of a description which would be suitable to the ordinary use of officers travelling by the canal, but suggesting that the boats might be considered as worth Rs. 2,420, and that (as they would require certain alterations and a boat-house roofed in to keep them) an allotment of Rs. 4,000 should be made to me if I was to purchase them.

5. In reply to this the Private Secretary wrote to me, under date the 17th July, informing me that His Grace the Governor considered that Rs. 2,820 ("or, say, Rs. 3,000,") should be the price at which the boats were to be sold.

6. I have the honor therefore to request that I may be furnished with a special allotment of money for this purpose, and that the rate at which the boats may be let out for hire may be communicated to me. I should however point out that, as the boats will be of little use to the canal and the hire of them will not pay interest on their cost as well as providing a sinking fund for replacing them when worn out, it will be advisable that the capital outlay for their purchase should not be charged to the canal estimate; at the same time the Government House funds for any one year can hardly be expected to pay the whole cost of boats, which will doubtless be of use in future years if His Grace or any future Governors wish to travel along the canal. I would therefore suggest most respectfully that a special allotment of funds should be made for the purchase of the boats independently of the canal funds.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1880, No. 2,441 W.

THE Superintendent of Works is authorised to purchase the boats at the price named (Rs. 2,820); a special allotment of that amount being made from the Provincial Reserve.

2. The Superintendent of Works should submit proposals in regard to letting out the boats which will be under his charge.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal.
" Private Secretary to His Grace the Governor.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT

Govt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 22nd.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 22nd October 1880, No. 2,441 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 98-99.

Boats fitted up for His Grace the
Governor's tour up the Buckingham Canal.
The Superintendent of Works, Bucking-
ham Canal, authorised to purchase the —
for Rs. 2,820.

No. 1489

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

Comp. Sadras, 26th August 1880.
Despatch 1st September/80

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures 3.

With reference to your No. 415 of
the 6th February 1880 and to my No. 3961
(paras 1 to 3), and No. 794 of the 28th February,
and 14th June respectively, I have the
honor to forward copies of correspondence on
the subject of the purchase of the
Special Boats which has passed between
the Private Secretary to His Grace
the Governor and myself.

Applications have from time
to time at considerable intervals been
made to me for permission to use
the Special Boats fitted up at a cost
of Rupees 5102-14-0, which amount was
originally adjusted with the Workshops
by me but has since been repaid to
me by the Private Secretary to His
Grace

Grace. The Boats therefore belong to Government House and applicants for use of them have always been referred by me to the Private Secretary.

3. Captain Hankin in his letter of the 25th June requests me to inform him what I consider would be a fair price at which to transfer the Boats from Government House to the Canal as it is not convenient for the arrangements for letting them out on hire to be managed from Government House.

4. To this I replied on the 14th ultimo pointing out that the Boats are not of a description which would be suitable to the ordinary use of Officers travelling by the Canal, but suggesting that the Boats might be considered as worth Rupees 2420 and that (as they would require certain alterations and a boathouse roofed in to keep them) an allotment of Rupees 4000 should be made to me if I was to purchase them.

5. In reply to this the Private Secretary wrote to me under date the 17th July informing me that

His Grace the Governor considered that Rupees 2820 (or say Rupees 3000) should be the price at which the Boats were to be sold. $\frac{2441}{24}$

6. I have the honor therefore to request that I may be furnished with a special allotment of money for this purpose, and that the rate at which the Boats may be let out for hire may be communicated to me. I should however point out that, — as the Boats will be of little use to the Canal and the hire of them will not pay interest on their cost as well as providing a sinking fund for replacing them when worn out, — it will be advisable that the capital outlay for their purchase should not be charged to the Canal Estimate: at the same time the Government House Funds for any one year can hardly be expected to pay the whole cost of Boats which will doubtless be of use in future years if His Grace or any future Governor wish to travel along the Canal. I would therefore suggest most respectfully that a Special allotment of funds should be made for the purchase of ^{the} Boats independently of the Canal funds.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant,
A. Cowdy Captain R.E.
Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

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BUCKINGHAM CANAL

To

No

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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Dated 31st August 1880

Recd 1st September 1880

No. 7489.

ENCLOSURES. 3.

Special Boats fitted up
for His Grace the Governor's
tour up the Buckingham
canal —

Forwards correspondence
regarding the — and
suggests a special allotment
should be made in-
dependently of the canal
funds for the purchase
of —

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Government House

Colacamund 25th June 1880.

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My dear Andrew

Adverting to your official
of 14th June to the Chief Engineer
Public Works Department with
reference to the hire of Special Boats
fitted up for His Grace the
Governor's late tour up the
Buckingham Canal, I am
directed by His Grace to put
myself in communication with
you on the subject.

The Duke remarks that
it would be well if the Boats were
taken over by the Canal as
Government House cannot
conveniently carry out the hiring
of Boats &c. His Grace will therefore
have no objection to part with them
for the Public Works Charges, less

the cost of hulls and less a fair percentage for wear and tear during the two months tour.

I shall be glad if you will kindly consider this and let me know what you think would be a fair percentage to deduct.

P.W.D.

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Am etc

Signed / Philip J. Hankin
Private Secretary.

To,

Captain A. Awdry

Superintendent of Works

Buckingham Canal.

(True copy)

A. Awdry. Captain. R.E.
Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal.

Madras
14th July 1880.

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My dear Hankin

In reply to your letter of the 25th about the two Special Boats.

The cost has been,

Hulls	Rupees	715-0-0
Fitting up	Rupees	4367-14-0
2 Grapnels	Rupees	20-0-0
Total	Rupees	5102-14-0

One of the Hulls is in a very bad state and the other also needs some repair doing to it, but His Grace is willing not to charge for the Hulls so that will probably balance their repairs.

In regard to the fittings the Bill was very high to start with including as it did Workshop percentage, and extra cost of work done in a hurry, so I should say the Fitting up should not be reckoned to have been originally worth more than about Rupees 3000. This work includes

includes matting, Chicks, Awnings and such like nonsubstantial fittings which got of course more or less the worse for the wear and tear of the Tour, and other minor damages were also done. I should say that to replace these about 20 percent might be knocked off the Rupees 3000 reducing it to Rupees 2400. which with the Rupees 20 for the grapnel brings the price to Rupees 1210 per Boat.

As the Boats at present stand they are not suitable for the work of ordinary people who require boats in the canal for they have no place at the stern in which cooking can be done nor are they provided with masts and sails these alterations will raise their cost to about Rupees 1500 before they are fit to hire out.

It will probably be a convenience to Officers who have occasional inspections to do to be able to secure such boats but they would be too large and expensive to work for Officers constantly using the canal or for any but Superior Officers receiving high rates of Travelling Allowances.

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I should say that a rate of one Rupee (or say something of the sort) a day should be charged for the use of the Boats which will cover the cost of watchers &c while they are not in use but I hope if the boats are handed over to the Canal His Grace will be pleased to make a special allotment to the Canal of the sum at which I am to pay for them, and the cost of fitting them up and making a 'laybye' with shed over it to keep them in or say Rupees 4000 in all.

I remain &c

(Signed) A. Awdry.

(True Copy).

A. Awdry. Captain R.E.
Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal.

P.W.D.

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Government House

Cotacamund 17th July 1880.

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My dear Cudry.

I laid your letter of the 14th Instant before His Grace, and he directs me to say, that the 20 percent you propose to strike off, from Rupees 3000 = Rs 600 for the repair of minor damages to the boats is too high, and that a sum of Rupees 200 will suffice for the purpose.

The sum therefore you will have to pay for the two boats is Rupees $2420 + 400 = 2820$ or say Rupees 3000.

Yours etc

/Signed/ Philip J. Hankin
Private Secretary

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To Captain A. Cudry R. E.
Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal
Madras

Buckingham Canal

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Draft to

Approved
The Council

MA

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At present the boats belong
to the House of Commons.
It is proposed that they
should be taken over on the
valuation of the House of Commons.
The House of Commons (the House of Commons) to
be available for hire
or use on the Canal by
officers. But it is
proposed to change
them to the Canal, as
they are expensive &
only fit for the proposed
purpose. The House of Commons
is solicited.

I don't believe in having
the money in the House
in Provincial - if the
boats are not wanted for
the Canal traffic or Dept.

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Mr W. H. Huddleston
24/10
His Grace the Governor
The House of Commons
For orders with reference
to the boats

With reference to
the numbered letter
no 1489 of the 26th
June Captain Ainsley on
the subject of the two
boats which were pre-
sented for the use of
His Grace the Governor
when inspecting early in
the year the Birmingham
Canal I would beg to
draw attention to the
two passages I have
marked by which it
will be observed that
it is hardly observable
to bring them on the
Canal plank or work
them for hire - indeed
it appears to me that
if charged against the
Estimate for the work
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now training for
Submarine, the Government
of India will in all
probability disallow
the debit.

It would also be
advisable to
make arrangements to
purchase small boats
which may now or
later be looked on as
redundant in the use of
the Government should be
available to hire by
any person applying
in time, and still has
that the departmental
Officers should have
their duty laid on them
in addition to those
more directly appertaining
to their work on the
Canal

Under these circum-
stances I venture to
hope that some
such arrangement as

has suggested at
the close of Captain
Awdry's letter may
command itself the
approval of Government

Att

As for the cost?
I think that the
letter assigns the cost
at the price named
in the letter as
the convenience seen
the only occasional
if they can afford.
Let them be sold
by Govt. House Dept.
at a price probably
be a greater loss
to the State.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 22nd Oct 1880.

Read the following:—

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From
The Supt^t of Works } (M.C. No 1489 of 31st Aug^t)
Buckingham Canal

The Supt^t of Works
is authorised to purchase
the boats at the price
named (Rs 2500); a
special allotment of that
amount being made from
the Provincial Reserve.

2. The Supt^t of Works
should submit proposals
in regard to letting
out the boats which will
be under his charge.

S. W. Buckingham Canal

Private Secy: to M^y the Governor

By S. W. Aceto: 7

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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G. O. 22nd Sept 1880 No. 244165.

Nos. 98599

Boats fitted up for
His Grace the Governor
to visit the Buckingham
Canal.

The Dyptoy works
Manual authorised
to purchase the —
for the 2820.