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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th October 1880, No. 2,462 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 112. From Captain A. AWDRY, R.E., Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kristnapatam, 18th September 1880, No. 1,680.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, under authority of G.O., No. 3,298 W., of 22nd December 1879, licenses have during 1880 been issued for the whole year, but payments have been permitted to be made in four instalments.

2. This procedure was advisable while the boatmen did not understand the rules and were hanging back from taking out licenses, but it involves exactly four times the labor that a yearly payment would; and the labor is considerable in examining the licenses, collecting the money, sending the license into the division office to have it endorsed, and the entry in the cash book.

3. I propose, if you approve, to lessen this during the year 1881 by taking half payment at the commencement of the year and half in July. In 1882 one payment only might be insisted on.

4. I have during this year had on several occasions applications for change of section during the year, the object of the boatmen being of course to lessen their charges for tolls if they got a good job in some other section. In dealing with this matter I have had in view the fact that the license itself is for the *whole* year, though the payments are permitted in instalments. I have therefore declined any change of section except on the terms of paying up in full for the year for the original section license, after which that license may be cancelled, and an entirely new license (without retrospective effect as regards tolls) has been issued to the boat for the new section on payment for the whole year; that this has been considered advantageous by the boatmen is shown by their consenting to the terms.

5. In regard to the compounding at Rs. 10 per ton for tolls for the whole year, I think that no such composition should be admitted after the first three months of the year, or that if admitted after the first three months it should not have retrospective effect. If this proviso is not made boats will work on until the Rs. 10 is *nearly* reached when they will apply to compound, the result being a certain loss of tolls to Government and infinite labor in hunting up every payment made by the boat in the year.

6. I propose putting these matters very plainly before each boatowner, so that they may be fully aware of the terms on which they apply for their licenses for 1881, and, if you approve of the three points raised in this letter, I shall send a copy of the enclosed notice to each owner.

2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 25TH OCTOBER 1880, No. 2,462 W.

No. 112-A. From the same Officer, dated Northern Canal, 9th October 1880, No. 1,796.

With reference to your No. 503 of the 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that a sliding scale had occurred to me as a possible alternative, but I was not sure whether it was admissible under the rules.

2. In regard to licenses they should be at the published rate of Rs. 2 per ton if paid down for the year, but if the boatowners are given grace of six months for half the payment they might be charged a booking fee of Rs. 2 in addition to the second half-year's amount.

3. In regard to compounding for tolls, the labor of looking up refunds of payments is far more serious than the booking of the license fees, and moreover boatmen will not come forward late in the year to compound unless they see their way to *certain* profit, i.e., *certain* loss to Government; the compounding also was intended to save trouble of collection, booking, &c., which, if done late in the year, it will not save. I should therefore propose that for the first three months of the year the rate for composition be Rs. 10 a ton, and after that it should increase by one rupee per ton per mensem, i.e., Rs. 11 in April, Rs. 12 in May, &c., Rs. 18 in November, and Rs. 19 in December. I think this will be an exceedingly good rule and will completely serve its object.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1880, No. 2,462 W.

THE proposals contained in the letters above recorded are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal.

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

Govt. of 1880 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.
BUCKINGHAM CANAL.

Dated October, 25th.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 25th October 1880, No. 2,462 W.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 112-113.

Compounding for Tolls, Buckingham Canal.—The proposals of the Superintendent of Works in regard to the arrangement for — sanctioned.

To

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Owner of Boat No. of Lane
Licenced for Section of the
Buckingham Canal for 1880.

You are requested to take notice
that you must take out a Licence
for your Boat for the year 1881 before
the 31st December 1880. Your application
for the licence should be sent in at
once or any time before the 15th December.

2 You may have your boat licensed
for any one section of the canal which you
prefer, but when you have taken out a
Licence for one section for the year it
cannot be only be changed by you paying
it up in full for the whole year, having it
cancelled, and taking out a new Licence
for the new section, paying for it also
in full for the whole year.

3 By paying Rs 10 a ton in addition
to the Licence fee of Rs 2 a ton (or Rs 12 a ton
in all) your Boat can be licenced to

pass free without paying toll at all throughout
the whole length of the Buckingham Canal
for the whole year. If your Boat is likely
to pass through 40 Toll gates in the year
this will save you money and trouble. But
these terms will not be available after
the first three months in the year.

4 If the Licence is lost, torn, or
made very dirty a duplicate will have to be
taken out, the Fee for which is Rs 2—
you had better therefore spend one or
two annas on a small tin box to keep your
Licence safe and clean.

5 The Licence if applied for will be
issued for the whole year but you need
only pay half of the charge now on
the understanding that you agree to pay
the other half on or before the 1st July 1887.

Buckingham Canal Office
Shepardt
Madras
October 1880

A. A. W. M. Captain R.E.
Superintendent of Works.
Buckingham Canal

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No. 1680

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

Camp, Kristnapatam 18th September 1880

Despatch 28th

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

Enclosure.

W. 9/6/80

I have the honor to inform you that under authority of G.O. N^o 3296 W of 22nd December 1879 Licences have during 1880 been issued for the whole year but payments have been permitted to be made in four instalments.

2 This procedure was advisable while the Boatmen did not understand the Rules and were hanging back from taking out Licences, but it involves exactly four times the labour that a yearly payment would, and the labour is considerable in examining the Licences, collecting the money, sending the Licence in to the Division Office to have it endorsed, and the entry in the cash book.

3 I propose if you approve to lessen this during the year 1881 by taking

half payment at the commencement of the year and half in July. In 1882 one payment only might be insisted on.

4. I have during this year had on several occasions applications for change of section during the year, the object ^{of the Boatmen} being of course to lessen their charges for Tolls if they got a good job in some other section. In dealing with this matter I have had in view the fact that the Licence itself is for the whole year though the payments are permitted in instalments. I have therefore declined any change of section except on the terms of paying up in full for the year for the original section Licence, after which that Licence may be cancelled, and an entirely new licence (without retrospective effect as regards Tolls) has been issued to the Boat for the new section on payment for the whole year: that this has been considered advantageous by the Boatmen is shown by their consenting to the terms.

5. In regard to the compounding out ~~at~~ ^{at} Rs 10 per ton for Tolls for the whole year I

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think that no such composition should be admitted after the first three months of the year, or that if admitted after the first three months it should not have retrospective effect. If this proviso is not made Boats will work on until the Rs 10 is nearly reached when they will apply to compound, the result being a ^{curious} loss of Tolls to Government and infinite labour in hunting up every payment made by the Boat in the year.

6. I propose putting these matters very plainly before each boatowner so that they may be fully aware of the terms on which they apply for their Licences for 1883, and if you approve of the three points raised in this letter I shall send a copy of the enclosed notice to each owner.

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

From
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
P.W.D.
BUCKINGHAM CANAL,
29 SEP 80
To
No. 663
THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

Dated 18th September 1880.

No. 1680

ENCLOSURE 1.

Licence and Tolls for
boats on the Buckingham
Canal -

Suggests certain
proposals with regard
to the collection of the -

No. 1796

24/9/80
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL, on Circuit

Camp Northern Canal 9th October 1880.

Despatch 13th - 14 -

From
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To
THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosure.

With reference to your No
503 of the 4th Instant I have the
honor to inform you that a
sliding scale had occurred to me
as a possible alternative but I was
not sure whether it was admissible
under the Rules.

2. In regard to Licences
they should be at the published
rate of Rupees 2 per Ton if paid
down for the year, but if the Boat
owners are given grace of 6 months
for half the payment they might
be charged a booking fee of two
Rupees in addition to the second
half year's amount.

3. In regard to compounding for Tolls the Labour of looking up refunds of payments is far more serious than the looking of the Licence fees, and moreover Boatmen will not come forward late in the year to compound unless they see their way to certain ^{i.e. certain hope to get some money} profit; the compounding also was intended to save trouble of collection booking &c which if done late in the year it will not. I should therefore propose that for the first three months of the year the rate for composition be Rupees 10 a Ton, and after that it should increase by one Rupee per Ton per mensem i.e. 11 Rupees in April, 12 Rupees in May, etc etc etc, 18 Rupees in November, and 19 Rupees in December. I think this will be an exceedingly good rule and will completely serve its object.

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

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Memorandum

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With reference to his letter No. 1680 of the 18th Sept^r, the undersigned has the honor to request the Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal, to report whether, with reference to payments by instalments for licences, it would answer to introduce a sliding scale by which those paying at once for the whole year for their licences might not be given a sufficiently distinct advantage to induce boat owners to come forward, and make such payments.

2 The Chief Engineer is certainly of opinion that half yearly instalments should

should take the place of
quarterly, but this alternative
might be considered -

3. As regards the
arrangement for compounding
it might, it seems to the under-
signed, be feasible to introduce
a sliding scale which while
leaving it optional with boat
owners when they might com-
pound, a very distinct ad-
vantage might be given to
those who compound early
in the year -

(Sigd) R.H.S. Esq.
Chief Engineer

To

The Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal

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Ce. 503. 4-10-80.

From

P.W.D.
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
1400180 BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To

No. 6506

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Dated

9th October 1880.
Sept 13th do—

No. 1796-

ENCLOSURE.

Compounding of
Tolls— Informs that
the looking up refunds
of payment is serious
than the booking of the
Licence fees in regard
to—

Ce. 18/10/80. Retd 22/10/80.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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From the Superintendent of Works, Buckingham
Canal, No. 1796 dated 9th October 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

C. M. Stanley
Chief Engr.

16th October 1880.

Sanctioning and
proposals— M.

FOR ORDERS.

*List under
orders*

No 24628

*P. M.
C. M. K.*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the *25th Oct/80*

Read the following:—

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From

The Supt^g of Works

Buckingham Canal

*(M.C. No 1680 d/18th Sept/80)
(M.C. No 1796 d/9th Oct/80)*

*The proposals con-
tained in the letters
above recorded are sanc-
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Att

22/10/80

S. W. Buckingham Canal

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G. O. 25th Oct. 1880, No. 2462 W.

Nos. 112 to 113

Comprising for the
Boultonham Canal

The proposals of the
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