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Right Honorable  
James Edward Stuart Lord of the  
Governor of Madras  
Ottomund.

My Lord.

We the undersigned & Boatowners of  
Buckingham Canal beg your Lordship most  
respectfully to be good enough to take our Case  
into your Lordship's Consideration and do us  
Justice.

We have sent to your Lordship on  
the 29 of February last a petition regarding the  
injustice done by Mr. Fowler towards us and a  
reply has been received as yet.

Mr. Fowler knowing that we have sent  
your Lordship a petition against him and no  
notice was taken by your Lordship regarding our  
petition fined 30 off our boats respectively. More so

He (Mr. Fowler) never enquire our matters  
nor give hear to our Cries. By the Cruel admi-  
nistration of Mr. Fowler we are all afraid of him  
& keep our boats quick. By this not only we lose  
our income but a great loss to the Government in  
the Collection of tolls. By the toll receipts issued  
by Government your Lordship can judge well  
what amount of income the Government draw  
from us

In order to get good name from Government

Mr. Fowler seizes our boats unjustly and  
without any reason whatever. He does it  
any authority.

Mr Fowler takes no deposition from us when  
he fines nor is there any record written him for  
so doing.

It is a great loss not only to us but to the  
Government also in Collecting tolls.

Names of those who sent petition to your  
Lordship are. Murgam Saib. Vencappa Naicken  
Soppo Naicken, Kathumalos Moody, Vaggappa  
Naicken & ~~Soppo Naicken~~ Narayanasamy  
residing at Vamanaswamy of Buckingham  
Canal.

We request therefore that your Lordship  
will kindly & deeply consider our Complaint  
and do us justice

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6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1882 forwarded  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April /82

Petition from *the boat owners of*  
*Poukangham Canal.*

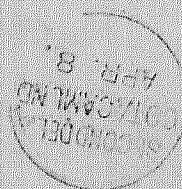
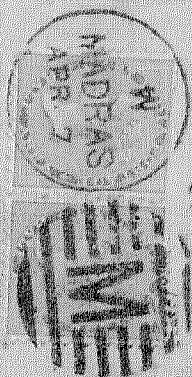
Dated *6th April 1882*

TRANSFERRED to *the Secy* Secretary to  
Government, Department.

(By Order.)

*A. Cotton* Captain &  
*Private* Secretary

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Cotacaimund*  
*10th April* 1882



*The Right Honorable Mr. Stuart Lybrand Esq.*  
*Governor of Madras*  
*Cotacaimund*

*Gover*

(1882) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE *Pirats* SECRETARY  
TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

TO

*Ref. hief* SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
DEPARTMENT.

Dated

*10th*  
*11* April 1882

Recd.

ENCLOSURE.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject.

Transfers a petition from  
the Boat owners of *Beikunq*  
Kam (anal) praying that  
justice may be done them

*Transferred in  
B. K. S. P. B. 1882*

Referring to their letter  
of 27<sup>th</sup> February last regarding  
the injustice done to them by  
Mr. Fowler to which they have  
not as yet received a reply,  
state that since they preferred the  
Complaints Mr. Fowler fined 30¢  
their boats unjustly in March;  
that by his cruel administration  
not only petrs lose their income  
but Govt. sustain a great loss  
in the collection of tolls.

Pray for consideration  
of their Complaints against Mr.  
Fowler & render them justice -

From Murgan Saib, Venkappa  
Naikun & others

Occupation Boatowners of  
Village Buckingham Canal  
Taluk  
District

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> } April 1882  
Received 15<sup>th</sup> }

Enclosures

CURRENT No. 1098

SUBJECT.

Complaint

For

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The Right Honorable Mountstuart Elphinstone  
Grant Duff  
Governor of Madras Presidency  
Cotacaimund

My Lord.

I the undersigned and owner of  
boat No 47 of Buckingham Canal beg your Lordship  
most respectfully to be good enough to take my case in to  
your Lordship Consideration and do me justice in the case  
mentioned below.

2. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept/81 when my Boat  
was coming near Woothundee. Mr. Flower Superintendent  
of Buckingham Canal seized my Boat and fined me 5 Rs.  
by the enmity that exists between him and me, on the plea  
of my Boat having passed in the canal without light.  
This he did without enquiring me personally or my evidence.  
My Boat never passes into the canal at any time without light  
when I asked him reason for the fine imposed by him, he refused  
to give me satisfaction.

3. I reported to the Collector (Mr. Price)  
to enquire into the matter, and do me justice who after  
enquiry into the matter confirmed the decision of  
Mr. Power

Mr. Flower, in order to favour him and told me that the fine imposed by Mr. Flower was for your Boat passing into to Cana without light. I requested Mr. Strice to enquire my Witnesses but he declined and said moreover that he would not interfere into it any more against the Government authority.

4. I have reported all the above said matter to Mr. R. E. Brackman through a Registered letter on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1882 who also did not enquire my Case and to do me justice.

5. On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1882 Mr. Strice sent his people to my house threatened my family and children during my absence and collected from my wife Rs 5 as fine.

6. Under the Boat Act Act Section 8 of 1840 Mr. Flower has no right to detain my Boat for more than 24 hours and take my license and keep with him for the last 6 months. He should also give me 15 days notice to collect from me any fine imposed by him without doing any of the above said he is keeping with him my Boat and license for the last 6 months.

7. As Mr. Flower had collected from me fine contrary to Section 25 of Boat Act. I request your Lordship will be good enough to enquire into the Case and

and issue orders to the Sub Engineer Mr. Flower to return my license and Boat and refund the fine collected from me unjustly.

I resided near the Bridge of Seerooravore Village Sydapett Taluk in the District of Chingleput.

I beg to remain  
y<sup>r</sup> day of April 1882  
Mawaseen  
My Lord  
your Lordship's most obedient and  
Humble servant

சுந்தரபெருமாள்

Boat owner No 47

Petition from *Ponnappa (alias)*

*owner of boat No 47.*

*Buckingham (alias)*

Dated *7th April 1882*

TRANSFERRED to *the Secy* Secretary to  
Government. Department.

(By Order.)

*A. W. M. J. Captain*  
*RR*

*Private Secretary.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Cotacamund*  
*11th April 1882.*

ABSTRACT.

Brings to notice that the Sub Engineer Mr Power in Sept. last imposed unjustly a fine of Rs 5 on Peto alleging that his boat passed through the canal without light, and that his license had been taken from him and the boat has been detained for the last six months, which are contrary to the provisions of Boat Act; that his appeals to the Collector and to Mr Brockman have had no good effect to Peto.

Prays therefore, for order to the Sub Engineer Mr Power to return to Peto his license and boat & to refund the fine levied from him.

(1882) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE *Private* SECRETARY

TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

To

*Chief*

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT.

Dated

*11<sup>th</sup>*

Recd.

*12* April

1882

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ENCLOSURE.

No.

Subject.

Transfers a petition from Panna Panchetkar that the fine levied by Mr Power may be refunded them

## PETITION DEPARTMENT.

BRANCH.

P.W.

From Ponnappa Chetty

Boat owner, etc.

Occupation

Village Seerampore

Taluk Sydapet

District Chengalpattu

Dated 7<sup>th</sup>Received 15<sup>th</sup>

Enclosures

CURRENT No. 1106

SUBJECT.

Refund of fine, &amp;c

For

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepauk, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1882.

No. 750

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer,  
P.W. Dept.

Sir,

Enclosures, 6

2 Petitions  
 2 Abstracts of the  
 2 Docket of the  
 Privates  
 Secretary to the  
 Right Honble the  
 Governor

I have the honor to return the two Petitions from Boat owners on the Buckingham Canal sent to me for remarks with your Memorandum No. 925C dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 1882.

2. One of the Petitions, viz that of Ponnappa Chetty, refers to a breach of Bye Law No. X. (failure to carry lights) and is similar to that previously submitted by the same individual which was disposed of in G. O. No. 976W dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 1882. With regard to paras bandy of the present Petition however the Executive Engineer reports that the Petitioner's boat was never taken charge of by the Sub Divisional Officer, and that the "License" which was taken from the Petitioner

in connection with the infliction of the fine could have been obtained by the Petitioner from the Toll Superintendent - to whom it was sent with orders from the Executive Engineer to levy the fine. As regards the fine itself - the High Court has adjudged against the Petitioner on his appeal against the District Magistrate's decision upholding the infliction of the fine.

3. The case of the other Petition is a breach of Rule IX, for which 30 Boat owners were fined - One of these Boats which is not licensed to carry any Passengers, had 58 passengers while the others which are licensed to carry passengers - had passengers in excess by three or four times of the number licensed for - The breach of this Bye-law is so frequent and causes so much trouble, that the punishment inflicted in this case was very necessary.

4. All fines for breach of the Bye-Laws are inflicted by the Executive Engineer only (not by the Subordinates) under Bye Law No. XIV.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most Obedt. Servant

H. H. Miller L. L. B. B.

Offg. Suptg. Engineer, S. S. S. S.

2472  
3526

B No. 1388 W d / 5<sup>th</sup> June / 82

Lodged with  
reference to S.O.

by 976 W d / 20<sup>th</sup> April  
& 1285 W d / 22 May 1882.

Cy 3.6.82

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer  
P. W. Deptt  
Madras.

Dated

31<sup>st</sup> May

1882.

Recd.

ENCLOSURES. 6

No. 450.

Complaint against the  
fine & inflicted by the  
B. & C. on certain boats.

Reports on the petitions  
of one. Bomappa Whetty &  
other Boat owners regarding  
certain

No. 1388 W d / 5<sup>th</sup> June / 82

with order

Entd in Receipt Regt

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No. 932.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th March 1882.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chandragiri, 9th March 1882, No. 96 :—

I HAVE the honor to lay the following matter before the Board of Revenue for consideration and such orders as they deem necessary.

2. The Board are aware that Mr. Norris, who is at present Executive Engineer, was for some months Local Fund Engineer in this district. Mr. Marjoribanks, the Treasury Deputy Collector, having, in his letter, dated 31st March 1881, No. 184, brought to the notice of the Local Fund Board, that Mr. Norris had, without sanction, employed several extra Clerks in his office, under the title of "Special Pygusts," the matter was laid before the Local Fund Board, Chittoor Circle, who passed a Resolution No. 25 (copy enclosed) at a Meeting held on the 11th April last, strongly condemning such action of Mr. Norris, and desiring him to refrain for the future from thus irregularly employing additional establishments without the knowledge of the Local Fund Board.

3. In my letter, No. 471, dated 29th idem, of which I forward copy, I drew the serious attention of that officer to this resolution, and called upon him for certain explanation, requesting him at the same time at once to dispense with the services of the above-mentioned special establishment. Having received no reply from him, I sent him a reminder on the subject, but he took no notice of it, and eventually was transferred to the Department of Public Works. His successor, Mr. Vivian, furnished me with a list of the special establishment with his letter, No. 1486, dated 3rd November last, from which the Local Fund Board are surprised to find that, even after the receipt by Mr. Norris of my letter, No. 471, quoted above, that gentleman, in direct defiance of the instructions issued to him by the Local Fund Board, ordered the employment of a number of additional "Special Pygusts," whose pay he ordered to be disbursed to them out of the allotments made by the Local Fund Board for the repair of various roads in the Circle. After his retransfer to the Department of Public Works, Mr. Norris continued to act under the orders of Government for some time as Local Fund Engineer, and during that period he had charge of the repair works of the English Church at Chittoor. This is a Government building, not in the charge of the Local Fund Board, but the Board find that for the supervision of the Church work Mr. Norris, without reference of any kind to them, employed a special Pygust on Rs. 9, and charged his pay to the Bombay Trunk Road allotment. He never reported this appointment to the Local Fund Board, or obtained their sanction for it.

4. I laid the list supplied by Mr. Vivian before the Local Fund Board, and at their instance again called upon Mr. Norris in my letter of the 13th January last, No. 36, to explain under what circumstances he entertained this additional establishment in contravention of explicit instructions that he had received, and requested an early reply, distinctly informing him that I had to submit the matter to the Board of Revenue for their orders. At his request made in his letter, No. 1995, dated 18th January last, I further furnished him with certain references that he asked for with my letter, No. 159, dated 7th ultimo; and I again sent him a reminder, No. 48, on the 25th idem, but I regret to state that he has not as yet furnished the explanation called for.

5. I consider it useless to wait any longer for Mr. Norris' explanation, and I beg accordingly to lay the matter before the Board of Revenue requesting them to take such notice of his conduct as they may deem proper.

6. The Pygusts in question, though entertained without sanction, have actually rendered services for which they have already received payments. It will, no doubt, be a great hardship to them if the Local Fund Board recovered from them the amounts irregularly paid to them; and I request that the Board will be pleased to accord their retrospective sanction to their appointments as shown in the above-mentioned list, a copy of which accompanies this report, or else to ask the Government to direct Mr. Norris to refund the amount out of his own pocket; and this certainly should be ordered in the case of the Pygust employed at the Chittoor Church. Mr. Norris was in constant communication with me personally on Local Fund matters, and he never in any way informed me that he had disobeyed the orders of the Local Fund Board, and was employing any additional establishment; and, as I have shown above, he persistently refrained from answering the inquiry of the Local Fund Board as to whether he had any additional establishment under employment that had not been sanctioned.

P.S.—After this letter had been written, I received from Mr. Norris his letter, No. 2461, dated 7th instant, of which I enclose copy. In it Mr. Norris objects to furnish the explanation asked by the Board, but states that he considers he was justified by paragraph 339, clause (a) of the Public Works Code in disobeying the explicit instructions of the Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

25. Read letter from the Vice-President, Local Fund Board, Chittoor Circle, dated 31st March 1881, No. 184, submitting for consideration and orders list of Pygusts received from the Local Fund Engineer.

Read also the list originally sanctioned by the Board and the Resolution passed thereon.

The Board are of opinion that the entertainment of extra Clerks under the title of Pygusts is entirely irregular, and must be discontinued. If extra assistance is required, the necessity should be reported and the establishment formally sanctioned; moreover these so-called Pygusts have been paid at rates considerably in excess of those sanctioned. The sanction of the Board of Revenue will now have to be obtained for this extra establishment. Mr. Norris is requested on no account to allow such irregularity in future. The Board would also wish to be informed whether any establishment of this kind has been employed elsewhere in the Circle. The pay of the Maistry on Rs. 20 for the Palmanér Dispensary has already been approved of, but he ought only to be paid when the work is actually going on. No pecuniary allowance should be made to Pygusts, but they may be allowed paper.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,  
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, to the Local Fund Engineer, North Arcot, dated Palmanér, 29th April 1881, No. 471.

With reference to Resolution 25 agreed to at the Meeting of the Local Fund Board held on the 11th instant, of which I enclose copy, I have the honor to state that the entertainment of extra Clerks under the title of Pygusts is entirely irregular, and must be discontinued. If extra assistance is required, the necessity should be reported and the establishment formally sanctioned. It is also observed that the so-called Pygusts have been paid at rates considerably in excess of those sanctioned. I request that while dispensing with the services of the establishment in question, you will on no account allow hereafter such irregularity as has now been brought to light.

2. I beg, at the instance of the Board, that you will inform if any establishment of this kind has been employed elsewhere in the Circle.

3. As regards the Maistry employed by the Board on Rs. 20 a-month for the Palmanér Dispensary, I have to acquaint you that he will be paid only when the work is actually going on.

4. It is also reported that an anna is allowed to each Pygust for stationery. This is open to objection and should be put a stop to, any paper that may be necessary being supplied to them.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From W. R. NORRIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division, to the President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, dated Vellore, 7th March 1882, No. 2461.

With reference to your letter, No. 36, of 13th January 1882, I have the honor to inform you that the entertainment of writers for overseers was done out of sheer necessity, and in order to permit of work being done by the overseers which is legitimately theirs. Had the writers not been employed, overseers could not possibly have sent one-quarter of the estimates required of them, and, as an Executive Engineer in charge of the District, I saw that the work of the Boards was carried out as well as could be expected under the extremely adverse circumstances of the scanty, very poorly-paid and undermanned establishments allowed to me. Considering this, and also seeing that, under paragraph 339, clause (a) of the Public Works Code, I was vested with powers to do what I did, I see no reason for the Board's calling on me at this length of time for explanation, on a subject which needs no explanation, and which they ought to see and know has led to the better prosecution of work and enhancement of their interests, to which end I strove my best during the eight months I superintended their work.

2. Further I observe that a writer was sent to me as a temporary hand by the President himself, and that my original proposal that all overseers should of necessity have writers, has been recommended by the Local Fund Board, and lately sanctioned by the Revenue Board.

3. I request that, should the matter be laid before the Board of Revenue, this letter of mine may accompany it.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—List of special establishment of Pygusts employed by Mr. Norris.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government as Mr. Norris is now employed in the Department of Public Works.

2. The Board of Revenue are of opinion that, unless Mr. Norris is in a position to offer further and more satisfactory explanation of his irregular procedure than he has furnished to the President of the Local Fund Board, North Arcot, he should be called on to refund the sums expended by him without sanction, the amount of which to save time, the President is requested to report direct to Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,  
with one original enclosure to be returned.  
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District.

Exd. A. Grubert.

1882.  
Board of Revenue,  
MADRAS.

To  
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVT.,  
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,  
&c., &c., &c.

Printed April 3rd.

Received

*C. No. 995.*

PROCEEDINGS, 29TH MARCH 1882, No. 932.

SUBMITTING for orders of Government, with remarks, report of President, Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, on the conduct of Mr. Norris, late Local Fund Engineer, in entertaining Special Pygusts in contravention of the orders of the Local Board, communicated to him in writing.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1882, No. 932.

Read also letter from the President, Local Fund Boards, North Arcot dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1882, No. 34, submitting for information that the amount of money expended by Mr. Norris without sanction on account of the pay of the Pygusts was Rs. 278-9-9.

Read also Memorandum from the Public Works Department dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 1882, No. 84 C.

Order thereon 19<sup>th</sup> May 1882, No. 159- (ms)

The Government accept Mr. Norris' explanation in so far as he contends that he acted in good faith.

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2 They refrain on this account  
from calling on him to refund the  
sums expended without sanction,  
the penalty to which he has rendered  
himself liable.

(True Extract)

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Actg. Asst. Secy.

To The Board of Revenue

Public Works Department  
with Board No. dated 29 March 182  
no. 932

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Financial

To

Communicated  
to the Suply Ings  
4<sup>th</sup> Circle for Mr  
Norris' information

Encl.

Recd 29 May

Proceedings, dated 19 May 1882.  
No. 459/2ms

Subject.

Accepting Mr. Norris' explanation regarding the amount of money expended by him without sanction on account of the pay of the Cuzusta.

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