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

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 27th 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 of our boats unjustly. These Boats

we (Mr. Fowler) never enquire our matters
nor give hear to our Crisis. By the Cruel admens-
tration of Mr. Fowler we are all afraid of him
& keep our boats quiet. By this not only we lose
our income but a great loss to the Government and
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 so
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
Koppoo Naicken, Kathimalos Moody, Vaggappa
Naicken & ~~Koppoo Naicken~~ Narayanaswamy
residing at Vamanaswamy of Buckingham
Canal.

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

X
6th day of April 1882 forwarded
on the 6th day of April 1882

Petition from *the boat owners of*
Buckingham Canal.

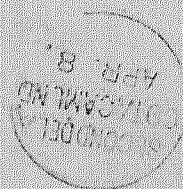
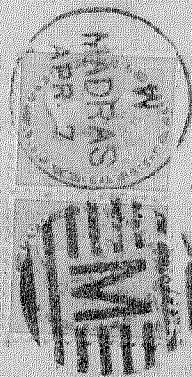
Dated *6th April 1889*

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

(By Order.)

A. C. M. Captain
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Cotacaimund
10th April 188*9*



The Right Honorable Mr. Stuart
Governor of Madras
Cotacaimund

Gover

ABSTRACT.

(1862) DEPARTMENT.

From
THE *Private* SECRETARY
TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

To
Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT.

Dated *10th*
Recd. *11th* April 1882

ENCLOSURE.

No. _____

Subject.

*Transfer a petition from
the Boat Owners of Barking
ham (anal) praying that
justice may be done them*

*Referring to this petition
of 27th 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 30s
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
Naiken & others

Occupation Boatowners of
Village Buckingham Canal
Talug
District

Dated 6th } April 1882
Received 15th }
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 14th day of Sept/81 when my Boat
was coming near Woorthundee Mr. Power 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 to the matter confirmed the decision of
Mr. Power

Mr. Hower, in order to favour him and told me that the fine imposed by Mr. Hower was for your Boat passing into the Canal without light. I requested Mr. Strie 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 19th day of January 1882 who also did not enquire my Case and to do me justice.

5. On the 1st February 1882 Mr. Strie 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 No 1 Section 8 of 1870 Mr. Hower 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. Hower 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. Hower to return my license and Boat and refund the fine collected from me unjustly.

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

I beg to remain
y^r day of April 1882
My Lord
your Lordship's most obedient and
Humble servant

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Boat owner No 47

Petition from *Ponnappa (Pettar)*

Owner of boat No 47.

Buckingham Canal

Dated *7th* April 1882

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

(By Order.)

A. C. M. S. S.
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Co. Facamund
11th April 1882.

(1882) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE *Private* SECRETARY

TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

To

Chief

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT.

Dated

11th

Recd.

12 April

1882

ENCLOSURE.

No. _____

Subject.

Transfer a petition
from Pounafackethia
that the fine levied by
Mr Power may be re-
funded them

ABSTRACT.

Brings to notice that
the Sub Engineer Mr Power
in Sept. last imposed
unjustly a fine of Rs 5
on Pounafackethia 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 get.

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

PETITION DEPARTMENT.

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*P.W.*From *Ponnappa Chetty*

Occupation

Village *Serampore Bridge*Taluk *Sylhet*District *Changpoh*Dated *7th* April 1882Received *15th*

Enclosures

CURRENT No. *1106*

SUBJECT.

Refund of fine, &c

For

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 Dockets of the
 Privates
 Secretary to the
 Right Honorable 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 25th 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 20th 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

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepauk, *31st May* 1882.

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
W. H. Martin Esq. Secy.

Ch. Secy. to the Govt.

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B No. 1388 Wd/5th June/82

Loaded with
reference to S.O.
No 976 Wd 20th April
& 1285 Wd 22 May 1882.

Cy 3.6.82

From

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt
Madras.

Dated 31st } May 1882.
Recd. 1st }

ENCLOSURES. 6

No. 450.

Complaint against the
fine & inflicted by the
By: Engr on certain boats.

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

No. 1388 Wd/5th June/82

With order
Entd in Receipt Regd

10/7/82

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