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PUBLIC WORKS. DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

Telegram from KHAJAH MAHOMED AMIN KHAN *alias* DODA SAIB, Town Khajee, Rajahmundry, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St. George, Nellore, dated 25th July 1883.

Sub-Collector ordered Godavari ferry steamer be sent for auction to Dowlaishweram by Department Public Works 1st proximo. Godavari is in full freshes. Month ago boat sunk, forty passengers died. In previous years also boats were sunk; great loss sustained to passengers and cargo. People fear to cross the river on boats. Humbly request orders to keep the steamer permanently; postpone sale of Godavari steamer till new one supplied; to prohibit passengers going on boats to save loss of lives. Paid for correspondence. Mahajars forwarded. Reply prepaid, two rupees.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, to the Superintending Engineer, Dowlaishweram, dated 1st August 1883.

“Defer sale of Steamer *Godavari* till further orders.”

No. 258 E., Public Works.

Copy of the above, and of the telegram from Rajahmundry, dated 25th July, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, forwarded to the Revenue Department with reference to G.O., No. 818 W., dated 13th March 1883, and for expression of opinion as to the retention, or otherwise, of the steamer.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

1st August 1883.

To the Revenue Department.

G.O., dated 3rd August 1883, No. 3206, Revenue.

Read—endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 1st August 1883, No. 258 E.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding copy of a telegram from Rajahmundry, and of another to the Superintending Engineer, regarding the sale of Steamer *Godavari*, and requesting an expression of opinion as to the retention, or otherwise, of the steamer.

Order—dated 3rd August 1883, No. 8206, Revenue.

The Government in the Revenue Department is decidedly of opinion that the retention of the Steamer *Godavari*, until she can be replaced by a new steamer to be purchased from the Canal and Ferry Fund, is advisable. The fund is in a position to pay for the use of the *Godavari* such rates of hire as may, in the opinion of the Public Works Department, be necessary to cover the cost of repair; and it is desired that this question may be considered in that department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

ORDER—dated 18th August 1883, No. 2325 W., Public Works.

There is no objection to the retention of the steamer for the use of the ferry, provided all charges, including cost of repair and working expenses, are paid from Ferry Funds. There would be no separate charge for hire.

2. Should the Ferry Fund not be prepared to meet the expense, the steamer will be sold by auction as already ordered in G.O., No. 818 W., dated 13th March 1883, when she can be bought by the Ferry Fund if considered desirable.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1883) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 18th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 18th Aug. 1883, No. 2325 W.

AUGUST.

Steamer "Godavari"

Agreeing to retain the — for the use of the Rajahmundry Ferry, provided all charges thereon are paid from Ferry Funds, including cost of repair and working expenses.

P.W. Department

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Note

Revenue G.O. 3206 dated 3^d August 1883.

The arrangement suggested in this order does not seem to be equitable to the P.W. Department. It is proposed that the Canal & Ferry Fund shall pay "such rates of hire as may be necessary to cover the cost of repair." There is

I believe that at present nothing said about working charges are borne by the C. & F. Fund, & if so it was of course expenses which will be intended that the arrangement should continue. It was meant that such additions should be made to the rates of hire as would compensate the P.W. for the repairs. heavy. as far as the P.W. Department is concerned, the Steamer is not wanted, and

d would have been
ld, except for the
tervention of those in-
terested in the Ferry.
He is now to be re-
tained for the exclusive
se of the Ferry and it
seems only fair that the
Ferry Fund should bear
all charges. Any expendi-
ture on the Steamer
from Provincial Funds
would, in the present
circumstances of the
case, amount to a con-
tribution from Provin-
cial to Ferry Funds.

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation remarks that
the Steamer is an old
one, and will probably
fetch a very small sum
if sold by auction. He
accordingly suggests that

Private persons who do
think the ferry should be
retained. If the D.P.O. do
desire to continue to let
her hire, let her be put
in auction, & we will bid
for the fund. W.S.

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the Superintending Engineer
and Collector should together
fix a fair value for the
vessel, and that she be
taken over by the Canal
and Ferry Fund. She will
be wanted for the Ferry
till a proper Steamer
can be built; probably
for nearly two years.

The Honble Mr.

Sullivan has suggested
Rs 5,000 as a fair valuation

The undersigned
is directed to invite the
remarks of the Chief Engr.
for Irrigation, and the
Revenue Secretary on this
proposal.

C. D. Mackay
Major General
Secretary to Govt. W.D.

I am sorry that it would be
advantageous for the C. & F. fund
to buy her at this rate; but
I should prefer to have her value
tested by auction first.

H.C.

To Col. J. V. Hasted R.E.
C. & F. for J.
H. L. Stokes Esq. C.S.
ag. Secty. to Govt. R. Dept.

R.S.
H.C.

Hon H E Sullivan

For order.

E.I.

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For remarks -

It seems to me that
of the petitioners and
the steamer so valuable
they can buy it at
auction & work it at
a profit.

Atto

30-7

P 258 E of P. 189

W.

In a note I sent to-day
to the H. M. I recommended
that the 'Fowler' should be
brought for the Rajahmundry
Ferry, and a new Ferry
steamer ordered from the
Calcutta Dockyard. After that
have not decided what it should
do. I think it would be to
be sent from the auction. It
would be a big mistake to
steamer off the ferry in
middle of the peak season.

C. H. W.
authorized and signed
Atto

Cir 30/7 list 31/7/82

and petitioners are probably
aware that it is in contemplation
to have a new Ferry steamer
as nothing is the expected
from private individuals.

John

30/7/83.

For the Lt. Col's orders
If the Auction is to be
discontinued an urgent
message must be
sent to the Sup^t
Engineers

Atto

30/7/83

I think then advisable
we can make arrange-
ments for next season
after the fisheries are
over - H.S.

Isent. Col. Stautes's
note to me on the
Rev. Dept in view of
his advice being
followed. Let Rev
know the sale has
been postponed

H.S.

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W.

The post office is an old
steamer and will probably be
a very small one if sold by
auction. I suggest that the
Sup^t. Eng^r. & Collector should
together fix a fair value
for the steamer & that
she should be taken over
by the Const. & Ferry Fund.
She will be wanted for the
Ferry till a proper steamer
can be built, probably for
nearly 2 years.

John

31/7/83.

Pay P. 5000
H.S.

C A W

Circulate the above
justified disposal to
the 21 & 22 Dec. Rev. Dept
In remarks
31/8/83 Atto

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Mem^m

With reference to accompanying
note by the Secy of War. P.W.D.
The undersigned has the honor
to state that he has no objection
to the suggestion made by
the Honble Mr. Sullivan. It seems
much better to transfer the
Steamer & the Ferry where she
is wanted & is of great use
than to dispose of her to a
private individual at a rather
high price. The S. Eng^t proposed
to transfer her for \$5000. The
Res. Depart^t would probably not
consent to pay so much, but
they can hardly object to give
\$5000.

John acted Col. R. B.
Acting Secy of War

Very
9th August 1862.

Telegram
Petition from Khajih Suk
Amin Khan ²³²⁵/₈
Rajahmundry

Dated 25th July. 1883.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Secretary to
Government, Department.

(By Order.)

A. Awdry. Captain, R.E.,
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

25th July 1883.

Handwritten: P.W. (1883) DEPARTMENT

From
THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,
To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT.

Dated *25th* July 1883.
Recd. *28*

ENCLOSURE.

No.

Subject.

Telegram
Transfers a petition from *Rajah*
Mahomed Amin Khan
praying that the sale of
the *Gadaveri Ferry*
Steamer may be postponed
till a new one is purchased

vention of those
interested in ²³²⁹ the
Ferry. She is now
to be retained for
the exclusive use
of the Ferry, and
it seems only fair
that the Ferry
Fund should bear
all charges. Any
Expenditure on the
Steamer from Pro-
vincial Funds
would in the present
circumstances of the
case, amount to a
contribution from
Provincial to Ferry
Funds.

Handwritten: R.P.
6/8.

E.I. For remarks - will
it not be better to make the
Steamer row to the Ferry Fund
at a price to be mutually agreed
on? 7/18/83. *Att*

Handwritten: Cir 30/7 R.P.
a.L. 27-7

Handwritten: Vesp 1/8

10. 4.0.3206d/3rd Aug.

The arrangement suggested in this order does not seem to be equitable to the P. & O. Dept. It is proposed that the Canal & Ferry Fund shall pay such rates of hire as may be necessary to cover the cost of repairs. There is nothing said about working expenses, which will be heavy.

So far as the P. & O. Dept. is concerned the steamer is not wanted, and would have been sold except for the water.

CLASS. Indian Telegraph. No. 2325/19

RECEIPT FOR INLAND TELEGRAM.

TO (STATION) OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS (if any.)

STAMPS must be affixed whole, the upper portion of the perforation sent, are returned

FOR INLAND MESSAGES ONLY.

STAMPS cut, torn, damaged, or discolored.

A FOREIGN MESSAGE IF WRITTEN ON THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

CLASS OF MESSAGE (STATE OR PRIVATE.)

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SENDER'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS (NOT SIGNALLED.)

MESSAGE TO BE CONTINUED ON THE BACK IF NECESSARY.

* If not marked State will be classed as Private and no alteration can afterwards be made.

14-7-81, -10000000

INDIAN TELEGRAPH

To (Station) *Nellore* From (Station) *Rajahmundry* Local No. *1145*

Words *113/5* Day *25* Hour *13* Minute *15*

By (Person) *Mr. M.P. Governor* Rate *Rs. two rupees. 325*

Grantee *Mr. George.* Name of Recipient *Khajah mahomed Amin*

Sait Joun Khajee

for *Khajah* *for* *ic*

to *for* *Amstion*

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14 *proximo* *W*

RECD. FROM AT Hrs. Mts. By L. N. SENT TO AT Hrs. Mts. By L. N.

NELLORE 25-7-83

Telegraph Master

Local No. P

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Class. _____

To (Station) _____

From (Station) _____

Day. Hour. Minute. _____

Official Instructions. _____

To (Person) _____

From (Person) _____

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1	is	1	full
2	freshes	2	ago
3	boat	3	40
4	passengers	4	died -
5	previous	5	years
6	boats	6	were
7		7	Sunk
8		8	L. N.

RECD FROM _____ L. N. _____

AT _____ Hrs. _____ Mts., By _____

SENT TO _____

AT _____ Hrs. _____ Mts., By _____

NELLORE 25-7-85

Telegraph Mast _____

INDIAN TELEGRAPH

Local No. *P3*

Class. *P3*

From (Station) *P3*

Words. Day. Hour. Minute.

To (Person) *P3/14*

From (Person)

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great loss sustained
to passengers and
Cargo - People fear
to cross the
river on boats
humbly request orders
L. N.

RECD. FROM L. N. SENT TO AT Hrs. Mts. By

At Hrs. Mts. By

DATE *NELLORE 25-7-83* *M* Telegraph Master

Traffic Code Form C. 1. S. P. No. 1000-G. T. Press, No. 283, 14-7-81, 1000000.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH

Local No. 126

Class. _____

To (Station) _____

From (Station) _____

Words. _____ Day. _____ Hour. _____ Minute. _____

Official Instructions. _____

To (Person) _____

From (Person) _____

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1	To	Keep	the
2	Steamer	permanently.	postpone
3	Sale	of	godavery
4	Steamer	til	now
5	one	supplied.	to
6	prohibit	passengers	going

RECD. FROM _____ L. N. _____

SENT TO _____ Hrs. _____ Mts. By _____

DATE **MELLORE 25-7-83** _____

Telegraph Master _____

S. P. No. 1000 - G. T. Press, - No. 233, 11-7-81, 1000000.

Traffic Code Form C. 1

INDIAN TELEGRAPH. Local No. 15

To (Station) From (Station)

To (Person) From (Person)

Words Day Hour Minute

Official Instructions

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on	boats	to
Save	loss	for
Lives -	Paid	forwarded
Correspondence	Mahajans	to
Reply	forward	to
in pers.		

RECD FROM L. N. SENT TO Hrs. Mts. By

At Hrs. Mts. Date

ORE 25-7-83

Telegraph Master

No. 258 E. of August 1st 1883. 16

Telegram to S.E. Bowlaishwarani, d/1/8/83.

'Defer sale of Steamer Gadavari till further orders'

Despatched
1/8.

Copy of the above, and of the telegram from Rajahmundry of 25th July addressed to H.E. the Governor, forwarded to the Rev. Secy with reference to G.O. 818 wa/13/3/83. and for expression of opinion as to the retention or otherwise of the Steamer.

(S.) R.A. Sankar, Major G.L. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. S.D.

(S.) R.S.

To,

The Rev. Secy

with copy of telegram.

Recd 1/8

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Endorsement of the
Public Works Department, dated
1st August 1883, N^o 2686, forwarding
copy of a telegram from Rajahmundry
and of another to the Superintendent
Engineer regarding the sale
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Order thereon, 3rd August 1883, N^o 3206.

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the Steamer "Godavari" until she
can be replaced by a new steamer
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and Ferry Fund is advisable. The
fund is in a position to pay
for the use of the "Godavari"
such rates of hire as may be
required.

the opinion of the Public Works
Department be necessary to
cover the cost of repair; and
it is desired that this question
may be considered in that
Department.

True Extract

W. W. W.

Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To The Public Works Department

No. 258 B of 1-8-83

Go. 818 W of 13-3-83

3172 W of 2-12-82

Mis No 2049 W of 30-8-80

Go No 2165 W of 15-9-80

Revenue GO No 1073 of 13-7-81

B No 1526 W of 19-6-82

Revenue G.O. No 463 of 24-3-83

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the
18th August 1883.

Read the following:-

Telegram from Khajiah Maho-

med Amin Khan alias

Soda Saib Town No. 100 A.C. No. - of 25th July/83.

Telegram to the Suptg. Engr.

Bowlaiswaram -

... of 1st August/83.

Endorsement to the Revenue
Department

No. 258 B of 1st August/83.

Proceedings of the Revenue
Department

... 3206 of 3rd August/83.

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to the retention of the Steamer

for the use of the Ferry,

provided all charges, in-

-cluding cost of repair and

working expenses, are paid

from Ferry Funds. Should

Add

* There would be no
separate charge for
hire.

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Should the Ferry Fund
not be prepared to meet
the expense, the Steamer
will be sold by auction
as already ordered in
G.O. 818.W of 13 March/13
when she can be brought
by the Ferry Fund if
considered desirable.

Att

11/8/83

Lo

11/8/83.

A sentence has been
added making
clear.
R/S

Suptg. Engr. First Circle
Examiner P.W. Accounts

Counter initialed with under-
standing that the meaning is that
the actual charges of all kinds, as stated Revenue Department
and by in substitution of present rates
of hire. If this is not intended then
when should be made clear.
R/S

Chief Engineer for Supts.
(Revenue Secretary for
Counterinitials)

Secy
23/8

~~The Hon R. S. L. L. L.~~

Urgent

C. A. W.
In an
amended

6/9. ~~Ally~~
~~Jack~~

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Sept 19/83
19/83

Dated

Recd

Encl.

G. O. *Sept 1883* No. *2215*

Nos.

Steamer "Godavari"

Agreeing to return
the for the use
The Rajahmundry
Board all charges
thereon are paid from
Ferry fund, including
cost of repairs & other
expenses

18/83

Subd in Rept. Rejoinder