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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

1. Proceedings of the Public Works Department, 18 August 1883, No. 2325 W, agreeing to retain the Steamer "Godavari" for the use of the Rajahmundry Ferry under certain conditions.
2. Proceedings of the P. W. Department Communicating letter from the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, reporting that an estimate for repairs to the Steamer "Godavari" has been sanctioned by the Collector.

Order thereon, 19 October 1883, No. 4218

Communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O. 11 September 1883, No. 3735. Misc.

(True Extract)

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Under Secy to Govt. P.W.D.
for Secretary to Govt.

To. The Board of Revenue
P. W. Department

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 8th.

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G.O., 8th Oct. 1883, No. 2833 W.

OCTOBER.

Steamer "Godavari"

Letter from the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, reporting that an estimate for repairs to the — has been sanctioned by the Collector, communicated to the Revenue Department.

8TH OCTOBER 1883, No. 2833 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from G. T. WALCH, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 24th September 1883, No. 1810 G.D. :—

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 2469 W., 3rd September 1883, I have the honor to inform you that the estimate for repairs of the steamer *Godavari* for Rs. 740 * has been sanctioned by the Collector, and the work will probably be completed by about 15th proximo.

2. These repairs will, I hope, with occasional patching, keep her going for some months, but with machinery so worn out it is impossible to say when some part may not fail. Five years † ago I reported that these engines were “so worn as to cause frequent stoppages and necessitate constant and expensive repairs.”

ORDER—dated 8th October 1883, No. 2833 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to G.O., No. 2469 W., dated 3rd September 1883.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department, with copy of G.O., No. 4578 W.,
dated 29th November 1878.

„ Superintending Engineer, First Circle.

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G.O., 3rd Sept. 1883, No. 2469 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Steamer “Godavari”

Passing orders on a report by the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, on the present condition of the —.

The Steam Capston.—The two cylinders are quite loose on their bedding, and when at work the whole machine shakes backwards and forwards through perhaps 2 or 3 inches. This, however, could not be closely examined, as there was so violent a rush of steam from the leaky connections with the steam-pipes that it was impossible to stay in the confined space in which the engine lies.

Paddle Wheels.—In the star-board wheel there is not a single tie-rod in position. These are all hanging by one end, flying about in all directions as the wheel revolves. The port wheel is nearly as bad. The arms of the paddles are in both wheels loose on the shafts, and some of the floats are broken. All the bolts and bushes of paddle arms and excentrics require renewal.

The hull of the steamer leaks in several places.

3. The steamer is not in a fit state to work, and in my opinion should have been laid up for repairs months ago. I am informed that during the last twelve months she has absolutely not had a single day's rest, nor have the indents of the Engine Driver for sundry repairs from time to time been complied with; hence the unsatisfactory state in which she now is. It would have been well had the condition been made, when hiring her to the ferry, that the steamer should be periodically (say once in a fortnight) sent to Dowlaishweram for inspection and repair if necessary.

ORDER—dated 3rd September 1883, No. 2469 W., Public Works.

The Collector will be called on, in the Revenue Department, for a report as to the circumstances under which the Steamer *Godavari* has been allowed to fall into the condition described in these papers, and as to the person responsible for the neglect of timely repairs.

2. The sale of the steamer by auction has already been ordered in separate Proceedings,* conditionally on the ferry not being prepared to meet all expenses of repair and working, which will now necessarily be very heavy. An estimate of the cost of repairs should be made as quickly as possible, and the length of time during which such repairs may be expected to keep the vessel serviceable reported. On receipt of this information, a decision can be come to as to whether the Steamer *Godavari* should be bought for the ferry or not. Even if a new steamer is purchased, it may be advantageous to have a second vessel for use when the new one is taken off for repair.

3. These papers indicate the necessity for better arrangements being made for the care of the new steamer which it is proposed to purchase (G.O., No. 2294 W., dated 16th August 1883). In addition to the responsibility which will devolve on the Master and Engineer for the condition of the vessel, periodical inspections at Dowlaishweram should be arranged for.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
„ Revenue Department.

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READ—the following letter from G. T. WALCH, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 7th August 1883, No. 1336 G.D. :—

As ordered in your telegram of 1st, the Steamer *Godavari* was not put up for sale; but the order was not received in time to enable notices to be published so as to prevent inconvenience to intending purchasers.

2. The date for the sale, 6th instant, was settled in consultation with the Collector on the 21st of April last, and a considerable sum has been expended in advertising the sale, which now at the last moment is stopped.

3. The steamer has been thoroughly examined, and I send a copy of the report on her. I have myself inspected her and find the report correct; and it will be a long time, even if the estimate for repairs, which will be large, be sanctioned, before she can run again.

ENCLOSURE.

From W. JOPP, Esq., Assistant Engineer in charge Head Works Sub-division, to the Executive Engineer, Eastern Division, dated 4th August 1883, No. 301.

The Steamer *Godavari* was returned to the Boat Office on the afternoon of the 1st August from the Rajahmundry Ferry Work.

2. As the machinery and steamer generally was in a bad state of repairs, I put her under steam and inspected her this morning, and I beg to report as follows :—

Boiler and belongings.—The means of feeding the boiler is very precarious; the feed is intended to be made either by a donkey engine or by two injectors. I was unable to get the donkey engine into motion at all, and was told that even then it would not pump water up into the boiler. One of the two injectors is out of order and will not work at all, the other only when there is more than 60 lb. of steam pressure; this last cannot be depended on. A hole about 2 inches square has been burnt in the bottom of the smoke box.

The Steam Pipes.—The flange joints of the steam-pipes, with a few exceptions, leak excessively, the connection with the steam reservoir of the boiler being the worst. The Engine Driver reports that they cannot be kept steam-tight by packing, and in this case the flanges all require "graining." All the lagging has come off the steam-pipes, and the pipes themselves much corroded on the outside.

Machinery.—There is a serious crack in the slide valve steam-chest, through which steam escapes. The steam-chest may at any time burst, leaving the steamer powerless. An entirely new casting is the only way of remedying this. There is something radically wrong with the star-board piston, the nature of which cannot be ascertained until the cylinder is opened out; both pistons require new rings, and the petcocks of the cylinder are out of order. A part of the wooden lagging of the cylinder has been destroyed. All the brasses of the moving parts are out of order, and either require rebushing or renewing; those of the link motion and the facing to the piston rod slides being quite worn out.

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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.

Order—dated 3rd August 1883, No. 3206, 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.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary 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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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 Godáviri ferry steamer be sent for auction to Dowlaishweram by Department Public Works 1st proximo. Godáviri 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 Godáviri 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 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.,
1st August 1883. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
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.