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30TH MAY 1884, No. 1359 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 30th April 1884, Mis. No. 1814, Revenue.

Read—the following proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1884, Mis. No. 3182 :—

Read—the following letter from C. L. B. CUMMING, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector, Godavari district, dated Rajahmundry, 1st March 1884, No. 67 :—

I have the honor to reply to paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 2469, Public Works, dated the 3rd September last, communicated with your memorandum, No. 693, dated 2nd September 1883, regarding the steamer *Godavari* at present working on the Rajahmundry ferry.

2. The steamer was built in 1867 and is therefore *an old one*. It has been used on the ferry since August 1881 up to date except when taken off for repairs in 1882 and 1883. These were executed either locally or at the Public Works Department workshop.

3. It must have been in a bad state when first made over to the ferry as it had to be repaired again so soon as June 1882, or after it had been running only ten months. It was under repairs on this occasion from 9th June to 13th September 1882, a period of over three months.

4. The repairs were carried out at the Public Works Department workshop at a cost of Rs. 1,130, and Mr. Larminie, the Executive Engineer, writing to Mr. Fawcett, the late Sub-Collector, then stated that on completion of these repairs the steamer would, if used with care, work for another eighteen months without needing to be repaired again.

5. But whether owing to the repairs of September 1882 not having been properly executed or to some other cause the steamer was found to require repairs again in July 1883, when she was sent to be sold, *i.e.*, after she had been running only a little more than ten months from the date of her last repairs.

6. Mr. Jopp was apparently in ignorance of the fact that she had been repaired by his department so recently as September 1882 when he wrote "in my opinion she should have been laid up for repairs months ago." I may further mention that she was taken off from running for six days in February 1883 for local repairs.

7. As regards the alleged neglect of timely repairs, I beg to point out that the engine driver never brought to my notice that the steamer was in need of serious repairs except on the one occasion above alluded to (February 1883) on which it was locally repaired, but all his indents for tools and petty repairs were attended to, except the last, as is shown below, *viz.* :—

In September 1882.—Steering stension repaired.

In February 1883.—The following articles were supplied to engine drivers :—

- 1 Flat file.
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- 1 Flat file with round edges.
- 4 Oz. English emery to grind up brass work.
- 1 Hand vice.

From 23rd February to end of month.—Certain repairs were executed locally by a maistry supplied by the Public Works Department.

On 18th June 1883.—The following articles were indented for by the engine driver, but were not supplied as the steamer was about to be sold :—

24 paddle arm bolts with nuts, split keys.

18 stay rod bolts with nuts.

20 3/8 bolts with nuts.

40 split keys.

I may remark that the engine driver did not want these latter articles for immediate use but represented that he would require them only during the freshes and could even get on without them. The tahsildar therefore did not recommend the supply of the articles, particularly as the steamer was about to be sold. The engine driver having, however, in July, again represented that they were wanted, the tahsildar recommended and I sanctioned the purchase of such of the articles as were absolutely necessary. Before they could be supplied, however, the steamer was sent away to Dowlaisweram for sale. It will thus be seen that the statement made in paragraph 3 of Mr. Jopp's letter, printed in the Government order under reference, viz., "that during the last 12 months she has absolutely not had a single day's rest, nor have the indents made by the engine driver for sundry repairs, from time to time, been complied with," is incorrect, inasmuch as during the 10½ months in which the steamer was employed on the ferry a rest of six days was given in February and the necessary repairs and all the engine driver's indents but the last were complied with.

8. So long as the steamer is employed on ferry duty it is impossible to give it rest at stated intervals without causing inconvenience to the public. At present it makes four trips a-day but rests during the nights. It was never said by the Public Works Department officers, either when the steamer was first hired from them for the ferry or subsequently, that any or what rest should be given her periodically.

9. In conclusion, I may remark that the fact of the steamer having twice given way and required repairs after running each time for only 10 months shows, I think, that the steamer has arrived at that state that any amount of repair will not make it thoroughly efficient or reliable or prevent it breaking down again. It is therefore advisable that instead of trying to constantly patch up so old a steamer as the *Godavari* a new one should be procured without loss of time.

No. 120.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their proceedings, No. 3735, dated 11th September 1883, communicating G.O., No. 2469 W., dated 3rd idem.

CAMP, PURUSHOTTAPATNAM,
24th March 1884.

(Signed) W. A. HAPPELL,
Acting Collector.

Resolution—dated 16th April 1884, Mis. No. 3132.

Submitted to Government in reply to G.O., No. 3735, dated 11th September 1883.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Order—dated 30th April 1884, Mis. No. 1814, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to paragraph 1 of the order in that department, dated 3rd September 1883, No. 2469 W.

(True Extract.)

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

From Captain C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, in charge I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaisweram, 17th May 1884, No. 481 G.D.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 89 E., dated 6th May 1884, desiring me to report what arrangements had been made about the steamer *Godavari*, I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence as shown below :—

- (1.) Letter from Collector to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 22nd October 1883, No. 154.
- (2.) Letter from the Superintending Engineer to the Collector, dated 8th November 1884, No. 2345 G.D. (Copy of this letter was sent to the Eastern division officer for information.)
2. After the receipt of this letter by the Executive Engineer, Eastern division, the *Godavari* was regularly inspected and she worked satisfactorily until the middle of March 1884.
3. On the 27th March 1884 the Executive Engineer reported to the Superintending Engineer "that the steamer *Godavari* is in urgent need of repairs and requests that she be sent to the shop at Dowlaisweram at once; it is not safe to work her as she is."
4. No orders appear to have been given by the late Superintending Engineer on the subject.
5. On the 3rd April letter, No. 70, dated 1st April 1884, was received from the Sub-Collector (copy herewith), and a reply, No. 103 G.D., dated 8th April 1884, was sent to the Sub-Collector, copy of which is enclosed.
6. The steamer was not sent to the workshop at the beginning of May, and I have received no reply from the Sub-Collector; the steamer is still working on the ferry.
7. I have to-day telegraphed to the Collector to direct the *Godavari* to cease running and to go to Dowlaisweram for repairs.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Acting Collector, Godavari District, to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated Cocanada, 22nd October 1883, No. 154.

In reply to your letters, No. 1707 G.D., dated the 14th ultimo, and No. 1989 G.D., dated the 17th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the plans and specifications referred to in paragraph 2 of the G.O., No. 2294 W., dated the 16th August last, are in the Government office. I have requested the Board of Revenue to move Government to send them to me. I shall send them to you as soon as they are received.

2. I request that plans and specifications for a steamer for the *Godavari* ferry, to cost about Rs. 50,000, be prepared as soon as possible as it is very important that the new steamer should be ready by the beginning of June 1884.

3. I believe your views as to the kind of steamer required are correctly expressed in paragraph 4 of my letter, No. 283, dated the 11th June 1883, to the Board of Revenue, printed in Government order, No. 2294, dated the 16th August last.

4. The *Godavari* will need to be examined from time to time to see whether she needs repairs. I shall feel obliged by your letting me know whether it would not be sufficient for this purpose for an officer of your department to make a periodical or occasional trip in her. It would be very inconvenient to lay her up whenever she needs to be examined unless another steamer could be spared to take her place.

From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Collector, Godavari district, dated Dowlaisweram, 8th November 1883, No. 2345.

With reference to last paragraph of your No. 154, dated 23rd October 1883, I have the honor to state that I will arrange that either the head works sub-division officer or the supervisor in charge of the workshop shall take a trip once a-month in the *Godavari* and see what may be necessary to keep her going.

2. It is most advisable that as well as the engine driver and his assistant there should be always on board the steamer an experienced "fitter" with the necessary tools and appliances for immediately remedying small defects which from time to time are sure to appear in the engines, and which if not promptly attended to rapidly become serious.

From C. L. B. CUMMING, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated Vadapoli, 1st April 1884, No. 70.

Referring to G.O., dated 3rd September last, No. 2469 P.W., I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to let me know what rest, and how often, the steamer *Godavari* should have, and whether you want her to be sent to Dowlaishweram for inspection during the period of such rest.

2. I believe what the Government said in paragraph 3 of their order refers to the new steamer to be purchased for the ferry.

From Captain C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, in charge I Circle, to the Sub-Collector, Godavari district, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th April 1884, No. 103 G.D. :—

Referring to your letter, No. 70, dated 1st April 1884, I have the honor to inform you that I consider that the *Godavari* should be sent to the workshop at Dowlaishweram once a-month. The first Monday in every month might be fixed as the day.

2. When in the shop, she should be thoroughly overhauled and any minor repairs executed: this would probably take three days, as it would be absolutely necessary to empty the boiler.

3. It is impossible for the engine driver to do these minor repairs unless the steamer be laid up for a few days; because working all day and every day, as she now does, the boiler never gets cold enough to allow men to work at it.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, I would remark that if periodical inspections are necessary in the case of the new steamer, they are much more so in an old, worn-out ship like the *Godavari*.

ORDER—dated 30th May 1884, No. 1359 W., Public Works.

The Collector will be instructed in the Revenue Department to give effect to such suggestions as may be made by Public Works officers for the efficient maintenance of the steamer *Godavari* while the vessel is employed on ferry work.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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Ag Sub Collector.

No. 120

Submitted to the Board
of Revenue with reference to their

Proceedings No 3735 dated 11th

September 1883 Communicating

G.O. No 2469 W dated 3^d

Idem.

Godavari District
Collector's Office

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24th March 1884

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(Signed)

W. A. Wapell
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 16th April 1884.

No. 3132 Mis.

READ: Endorsement of the Ag Collector of
Godavari, dated 24th March 1884, No. 120,
on letter from the Ag Sub Collector
dated 18th March 1884, No. 67.

Resolution:—*Notes 15th April 1884 No. 3152*

Submitted to Government in
reply to G. O. No 3735 dated 11th
September 1883.

(True Extract)

Wm MacKerr
Ag Sub Secretary.

To, The Secretary to Govt Rev: Depd
with letter in original to be sent
Copy to Collector of Godavari

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Your most Obedient^t

C. J. L. J. J. Capt. R. E.

Ex: Eng. in ch: 1st Circle.

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From

(12.)

The Supt Engineer
1st Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Dept.

Dated 17th

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May 1884

No 481 G.D.
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Steamer "Godavari"

Forwarding copies of
Correspondence that has
taken place regarding

No. 1359 Wd/30th May/84

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No 154

Godavari District,

Collector's Office, L. C. C.

22nd October 1883

From,

W. A. Happel Esq.

Ag Collector, Godavari District

To

The Superintending Engineer
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I have the honor to
(Sd) W. Meyer
Asst for Asst Commr.

(True copy)

Cs. Engr. Capt. R. L.
Ex. Engr. In ch. 1st
file

No. 2345

FROM, THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO, THE COLLECTOR

Godamari DISTRICT.

DOWLAISHWERAM, 8th November 1883

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(Sd) G. J. Walsh

Asst. Sup. Engr. 1st file

(True Copy)

C. L. B. Cumming Captain R.L.

Ex: Supr. In charge
12th file

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Godanari District.

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Subcollector's Office
Camp. Kooapalli P. P. 15

From,

C. L. B. Cumming Esquire
As Subcollector

To,

The Superintending Engineer

12th file

Dowlaiswaram

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(Sd) C. Cumming

As Subcollector

/ True Copy /

C. L. B. Cumming

Captain R.L.

Ex: Engr. in charge
12th file

No. 103 G. D. 8/13

FROM,

Executive
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER In Charge

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

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THE COLLECTOR

Godavari DISTRICT.

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(Ed) C. C. Rawson Capt. RL

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Enclosures in a letter
No. 481 G.D. 27/17/5/84
From the Supy Engineer
1st Circle to the
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

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No. 1359 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th May/84

Read the following

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From
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Steamer "Godavari"

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