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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2053	Press Mis.—
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd September 1862.

No. 408. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 17th September 1862, No. 2,220 :—

Communicating orders sanctioning Estimate of Rupees 392 for constructing a Platform boat for the ferry at Byree in Ganjam District. (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 17th September 1862, Nos. 295, 296.)

No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1862, No. 2,053.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for communication to the Collector of Ganjam.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 4th September 1862, No. 387/G 212 :—

1 Letter from District Engineer Ganjam, dated 24th July 1862, No. 110.
1 Do. from do. dated 18th August 1862, No. 151.
1 Plan.
1 Estimate.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the sanction of Government a Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees 392 for "constructing a Platform Boat for the ferry at Byree, in the Ganjam District."

2. The necessity for its construction has arisen from the fact of the boat heretofore in use having proved rotten and unserviceable. In his letter No. 110, dated 24th July 1862, the Acting District Engineer reported that he had commenced this work on the emergent sanction of the Collector. But on a reference to the Public Works Code I found that that Officer was not vested with such authority, and that Government alone could grant sanction in a case of the present description; the boat to be constructed being a new one, and there having been time enough for the local authorities to have submitted an Estimate for sanction prior to prosecution of the work I accordingly directed the Acting District Engineer's attention to the irregularity, and requested an explanation of the matter.

3. In reply Captain Philipps states that a new boat is a simple and absolute necessity, without which traffic to the Salt Pans must be seriously impeded, if not cease: that to submit this Estimate to Madras would have entailed great delay and undoubted loss, and that by personal inspection he had satisfied himself of the emergency of the case, and had accordingly ordered the work being carried out.

4. Under the explanation afforded by that Officer, and as the necessity for the work cannot, I think, be doubted, I beg Government will be pleased to grant retrospective sanction to the work, the Estimate of which, amounting to Rupees 392, can be met from the "General Funds" of the Ganjam District.

ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1862, No. 2,220.

1. The Governor in Council sanctions the Estimate of Rupees (392) three hundred and ninety-two for the purpose stated in the above letter out of the General Funds of the Ganjam District.

2. The Deputy Chief Engineer has very properly noticed the District Engineer's irregular proceeding in commencing the work without previous sanction.

(True Extract.)

W. Birdwood Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras
Govt. in the Public Works
Dep.t.

Dated 17th Sep.br 1862.
Recd 19th
No. 2220.

Communicating
Orders sanctioning Estimate of Rs. 392 for constructing a Platform
boat for the ferry at
Byree in Ganjam Dist.t

No 2853 - 22d Sep.r

No 2408 & 209.

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22d Sep.br 1862

By Order &c &c
Sec.y to Bd of Rev.e

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