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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th May 1863.*

No. 203. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1863,
No. 2,333:—

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ambajipetta,
21st March 1863, No. 59.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government of the 14th January last, conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 20th idem, calling for a report as to the arrangements proposed to be made for crossing the mails and Government Stores, on the discontinuance of the services of the ferrymen on the Godavery at Rajahmundry.

2. In the first report on the subject of these ferrymen, Mr. Prendergast estimated the value of the services rendered by the hereditary ferrymen in the transport of the mails at 480 Rupees per annum, viz., eight men at 5 Rupees each per month, the canoes, four in number, being as usual supplied by Government.

3. The ferrymen themselves now ask for twelve men for eight months of the year at 5 Rupees each per month, and sixteen men during the four months of the freshes. The total annual cost would thus be 800 Rupees.

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4. I have consulted the Deputy Post Master at Rajahmundry on the subject. He is of opinion that five boats, or rather canoes should be employed, with two men at a salary of 6 Rupees each for each boat, during eight months of the year, and twelve men, at the same rate of pay, during the remaining four months of the freshes. The total cost at this rate would be

$$\begin{array}{l} 10 \times 6 = 60 \times 8 = 480 \\ 12 \times 6 = 72 \times 4 = 288 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} 10 \times 6 \\ 12 \times 6 \end{array}} \right\} 768, \text{ or nearly the amount the ferrymen ask.}$$

5. In either case the cost proposed somewhat exceeds the sum that will be derived from the enfranchisement of the Inám lands now held by the boatmen.

6. It appears to me that the best plan will be to invite tenders for the transport of the mails under such conditions as the Officers of the Postal Department may think fit to require.

7. As regards Government Stores, Troops, &c., boats must be hired when occasions arise, which are not however now very frequent, as the great bulk of the stores from Madras to the north are sent by sea, and those from Masulipatam or Ellore to Rajahmundry, Dowlaishweram, or Cocanada by canal.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings dated 14th January 1863, No. 92.

2. In their Proceedings 8th December 1862, No. 7,997, the Board approved of the Inám Commissioner's intention to enfranchise the service Ináms of the Godavery ferrymen at a Quit-rent of half the assessment; and the Ináms in question being valued at 1,500 Rupees, the Quit-rent proposed to be levied would thus be 750 Rupees a year. As respects future arrangements for crossing the mails, the Collector estimates the cost at 800 Rupees according to the terms proposed by the ferrymen (paragraph 3), and 768 Rupees a year on the plan suggested by the Deputy Post Master at Rajahmundry (paragraph 4) being 50 Rupees in the one case, and 18 Rupees in the other, more than the Quit-rent to be derived by the enfranchisement of the ferry Ináms. In either case, the canoes are to be supplied by Government. Should any Government stores require to be crossed, which the Collector points out is likely to be very rare hereafter, boats are to be specially hired for the purpose.

3. The Board, however, approve the Collector's proposal in paragraph 6, to invite tenders for the transport of mails in communication with the Postal Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th May 1863.*

No. 209.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1863, No. 857.

1. By G. O. 29th October 1860, No. 2,221, Public Works Department, the Chief Engineer was directed to employ a Steam Ferry above the Godavery Anicut, and report in due course whether such employment would be profitable. In submitting the financial results of this experiment the District Engineer drew the attention of Government to the large grant of land of the annual value of 1,500 Rupees enjoyed by the ferrymen at the Godavery, and observed that the Inam might be discontinued, as on occasions of Government stores or troops having to cross the river a steamer and boats could always be sent from Dowlaishweram and their *bona fide* charges borne by Government. The opinion of the Board of Revenue being requested on the subject, they after communication with the Inam Commissioner recommended that the Inams of the Ferrymen should be enfranchised at half their annual assessment, and their services dispensed with.

2. Before acting upon this recommendation the Government requested the Board to ascertain and state what arrangements were contemplated for the future conveyance of the Government stores and mails across the river.

3. The Board of Revenue now submit a letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, in which that Officer proposes the employment of twelve men during eight months of the year at 5 Rupees each per month, and sixteen men at the same rate of pay during the four months of the freshes, for the conveyance of the mails. The Deputy Post Master at Rajahmundry is of opinion that ten men at 6 Rupees each a month for eight months, and twelve men for the remaining four months will be sufficient. The total annual cost of the first mentioned arrangement is 800 Rupees, whilst that of the other is 768 Rupees, being 50 Rupees in the one case and 28 Rupees in the other over and above the sum to be derived by enfranchising the Inam at the rate recommended by the Board. The Collector, in conclusion, observes that the best plan will be to invite tenders for the transport of the mails under such conditions as the Postal Department may prescribe; boats being hired when needed for the conveyance of Government stores and troops. In the opinion of the Board the arrangement last mentioned is the most suitable.

4. The Government are unable to concur with the Board. The service for which these Inams were granted is required and rendered. To enfranchise the Inams at half assessment is practically to make the holders a free gift of 750 Rupees annually, and to pay Rupees 768 if not Rupees 800 for the performance of the service by probably the same men.

5. The Government are not prepared to enfranchise the Inam on more favorable terms than $\frac{3}{4}$ ths or $\frac{2}{3}$ ths of the assessment to which the land would be liable under the new settlement.

6. Before, however, passing final orders the Government resolve to call upon the Collector to report through the Board of Revenue without delay, whether there is now any prospect of a private Company establishing a Steam Ferry on condition of receiving from Government the Quit-rent which may be derived by enfranchising the Inams in question in return for conveying the Government mails, troops and stores across the river.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 2,333.

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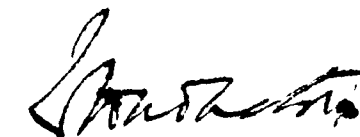
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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to A. Purvis, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District.

Mxd. J. Wright.

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may be discontinued,
as an occasion of
foot stones or troops
having to cross the
river a steamer and
boats could always
be sent from Dow-
leswaram and their
bonafide charges
enjoyed home by foot.

The opinion of the
Board of Revenue being
requested on the sub-
ject, they after com-
munication with
the Revenue Commr re-
commended that the
ferries of the Territory
be enfranchised at
half their annual cost
and the services of the
Ferry men dispensed
with.

Before ~~known~~ ~~known~~
upon this recommendation.

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state what arrange-
ments are proposed
to be made on the di-
convenience of the
services of the above
men, for the convey-
ance of the foot stones
and mails across the
river and ~~also~~ the
expense which the
same will entail
on foot.

The Board of Revenue
now submit a letter for
the Govt of the Madras
District in which that
officer proposes for
the employment of 12
men for eight months
of the year at 5 Rupees
each per month and
16 men at the same

annate of pay for
the 4 months of the
treaches, for the con-
veyance of the mails.
He allude, also to the
plan which is suggest-
ed by the Dept Post
Master at Rangoon.
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that 10 men at 6 Rupees
a month for 8 months
and 12 men for the remain-
ing 4 months will
suffice for the purpose.
The total cost of
the first mentioned
arrangement is 800 Rs
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in the one case and
20 Rupees in the other
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one.

I really can-
not see the ad-
vantage of en-

franchising this
I am at $\frac{1}{2}$
assessment. The
service is still re-
fined and in
a fashion still
rendered. The
I am being worth
Rs. 1500 - we are
asked to levy only
Rs. 750 - and make
a present of the
other 750 to the
I am doing - paying
some body else Rs.
800 (as the Ch. &c.
can mend / or Rs. 768
(as the Def. & Prob.
Master suggests) for
doing the work

The core of principle
would be to attach
to the service as much
as its ~~super~~ per-
formance requires
and franchise
the remainder - I
do not think that
a service I am
like this should be
treated like a
Cottorbody or other
I am where the
service always in-
properly rendered
is now not repaired
at all and would
therefore add to either
of the following
cases.

I. Compel the I am
dard to perform
the service properly

in pain of forfeiture
or
the franchise
at a rate which
will cover all ex-
penses & be com-
mensurate with
the concession - say
 $\frac{3}{4}$ th of the assess-
ment or Rs 1125/- with the
proviso that the
assessments be
the revised one ap-
plied to pvt. lands.

I should pre-
fer the second on
the whole - as steam
service is always
readily performed.

Orders & per D

S. D. L.

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Mr. Purvis recom-
mended this rate.
The Wt. & Mr. Taylor
say $\frac{1}{2}$.

Revenue Department

N^o 857.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th May 1863.

Read the following Pro-
ceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting for information a
letter from the Collector of the
Godavery District, reporting on the
arrangements to be made for crossing
the mails and Government stores
on the discontinuance of the service
of the ferrymen on the Godavery
at Rajahmundry.

(Here enter 22nd April 1863
N^o 2333)

By G. O. 29th Octo-
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Chief Engineer was directed
to employ a steam Ferry
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ther such employment would
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periment the District Engineer
draws the attention of Govt. to
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fide charges borne by Govt.
The opinion of the Board of
Revenue being requested on
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missioner recommended that
the Inams of the Ferry men ^{should} ~~be~~ be
enfranchised at half their an-
nual assessment and their
services ~~of the ferry men~~ dis-
pensated with.

Before acting upon
this

this recommendation the
Govt requested the Board
to ascertain and state what
arrangements ^{here contemplated} ~~are proposed~~ to
~~be made on the discontinuance~~
~~of the services of the above~~
men, for the ^{future} conveyance of
the Govt stores and mails
across the river ~~and the ex-~~
~~pence which the same will~~
~~tail on Govt.~~

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^{during}
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dered. So enfran-
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tical to make the

holders a free gift
of 750 Rs ^{annually} and to pay
Rs 760 if not 0000
for the performance
of the service by pro-
bably the same men.

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prepared to enfran-
chise the Suam on
more favorable terms
than $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of the
assessment to which
the land would be
liable under the new
settlement.

Before however
passing final orders
the port resolve to
call upon the Cal-

to report thro' the
Board of Revenue with
delay whether there
is now any prospect
of a private Company
establishing a steam
ferry ^{on condition of} receiving from
Govt the Int Rent
which may be de-
rived by enfran-
chising the Suams.
A question is then
for conveying the
boat mails, troops
and stores across
the river.

Mr. Chief to the
Proprietor
Copy

Sta. Zery across the

Revenue 1863 Dept.
Pro. of Govt. for May.

N. 857.

Pro. of the Madras Govt.

Of 18th May 1863.

From B. of Pond 19 June '63
No 1479.

The Collector of Godavery
called upon to report whether
there is any prospect of a
private company establishing
a Steam Ferry on condition
of receiving from Govt. the
quit rent which may be
derived by franchising
the Godavery Ferry. *Amms.*

N. 208 & 209.