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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1 — 2

Dated 3 — 1 — 1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3*rd January* 1866.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th November 1865, No. 7,631.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1865, No. 392.

I have the honor herewith to forward copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, Tuticorin, dated the 16th October 1865, reporting the arrival of the Steamer "Godavery" at Tuticorin on the 15th instant, and to state that I concur in his suggestions, regarding the employment of the above vessel.

From the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 16th October 1865, No. 23.

1. I have the honor to inform you that the Government Steamer "Godavery," commanded by Captain Lyster, arrived at this Port yesterday, and has with all her stores been taken charge of by me.

2. The "Godavery" is, as I expected, a far larger vessel than I required, and is unfortunately also an expensive boat to work, as she burns a large quantity of fuel ; the crew have nearly all received one and a half month's pay in advance at Cocanada ; when this time is expired, I shall dismiss them, with the exception of the Engineers and Firemen, who are engaged to serve for six months ; if any of the latter are desirous of leaving before that time, I shall allow a part to do so. One European, who engaged at Cocanada as Gunner for the run, has been paid here, and discharged.

3. Captain Lyster informs me that the vessel sprung a leak on the passage, which he had temporarily stopped, it will be looked to again as soon as time permits ; the engines and boiler are in good order according to the Engineer's and Maistry's report.

4. It appears that this vessel has been laid up at Cocanada for some years, not being required for the Godavery work ; such being the case, it would only entail an extra expense to Government by sending her back at once ; I, therefore, propose to retain her here for the present, using her during the examination of the Pearl Banks ; and at other times, when opportunity offers, hiring her for towing, shipping cargo, &c., so as to endeavor to earn sufficient to pay for her up-keep ; to this I trust there will be no objection. When the vessel is again required for the Godavery or other works, she can easily be returned.

From the same Officer, dated 18th November 1865, No. 440.

1. In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, dated 15th instant, No. 30, I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained, for the monthly expenditure of Rupees 67, being the pay of one Engineer and two Firemen, attached to the Steamer "Godavery," lately received from Cocanada.

2. The above charge can be met, from the provision made in the sanctioned Budget for the current official year, under the head of Pearl Fishery

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From the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 15th November 1865, No. 30.

1. With reference to my letter, No. 23, dated 16th October last, I have now the honor to report, that the time for which the Syrang and Lascars, engaged at Cocanada, to serve on board the Steamer "Godavery," has expired, and I have, therefore, discharged them, allowing each the sum of Rupees 5, for their expenses to Cocanada, as per agreement.

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2. One Engineer and four Firemen, who had been engaged to remain for six months, having expressed a wish to return to their country, have been also discharged on the same terms.

3. The parties noted in the margin are now the only ones remaining; they will be required for working and taking care of the machinery and vessel; the amount of their wages, Rupees 67, having to be paid each month, I shall be obliged by your obtaining the sanction of Government for the disbursement of the same.

	Rupees.
Lazarus Frederick, Engineer.....	35
Mooday Venkappa, Fireman.....	16
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	67

4. At the close of each month, I will forward an account current, shewing the expenses actually incurred here for provisions, coal, &c., with the amount of what the vessel has earned, shipping Government salt, &c.

5. An opportunity having offered for purchasing a sufficient quantity of coals to last for some months, at the low rate of Rupees 12-8-0 per ton, I have done so, when lately at the Pearl Bank I found that the expenditure of fuel was comparatively small to what I had been informed; the expense, therefore, under this head will not be large.

6. The funnel of the "Godavery" is much worn and unsafe, I am now having it repaired; and as soon as the work is completed, I shall again proceed to the Pearl Banks.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The sanction of Government will be requested to the proposed establishment, at a monthly cost of Rupees 67.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 3rd January 1866, No. 1.

Miscellaneous.

Rupees (67) sixty-seven sanctioned. The charge can be met from the source pointed out in paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Captain Phipps says the Steamer is too large for the work he has to do. He tells reported that her tonnage 124 was not. Expended which could be sent home the rest was sent down but as winter stand it seems best that she ought to be sent back ala comment reason she has more despatch