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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th November 1866.

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Approving the Bye-laws proposed for the better management of the boats which ply on the Canals in the Godavery and Kistna Districts, and authorizing their adoption after giving sufficient publicity to them. } (Here enter 29th October 1866, No. 3,441.)

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1866, No. 3,056.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,441.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 242. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 24th September 1866, No. 123:—

1. I have the honor to submit a Draft of Rules for the better management of the boats using the navigable canals in the Kistna and Godavery Districts. The Officers in charge have met with much difficulty owing to the want of some regulations; and, meeting on one occasion at Dowlaishwarum, drew up a sketch, which has been the base of the present draft. This I submitted to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, and have received his approval.

2. I trust, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to sanction them by legislative action; the traffic is very large, and great numbers of people are at times conveyed in the boats, whose lives and property are jeopardized by the carelessness of the owners and crews, who overload and sail them in the most reckless manner.

PROPOSED BYE-LAWS FOR CANAL BOATS.

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1. No boats or rafts allowed to moor on towing path side, except when in the act of loading or unloading.

2. No boats or rafts allowed to moor in the lock channel, as defined in each case by the Range Officer, either above or below.

3. Boats when moored to have masts down, to be made fast to bank in single row head and stern, and to be left in charge of a man.

4. When boats meet, the boat going with the current to give way; the boat going against the current to hold its course.

5. In going the same way slow going boats, such as dhonies, to give way to fast going (such as transit and passenger) boats.

6. No raft allowed in the channel larger than will fill a lock; and every raft of this size to have at least one man to manage it.

7. No person allowed to touch the lock valves, shutters, or their machinery except the lock servants.

8. Every boat to have its license paper always on board, and to produce the same to any Government Officer having authority to ask for it.

9. If the license is not produced the boat will be stopped on the spot, and the owner obliged to take out a fresh license, for which the full fee will be charged.

10. Boats will be measured by the following rule, and payment levied at the rate of 1 Rupee per annum per 50 cubic feet:—

Length—at half the depth between planks and stern and fore-bitts.

Breadth—an average of four widths taken at equal distances between the same points at the same depth.

Depth of boat, in centre.

15 per cent. to be deducted for the crew.

11. Passenger boats will be allowed to carry one passenger for every five square feet of deck. When passengers and goods are carried together in the same boat, five maunds of twenty-five pounds each shall be considered equivalent to one passenger.

12. When required by a Range Officer any passenger boat must stop at any place to have its passengers counted, and the goods on board measured; if over-loaded, goods or passengers in excess of the proper quantity or number must be put out of the boat, the owner incurring penalty besides.

13. Infringement of rules will subject the owner to the following penalty:—

First offence.—Suspension of license for not more than two months.
Second do. do. do. four do.
Third do. do. do. six do.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1866, No. 3,231.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 49.

These Draft Rules will be referred to the Government Solicitor with reference to his letter of the 30th September 1863, No. 728, and with a request that the opinion of the Advocate General may be obtained upon the Rules, and upon the necessity of enforcing them by a legislative enactment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Government Solicitor, with G. O. 16th October 1863, No. 3,003.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 663. Read again letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, No. 123, dated 24th September, and recorded in G. O. No. 3,231, dated 11th October 1866.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Government Solicitor:—

Forwarding a copy of the Acting Advocate General's opinion on the proposed rules for the better management of boats on the Canals in the Kistna and Godavery Districts. } (Here enter 17th October 1866, No. 602.)

No. 664. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1866, No. 3,441.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 126.

1. The Government approve of the Bye-laws which it is proposed to establish for the better management of the boats which ply on the canals in the Godavery and Kistna Districts, and they authorize their adoption after sufficient publicity has been given to them in such manner as the Superintending Engineers and the Collectors may conjointly determine.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly will be informed that the enforcement of the rules by a legislative enactment is unnecessary, as the only penalty imposed is the withdrawal of the license by Government to use its property.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st and 2nd Divisions, } With G. O. 11th Oct. 1866, No. 3,231.
" Revenue Department,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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on the Canals in the
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