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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1868.

No. 299. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1868, No. 5,615:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Negapatam, 3rd June 1868, No. 125.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, a copy of a letter from my Salt Deputy Collector, with enclosures, dated 1st June 1868, No. 139.

2. With this letter Mr. Ricketts has forwarded two plans of the boats of sizes in use in Madras, as also two estimates, shewing the cost of constructing a boat of each kind.

3. I agree with Mr. Ricketts in thinking that the boats of the larger size are unsuited to the canal in its present condition, and that therefore a number of boats of the smaller size, say 10, may be constructed, and a trial made as to how they work.

4. The boats now in use on the canal are of two kinds, namely, Port boats and River boats. The former carry about two garce of salt, but they are so large and draw so much water that Captain Oakes, the Superintending Engineer of this Division, has complained that they injure the canal. The river boats on the other hand are too small to be of much use, each carrying only about half garce.

5. Under these circumstances, it is very desirable that the boats, which so successfully work at Madras, should be given a trial here. For this purpose I beg to recommend the suggestion made in paragraph 3 of Mr. Rickett's letter, for the construction of ten pattern boats, for the approval and sanction of the Board.

6. The cost of these boats is estimated at Rupees 550 each, or Rupees 6,000 on the whole. Mr. Ricketts, in paragraph 7 of his letter, states that Rupees 3,000 may be made available by postponing three items, respectively numbered 7, 16, and 25 in the revised list of "Petty Construction and Repair," which accompanied my letter to the Board, dated 25th April 1868, No. 98. It therefore remains to decide as to how the balance of Rupees 3,000 can be provided. If practicable, I would suggest that the said sum may be allotted from the general allotment for this Presidency under "Petty Construction and Repair" for 1868-69. If, however, this cannot be done, I beg to recommend that the 3,000 Rupees may be borrowed from the District Road Fund, to be repaid from provision made in 1869-70 under "Petty Construction and Repair," as there are ample funds available from that source, or if neither of these suggestions is approved of, I beg to point out that Rupees 2,840 can be made available by postponing, till next year, the project of connecting the straight cut of the Kaduvayar with the salt pans at Negapatam, which was sanctioned in Government Order, No. 1,378, dated 16th May 1868, and which is not so urgently required as these boats are.

7. I must add that in order to save time, and because there are some funds in hand, I have directed the boats to be commenced at once in anticipation of the Board's sanction.

8. Requesting early orders, I have, &c.

From E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Camp at Negapatam, 1st June 1868, No. 139.

1. With reference to the Government Order noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit, for immediate execution, the accompanying plans and estimates* (which I obtained at Madras after personal inspection of the Canal, &c.,) for the construction of boats for the conveyance of salt by Canal from Vedarniem to Negapatam.

No. 1,153 of the 29th April 1868.

* Revised with regard to the current market rates of teak timber at this port.

2. At first I thought we might strike a fair mean between the two, but as the Vedarniem Canal is not so wide as that at Madras, I would only recommend the smaller plan of boat being adopted, at least for the present, and until our operations get more extended and the capabilities of the Canal thoroughly tested.

3. I would suggest, as a beginning, the construction of ten boats of 16 tons each, so as to ensure the carriage of about 240,000 Indian Maunds (or 2,000 garce) per annum, together with an Accommodation Boat for the Salt Deputy Collector, for better inspection and check, similar to that at Madras.

4. This will entail a present outlay of Rupees 6,000, but which will doubtless be reimbursed to Government eventually, by the carrying contractor taking the boats off our hands at cost price, as was done at Madras, I was informed, by the contraction for the supply of boats to the Salt Department at Madras and Ennore.

5. What the people here actually require is a good pattern boat, to draw a minimum of water and carry a maximum of salt; the want is here supplied, and we have only to lead, to be followed.

6. I beg therefore, should you agree with me, that you will be so good as to obtain sanction for Rupees 6,000, to enable this department to construct the pattern boats in question without delay.

Budget No.	Work.	Amount.
		Rs.
7.	Constructing a road from No. 1 to No. 5 platform, including one tunnel at Vedarniem.....	1,000
16.	Removing accumulation of sand in spontaneous salt beds.....	1,500
25.	Reserve to meet unforeseen contingencies.....	500
		3,000

7. I should add that the items noted in the margin can be spared from the sanctioned Budget for 1868-69 for "Petty Construction and Repair," as being the least imperatively necessary, and which will meet at least a part of the proposed outlay under remark.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 and 5.—Plans.

1. The estimate for making ten canal boats, at a cost of Rupees 6,000, will be submitted for the sanction of Government. It has been entered in the list of works to be executed out of the allotment for Petty Construction and Repair, which will be laid before Government in a few days.

2. The Collector proposes to provide half the cost by postponing the execution of the following works:—

		Rs.
7.	Constructing a road from No. 1 to No. 5 Platform	1,000
16.	Removing accumulation of sand in spontaneous salt beds.	1,500
25.	Reserve to meet unforeseen contingencies...	500

3. The Board think that works Nos. 7 and 16 should not be postponed, and will provide for them as well as the present estimate in the list now under preparation.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1868.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1868, No. 2,206.

Separate Revenue, No. 15.
Salt.

Sanction is accordingly granted for making ten canal boats at an estimated cost of Rupees (6,000) six thousand.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with two Estimates and two Plans.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Rs. 2206.30

Sanction is accordingly granted for making two canal boats at an estimated cost of Rs 6000/ Six thousand.

19 Aug 68.

11 Copies of Sanction with 2 estimates & 2 plans despatched

16 Accountant General N

21 Chief Works Deptt N