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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd June 1869.

No. 478. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1869, No. 3,616 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichendur, 5th May 1869, No. 195.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith copy of a Report from the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, No. 21, dated 1st instant, and request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the expenditure of Rupees 762 as particularised in the margin, and for the employment of an Engineer on a monthly salary of Rupees 90 from the 24th ultimo, and of two Firemen on Rupees 16 each per mensem.

	Rs.
Pay of Engineer who accompanied the steamer from Newcastle, from 1st to 24th April, at Rs. 220 per mensem, ...	204
Passage-money of the new Engineer engaged in Madras, ...	58
Amount to be placed at the disposal of the Superintendent of Pearl Banks for the purchase of coal, ...	500
	762

2. I further request the sanction of Government for the employment of the steamer on other duty when necessary as suggested by Captain Phipps, and for the disposal of the *Emily*.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain G. A. PHIPPS, Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 1st May 1869, No. 21.

WITH reference to my letter, No. 16, dated 14th ultimo, I have now the honor to report that I have been able to give the Commander the Certificate for the due delivery of the S. S. *Margaret Northcote** in good order and with steam up.

* 70 Tons.

The reason for the delay in this matter is due to the fault of the contractors in not supplying the vessel with bilge and feed-pumps with brass valves according to specification ; instead of which, valves of vulcanized India rubber were fitted, and these failed to supply the boiler with sufficient water, and when condemned by a competent Engineer whom I called to survey them. On the trial trip I found that both feed-pumps were required and at times also the steam-pump to keep the water in the boiler at the proper height ; the alterations have now been made here at the expense of the contractors.

2. For the information of Government I beg to state that the *Margaret Northcote* is a schooner-rigged iron vessel of fine model, fitted with a double condensing engine of 15-horse power. The decks and all fittings are of teak with one cabin aft and a saloon foreward. The passage from Newcastle to Galle under canvas occupied 135 days, during which occasional bad weather was encountered, which proved the vessel to be buoyant and a good sea boat. The Commander meeting with light winds to the southward of Galle shipped the propeller and steamed to Tuticorin calling at Galle and Colombo. On the first trial trip made here the vessel under steam alone did 8½ miles per hour measured by the patent log ; this I consider satisfactory. I have since used her for examining the Pearl Banks, and find her answer my fullest expectations.

3. From what I can judge, I do not think the consumption of coal will exceed 2¼ Tons for each twenty-four hours the vessel is under steam.

4. As the contractors had to deliver the vessel here, an Engineer was sent out. This person states that he was informed in England that he would be employed here on a salary of Rupees 220 per month, with board and lodging provided, and that an agreement to this effect would be sent to meet him here. As this is, I consider, an excessive amount for the little work required, I informed

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him that I was not disposed to recommend his employment to Government; but as I required his services to work the engines until another Engineer could be found to re-place him, I promised to pay him these terms which were continued from the 1st to the 24th of April, amounting to Rupees 204, which I beg you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for disbursing.

5. On the 24th ultimo, an Engineer engaged in Madras arrived, on a salary of Rupees 90 per month; he had also been granted a passage per British India Steam Navigation Company's Steamer at a cost of Rupees 58, sanction for the payment of which and also for his continued employment on a monthly salary of Rupees 90 per month from the 15th ultimo is also required. This person does not understand the engines so well as I could wish, and I propose to keep him only until I can supply his place with one more competent.

6. For the working of the *Margaret Northcote* the crew now allowed for the schooner *Emily* will suffice with an addition of two Firemen on Rupees 16 each per month for managing the fires and keeping the machinery in order.

7. The steamer is now available for the conveyance of treasure, or for any other duty that may at any time be required. As she is an expensive vessel, I would beg that at all times when it may be necessary to use her for special duty it may be understood that I proceed in charge myself or send a competent person if available. The Agent here of the Bank of Madras lately wished me to send her to Colombo for treasure; for this service I asked Rupees 700. Rupees 500 was offered, and declined as insufficient to cover expenses. I mention this circumstance as I would like to know if Government would approve her employment when such opportunities for partly paying her expenses may offer.

8. On the arrival of the vessel here, some coal remained of the stock shipped in England. A small quantity of this is still on board, but to meet future wants a supply will be required.

9. The price of coal at Tuticorin varies from about Rupees 15 to Rupees 30 per ton. I propose buying as opportunities offer, and should be glad if a sum of Rupees 500 be placed at my disposal as required for this purpose.

10. In conclusion I beg again to recommend that the *Emily* be disposed of at an early date.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

No. 479. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1869, No. 1,767.

Miscellaneous.		
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Pay of the Engineer who accompanied the Steamer *Margaret Northcote*, from 1st to 24th April 1869, at Rupees 220 per mensem, ...	176	
Passage-money of the new Engineer from Madras, ...	58	
Total ...	234	

SANCTION is granted for the items noted in the margin, amounting together to Rupees (234) two hundred and thirty-four. The pay of the Engineer from 1st to 24th April, at Rupees 220 per mensem, is Rupees 176 and not Rupees 204 as stated in the Collector's letter.

2. Sanction is also granted for the permanent advance of Rupees (500) five hundred to be at the disposal of the Superintendent of Pearl Banks for the purchase of coal. The Accountant-General will furnish instructions to Captain Phipps as to how this advance should be accounted for.

3. The Board will call for and submit a tabular statement in the prescribed form for the Engineer and two Firemen required, with information as to whether the additional expenditure can be met from the provision made in the Budget.

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22nd June 1869.

They are aware of the positive instructions of the Government of India against the Budget limit being exceeded.

4. The employment of the new Steamer *Margaret Northcote* on other duty when not required for service connected with the Pearl Fishery Establishment, is an arrangement that was contemplated in making the application to the Secretary of State for the Steamer, and it can be carried into effect.

Order, dated 7th August 1867, No. 1,810, paragraph 7.

5. Orders have been separately issued for the disposal of the *Emily*.

Order, dated 11th June 1869, No. 1,661.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Marine Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

No. 1767.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 22 June 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.—

Submitting for orders letter from Collector requesting sanction for entertainment of Engineer and Firemen for Steamer "Margaret Northcote," employed at Tuticorin Pearl Banks in Tinnevelly District.—

(R. & 22 May 169 N: 3616)

Pay of the Engineer who accompanied the Steamer "Margaret Northcote" from 1st to 24th April 1869 at Rs. 220 per mensem — 176.

Passage money of the new Engineer from Madras — 58.

Total. 234

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Ord: in Dl 17th Augt 1867. No: 1810 para 7.-

Order Dl 11th June 1869. No: 1661.-

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14 To the Bd of Revt & Dis: Dept
6 — Accts Genl's
5 — Marine Dept

E. C. Bell

Inv. No. 12-17