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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue - DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2984.	Press ~~Mis.~~	
184-185.			
Dated	18th.	November	1869..

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No. 184. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 11th October 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 2nd October 1869, No. 2,477.

ADVERTING to G. O. of the 23rd ultimo, No. 3,107, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter* from the Executive Engineer in charge of No. 1 Range, Godavery, on the subject of the unseaworthy state in which the steamer *Godavery*, which was lent on account of the Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin, was returned to Cocanada.

* 1 Copy of letter from Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, Godavery, No. 279, dated 30th September 1869.

2. Mr. Sage reports that, after he took charge of the steamer from Captain Phipps on the 13th May 1868, he brought to the notice of my predecessor the repairs required to be carried out to the same, but which, for want of the necessary funds, was not attended to; and it is to be regretted that no survey was called for by the Range Officer and ordered by the Superintending Engineer.

3. Mr. Sage, it will be seen, bears out the assertion made in his letter of the 8th June 1869, which formed the subject of a reference† to Government, by stating that for the space of more than twelve months the steamer was employed at Tuticorin, her bottom part was never docked, scraped, or painted; and this Captain Phipps himself told him. Moreover, her boiler was leaky and her funnel unserviceable.

† *Vide* letter, No. 1,107, dated 16th June 1869,

4. It will be observed that Captain Phipps does not state in what condition she was on her return to Cocanada, and he did not ask the Range Officer to certify that she was returned in a serviceable condition. That the vessel has now been lying in the river wanting repairs for some months is due simply to the circumstance that no funds were available in the Budget. As soon as Mr. Sage reported to me the state of the steamers and dredges I attempted to get these; and if they cannot be provided, this costly plant had better be disposed of as soon as possible, both to save current maintenance charges and the further loss which will have to be incurred when they become unsaleable.

5. The steamer *Godavery* certainly did get some paint put on her before she left Tuticorin for Cocanada, but it was only laid on down to her water-line. Will Captain Phipps be good enough to send in a bill showing the expenses incurred on her account for repairs whilst she was employed on the Pearl Fisheries? The vessel was there for upwards of twelve months, and ought to have been docked twice at least and thoroughly cleaned and repaired.

6. The vessel no doubt steamed from Tuticorin to Cocanada in the early part of May, when the weather is usually fine and clear in the Bay; but it is not shown that she was in proper state to do so at all times, and as her boiler was old and worn, she cannot have been returned here in a serviceable or seaworthy condition.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th November 1869.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with reference to the Endorsement in that department on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1869, No. 6,608.

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

No. 185. ORDER-THEREON, 18th November 1869, No. 2,984.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government deem it unnecessary to consider whether the cost of repairing the steamer *Godavery* should be debited to the Pearl Fishery or the Public Works Department. The vessel is not required for the fishery, and the Acting Superintending Engineer's proposal to sell it to the best advantage, as suggested in paragraph 4 of his letter, will be considered in the Marine Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Marine Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rev. Deptt.
No. 2984.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 18th November 1869.

Read the following
letter from the Acg. Supdt: Govt:
1st Division.

Forwarding copy of a letter from
the Executive Engineer in charge
of Range No 1 Godavery in the
subjects of the unseaworthy state
in which the Steamer "Godavery"
which was sent for Pearl Fishery
at Tuticorin was returned to Coca.

Ans A.

W.L.

The Government deem

A. it unnecessary to enquire
whether the cost of repairing
the Steamer "Godavery" should
be debited to the Pearl Fishery
or the Public Works Department.
The refusal is not required for

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REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c

Dated November, 18th.

Read. End.

G. O., 18th November 1869, No. 2,984.

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Steamer Godavery.—The vessel not being required for the Pearl Fishery, the proposal to sell it to the best advantage to be considered in the Marine Department.

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