

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1870.*

Read the following :—

No. 240. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 25th March 1870.

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer in charge of 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th March 1870, No. 6,142.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the consideration of Government, two letters from Captain Hasted, R.E., Executive Engineer, Eastern Coast Canal, requesting that Government will purchase and place at his disposal the two boats belonging to, and now in use by, Mr. Fraser, one on each canal.

2. I am not aware what arrangements have been authorized by Government in the northern irrigation districts, but if, as Captain Hasted says, boats are there purchased and provided for the officers, a similar indulgence ought to be accorded to the canal officer.

3. The Executive Engineer has already had to provide himself with tents, and he will occasionally require a horse to ride along the northern extension of the canal. The present boats in use also on the canals are not well adapted for officers to sleep and live in. Travelling is also expensive, as the hire of boat-men has to be kept up.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain J. O. HASTED, R.E., Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal Range, Madras District, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Monopolliem, 8th March 1870, No. 228.

I HAVE the honour to request you will be good enough to support my application to Government for sanction to purchase two boats for the use of the officer in charge of the East Coast Canals.

2. On taking charge of the canals from Mr. Fraser I found that he had a boat of his own on each canal, for which he has now no further use, and which he has given me the refusal of.

3. The superintendence of the canals obliges an officer to spend many days and sometimes weeks together in a boat, during which time he must, of course, have office-work to perform. The ordinary boats which are for hire on the canal are quite unfit to live in, and it is absolutely necessary to have a better sort of boat in order to perform the work satisfactorily.

4. In the Godavery and Kistna Districts officers in charge of Delta Ranges are provided by Government with boats, which they are expected to keep in repair themselves, and I hope that the same indulgence will be shown to the officer in charge of the East Coast Canal.

5. Travelling in this range is probably more expensive than in any other range in Presidency. Boat-coolies must be kept up, a separate boat for baggage and servants. Tents to live in, carriage for them, and horses on the northern extension, and if to this is added the cost of keeping boats in repair, the travelling allowance granted by Government will not nearly cover the expenses. Under these circumstances it seems a very hard case that an officer should be obliged to purchase boats for himself—an expense to which no other executive officer is put.

6. The boats are offered to me by Mr. Fraser at 1,600 Rupees, less than their cost price, and a sum of Rupees 200 is required to put them in repair.

7. This amount I trust on your recommendation Government will allow to be expended from next year's grant.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Captain J. O. HASTED, R.E., Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal Range, Madras District, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Mount Road, 16th March 1870, No. 240.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 6,055, dated 15th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I consider the boats are well worth the price asked for them.

2. The boats are nearly similar, about 40 feet in length; greatest breadth, 8 feet. Each has a mast and sail, a cabin 9 feet long, aft about 6 feet in height, fitted with two seats which fold on hinges, and make beds when open; the sides are panels—in the one boat of wood, which let down, and in the other of painted canvas in frames which open inside—the ends are venetian-doors. Each boat has a bath-room forward about 5 feet in length with painted canvas sides and doors. Both are fitted with shelves and conveniences for storing away crockery, etc. The roofs of the cabins are of planks covered with painted canvas. This covering has lately been renewed in one boat, and requires renewal in the other. I believe it was intended by Mr. Fraser to cover them with felt and zinc, which would make them water-tight and cooler in hot weather. It is to complete the roofs that I have requested Rupees 100 may be allowed for each boat in addition to the price asked.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
25th March 1870.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for their remarks. They will be furnished with copies of the orders noted in the margin, relating to the arrangements authorized in the Godavery Delta.

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th April 1870.

No. 241. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1870.
Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 13th April 1870, on a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the address of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

In the foregoing endorsement the Board are called upon to offer their remarks on the recommendation of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, that Mr. Fraser's two boats should be purchased at a cost of Rupees 1,600 for the use of the officer in charge of the canals, the charge being debited to the "Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund."

2. The Government are aware that the Canal Fund is in debt to Imperial Funds, and that it has to pay interest on the extension-loan granted by the Government of India. The toll-collections of the last two years are on the decrease compared with the average collections of the preceding years, owing to the want of water in the canals.

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3. It is observed that Captain Hasted's predecessors* supplied their own boats while in charge of the canals. The Board would not hesitate to authorize the purchase of the boats if the finances allowed of the expenditure, but they do not.

* Major Chambers.
" Sankey.
Colonel Moberly.
Mr. Kennedy.
" Fraser.

No. 242. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1870, No. 1,253.

Miscellaneous.

The Right Honourable the Governor in Council is of opinion that as the officers of the Public Works Department in Godavery are supplied with boats at Government expense, the same course should be followed in the case of the Cochrane's canal. He is accordingly pleased to authorize the purchase of the boats referred to at a cost of Rupees 1,600, to be debited to the "Canal Fund". It is observed that after debiting the Fund with the interest of the loan and an instalment of Rupees 10,000 towards the refund, there was a sum of Rupees 1,890-1-3 at credit on the 31st March last.†

† G. O., Public Works Department, 27th July 1870, No. 1,802.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 19th August 1870

Read the following papers

Sup^y Engineer in charge of 4th Divⁿ.

Forwarding for consideration
2 letters from Captains Hosted R. & Co. Exe-
cutive Engineers East Coast Canal, requesting
that Govt. will purchase and place at
his disposal the boats belonging to and
now in use by Mr. Fraser one on each
Canal.

(H. E. 18th March 1870 No. 6142)

Board of Revenue.

stating that Mr. Fraser's boats
can be purchased for use of officer in
charge of E. Coast Canal, if funds
will allow of it. Mr. Fraser
would under the present
Boats to the use of the
with the Special Com^r.
+ int^y of the Canal.

(H. E. 24th June 1870)

The Government concur
in the remarks of the Board of
Revenue.

J. D. S.

The Officer in charge of the
canal will probably have much
more to do than his predecessor.

Board of Revenue
Public Works Dept^y

S. M. D. S.

See Government order
concerning an additional
in Council

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated August, 13th.

Recd.

G. O., 13th August, 1870, No. 1,253.

AUGUST.

Nos. 240-242.

Boats for the use of the officer of the
East Coast Canal.—Their purchase authorized
at a cost of Rspees 1,000 to be debited to the
"Canal Fund".

From the Comdant of
of 2500/10 CPM 1818.

W. D. M. D. S. date
22 August 1870 L. K. 2839.

No. 1253

The Rt Hon^{ble} the
Gov^r in Council is
of opinion that as
the Officers of the P.W
Dept & Godavery are
implied with boats at
Govt expense, the same
course should be followed
in the case of the Cochran
Canal. He is accordingly
pleased to authorize
the purchase of the boats
referred to at a cost
of Rs. 1600 to be debited
to the Canal Fund. N

is observed that
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 fund with ^{the} interest
 and of the loan and
 an instalment of Rs 10,000
 towards the refund, there
 was a sum of Rs 1090.1.3
 at credit on the 31st March
 last.

[Signature]

13 Aug 70.

21 To His Highness's Depts. 19
 14 To His Highness's Depts. 17
 6 To His Highness's Depts. 15

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 No 1002

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