No. 100. Read the following l gs of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dat 15th September 1873, No. 2,268:—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on expl ation of District Engineer, Godavery, with reference to boats available for the Del Establis[illegible] not being fully utilized.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 13h October 1873, No. 1,099.

Miscellaneous.

THE District Engineer is evidently unaware of the terms on which boats are supplied to the officers of the Revenue Department. In the order to hich he refers, the provision of a boat for the Collector of Godavery, at a cost of 1,200 (not Rs. 1,550), was sanctioned on the understanding that a Syrang was ept, and that all repairs were done at his own expense, and a rent of Rs. 12 pe uensem paid throughout the year, which sum, it was calculated, would liquidate the expenditure, including both principal and interest at 4 per cent., in about t years, or before a new boat would be required.

2. In a subsequent order,* the' c struction of two boats was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,550 each, on the understanding that they were to be rented to the Collector and Head Assi ant of the Godavery District on similar terms to those mentioned above, but at a enhanced monthly rent, in consideration of the increased cost of the boats. Th Board of Revenue will now be requested to report what this rent is, and whether the officers are still required to pay it throughout the year and to keep up Syr ngs and do all necessary repairs at their own expense.

* 29th January 1873, No. 117.

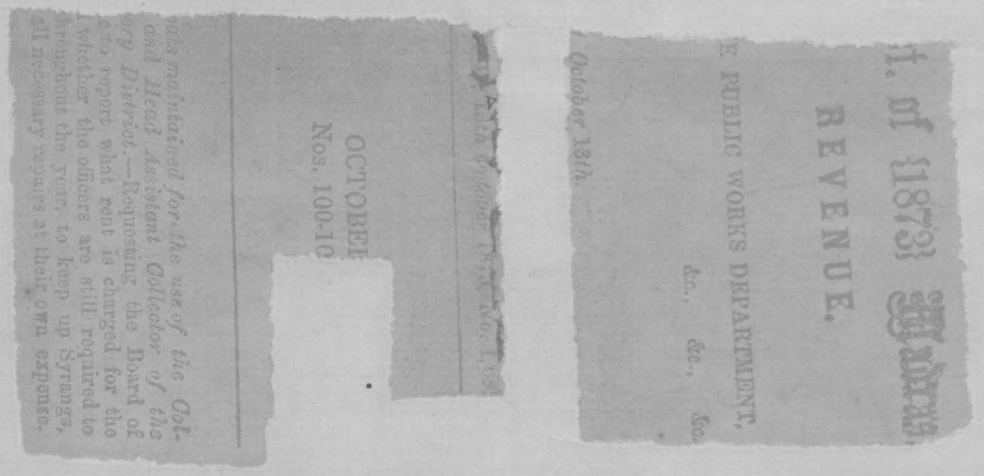
(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

16-6-74
1826 M



1/CP 3908/73.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th July 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 112. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 3rd June 1873, No. 690.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 1,096, dated 16th April 1873, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a statement showing the information required in connection with the seven range boats sanctioned for the Godavery Delta in G. O. of the 1st May 1868, No. 1,352.

1 Statement.

2. I beg to state, for the information of Government, that in some cases I have been obliged to fix the rent for these boats according to the salaries earned by the subordinate requiring the use of them and the travelling allowance passed to them.

3. The second-class boats are of a very poor design, afford little accommodation, and are not very safe under canvas. Now that the works here are being taken up on a large scale, I beg to solicit permission to revise the designs for the boats, and to submit estimates for all new ones required for use hereafter.

Statement showing the date of completion, earnings, etc., etc., of Range Boats constructed in the Godavery District under G. O., No. 1,352, dated 1st May 1868.

No.	Date of Completion.	Monthly boat hire fixed.	Amount received for hire.	Amount spent for repairs.	Amount reserved for repairs and re-construction.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1	1869-70...	24	600 4 3	299 9 8	300 10 7	
2	Do. ...	16	620 15 0	226 3 5	394 11 7	
3	Do. ...	8	114 10 8	155 5 10	40 11 2	
4	Do. ...	24	984 0 0	513 14 5	470 1 7	
5	Do. ...	16	287 2 1	318 14 9	31 12 8	
6	Do. ...	8	177 2 2	103 14 5	73 3 9	
7	Do. ...	10	179 0 1	181 0 9	2 0 8	This was a converted paddle-boat left here by Major Ryves.
			2,963 2 3	1,798 15 3	1,164 3 0	

Dowlaishweram,
3rd June 1873.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Godavery District.

No. 113. From the same Officer, dated Dowlaishweram, 3rd June 1873, No. 691.

As Lieutenant Langley, R.E., who has recently joined this district, will have to carry on his executive duties principally by means of a boat, and as the number sanctioned by Government in G. O., No. 1,352, dated 1st May 1868, is at present in use by the officers and subordinates under my orders, I have the honour to request the sanction of Government for the purchase of a boat now offering for sale here for Rupees 750.

2. I have had her examined by the Superintendent of the Workshop, who considers she is well worth the money, and I have personally inspected her and consider she will suit our purpose very well.

3. I could not hope to build a boat for Lieutenant Langley for several months; we have two in hand for the Collector and his Assistant, and the shops are as busy as they can be on other works, and I trust, therefore, the Government will be pleased to sanction this purchase.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1873, No. 1,749.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

IN the first of these letters the District Engineer furnishes the information regarding the boats provided at the public expense for the use of the establishments employed in the Godavery Delta, which was called for in G. O., No. 1,096, of the 16th April last. The statement submitted shows that of the seven boats, the construction of which was sanctioned in G. O., 1st May 1868, No. 1,352,

No. 1 has earned	25	months hire since	1869-70.			
,, 2	,,	39	,,	,,	,,	,,
,, 3	,,	14½	,,	,,	,,	,,
,, 4	,,	41	,,	,,	,,	,,
,, 5	,,	18	,,	,,	,,	,,
,, 6	,,	22	,,	,,	,,	,,
,, 7	,,	18	,,	,,	,,	,,

also that the gross earnings have amounted to Rupees 2,963, and the cost of repairs to Rupees 1,799, while the amount reserved for repairs and re-construction is Rupees 1,164-3-0; this latter sum, it is observed, is but little more than half of that which should by this time have been placed at the credit of the boat fund, with a view to the re-construction of the boats once in ten years. The boats have clearly not been fully utilized, and indeed only two out of the seven have been at all regularly employed.

2. In his second letter Colonel Fischer requests sanction for the purchase of an additional boat, but this cannot at present be allowed. In paragraph 3 of the order sanctioning the construction of these seven boats, it was specially directed that the charge to be made as boat hire should be sufficient for all maintenance expenses, and to provide for the re-construction of the boats, and this arrangement must be carried out in its integrity, otherwise the Government will no longer furnish boats for the delta establishments. His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot approve of the course adopted by the District Engineer in adjusting the rent of the boats to the salaries and travelling allowances of the subordinates using them; and moreover, if the monthly boat hire hitherto fixed, which appears to be 2 Rupees per month for each 100 Rupees of the original cost of the boats, be insufficient for the accommodation of a sufficient reserve, the rent should be at once increased. Until also the boats available are employed for eight or nine months in the year no addition to the number can be allowed.

3. The District Engineer will at the close of each official year furnish the Chief Engineer for Irrigation with a statement in the same form as that submitted with his letter No. 690, but with an additional column showing the original cost of each boat.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, District Engineer, Godavery.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies.

No. 202. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Joint Secretary to Government, dated Dowlaishweram, 7th August 1873, No. 1,516 :—

WITH reference to G. O. of the 7th July 1873, No. 1,749, paragraph 1, in which it is declared "the boats have clearly not been fully utilized," I have the honour to submit the following explanations for the consideration of Government.

2. The boats are for the use of the officers and subordinates belonging to the district, and if these had been maintained at the full strength and the boats not used there would have been clearly cause for complaint, but when Messrs. Andrews, Simon, Brickwell, and Turner were taken away from the district or had to leave, only two Assistant Engineers were appointed to fill the vacancies, and one of these had to take charge of a dry range for more than a year ; it is very true Captain Begbie was sent here, but he only remained for six months. Lieutenant J. F. Dorward came, and had to leave in less than a year, and no one has been sent to fill his vacancy. Lieutenant A. Dorward only came in December 1871, and had to attend to the work at head-quarters, and afterwards took in hand the Anumullunka Project, so that for a year nearly he did not want a boat. Lieutenant Langley only joined in May last. Under these circumstances I respectfully submit it was not possible to utilize the boats as fully as the time allowed, and I greatly regret the Government imply I could have acted with such deliberate and wanton dereliction of duty.

3. As regards rent for the boats, the first-class boats pay Rupees 24 a month, and each officer maintains two lascars at least, on Rupees 7 each a month, so they pay Rupees 38 a month for the hire and care of the boats ; by G. O. of the 17th October 1872, No. 1,437, Revenue Department, the Government sanctioned the Revenue Board's proposal for a first-class boat for the Collector at a monthly rent of Rupees 12 only, and the cost* of these boats will be the same as ours. Our second-class boats are charged Rupees 16 a month by order of Government, and cost only Rupees 800. An Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Sub-Engineer, or Supervisor using such boats can afford to pay the rent, though it is 25 per cent. more than the Revenue Department is charged, and for them I made no reductions ; but for the Overseers, who only get Rupees 45 a month travelling allowance, I considered more than one-third of this too much to charge, and made a reduction in consequence, and I must very respectfully request a reconsideration of the matter on behalf of these subordinates. The rent is so high, they prefer hiring boats from native builders and thrown ours out of employ.

* Rupees 1,550.

4. As regards Nos. 3 and 6, or the third-class boats, I must request permission to dispose of these, as they are never likely to be much used. There is no proper accommodation in them except for a man to sleep in, no place for servants ; and I cannot get them used regularly.

5. Finally, I beg to observe I had nothing to do with the construction of any of these boats ; they were left on my hands such as they are, and I have used them on all possible occasions ; they are now so fully engaged I have none to give

Lieutenant Langley, and I have not a spare one to lend an officer when his own boat requires repairs. I therefore applied for permission to purchase a boat, and I can only say if the Government will only keep the establishments here in full working order, we shall repay the cost of the boats far sooner than the Revenue Department are likely to do, paying as we do more than double the hire they are charged, and using the boats throughout the year.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1873, No. 2,268.

ACCOUNT, No. 10.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council cannot but think that this letter from the District Engineer, Godavery, demonstrates the necessity for the orders passed in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 1,749, dated 7th July 1873. The facts therein reviewed showed that the boats available for the Delta Establishments had not been fully utilized, and sanction for the purchase of an additional boat was therefore declined. There was nothing in the order to imply that the District Engineer was in any way responsible for the boats not having been fully employed, and there is no foundation for the remark in the concluding sentence of paragraph 2 of his letter.

2. The instructions contained in paragraph 2 of the Government Order above quoted, regarding the rent to be fixed for boats provided by Government, should be carried out. The use of the boats is optional, but the rent to be charged for them must be fixed on the principles therein stated. If, moreover, they are used but little, the rent must be proportionately raised.

3. The boats Nos. 3 and 6, referred to in paragraph 3 of the District Engineer's letter, may be offered to the District Engineer, Kistna, at six-tenths of their original value. If so transferred they will not be replaced by other boats. It is observed that these boats were obtained on a sanction accorded in May 1868, and, if they are not as convenient as may be desired, they must nevertheless continue to be used until their original value has been accumulated either from the rent obtained from them, or from surplus rent from the other boats. Under no circumstances will the Government consent to lose any part of the original outlay on these boats while continuing to supply them, and therefore boats sold or transferred at a loss will not be replaced.

4. These Proceedings, together with those of the 7th July 1873, No. 1,749, will be communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the remarks of the District Engineer on the charges sanctioned for the use of boats by Revenue Officers.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
" " Kistna.
" Revenue Department, with No. d 7th July 1873.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
20 Spare Copies.

G.O. 17 October 1873 Nos 140-41

Revd 1873. Dept.
No 2-35.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, GODAVERY.

&c., &c., &c.,

Dated September 15th.

Recd. — 20 — 1873 *Encl.*

G. O., 15th September 1873, No. 2,268.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 202-203

Boats.—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Godavery, submitting explanation with reference to the boats available for the Delta Establishments not being fully utilized.

Rs 100-

Rec'd with No 1099

Pro. of Govt. P. W. Dept

lanation of D.E. Godavery, wit
nce to boats available for the
Establishments not being fully
d.

15 Sept. 1873, No. 2268

74

67

No 1099 - 13 Oct. 73.

The District Engineer
is evidently unaware
of the terms on which
boats are supplied
to the Officers of the
Rev dept. In the
rules to which he
refers the provision of
a boat etc for the
Collector of Godavery
at a cost of Rs 1200 (not
Rs 1550) was sanctioned
on the understanding that

a sprang was kept and that all repairs were done at his own expense, and a rent of Rs 12 per mensem paid throughout the year, which sum, it was calculated would liquidate the expenditure including both principal and interest at 4 per cent in about ten years, or before a new boat would be required.

In a subsequent order × the construction of two boats was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 1550 each, on

× 29 Jan/23 No 117

To ADC Esplt
B of Revenue 29-12-87

the understanding that they were to be rented by the Lt Colr and Head Asst of the Gorlaney Dist in similar terms to those mentioned above, but at an enhanced monthly rent in consideration of the increased cost of the boats. The Bd of Rev will now be requested to report what this rent is, and whether the Officers are still required to pay it throughout the year, and to keep up sprangs and do all necessary repairs at their own expense.

WHS

40

C. 8 Cos 12.13 Oct