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FIRST CLASS.

PASSENGER VESSEL LICENSE.

No.

Name of owners and residence.

Number of passengers to be carried.

Amount of fee, Rupees

N.B.—Any person carrying a greater number of passengers than that entered in this license will be liable on conviction to punishment under Section 282 of the Indian Penal Code.

The fares to be charged and the class of passengers to be carried are optional with the holder of this license.

N.B.—This license must be renewed on the 1st day of January 187 .

SECOND CLASS.

PASSENGER VESSEL LICENSE.

No.

Name of owners and residence

Number of passengers to be carried	...	General Cabin.
		Fore do.
		Aft do.

Amount of fee, Rupees

N.B.—Any person in charge of a vessel carrying a larger number of passengers than that entered in this license will be liable on conviction to punishment under Section 282 of the Indian Penal Code.

The holder of this license will be required to carry all persons requiring a passage without reference to caste in the general cabin at a maximum rate of 1½ Pies per mile.

And in the fore and aft cabins at a maximum rate of 3 Pies per mile per five square feet of cabin; any passenger paying the full hire as above being entitled to the whole cabin.

N.B.—This license must be renewed on the 1st day of January 187 .

By Act 1 of 1870.

The word "vessel" shall include any ship, barge, boat, raft, timber, bamboos, or floating materials propelled in any manner.

OLD RULES.

I. From and after the 1st day of November 1863, no boats will be allowed to make use of any of the canals in the Godavery or Kistna Districts, the owner of which has not taken out a license as hereinafter provided, except in the cases referred to in Rules VIII., IX., X. and XI.

II.—Every owner or owners of a boat desirous of taking out a license to make use of the canals shall apply in person or by writing to the officers appointed by Government as Registrars of Boats, giving the name or names, if there be more than one, of the owner or owners, with place of residence and place where and time when the vessel or boat was built.

III.—The capacity of the vessel or boat will then be ascertained by measurement, and the owner or owners will be required to pay, before receiving a license, such rate per ton per annum as may be fixed by Government, provided that such rate shall not exceed 1 Rupee per ton per annum.

REVISED RULES FOR LICENSING VESSELS.

RULE I. From and after the 1st day of no vessel will be allowed to make use of any canal in the Godavery or Kistna Districts, the owner of which has not taken out a license as hereinafter provided, except in the cases referred to in Rules VIII. and X.

II. Every owner of a vessel desirous of taking out a license shall apply in person or by writing to the officers appointed by Government as Registrars of Boats, giving the name or names, if there be more than one, of the owner or owners, with place of residence and place where and time when the vessel was built.

III. The capacity of any vessel for the carriage of cargo will then be ascertained according to the rule below mentioned, and the owner or owners will be required to pay, before receiving a license, such rate as may be fixed by Government, provided that it do not exceed 1 Rupee per ton per annum.

N.B.—Fractions will be rejected; where the fraction exceeds half a ton the rate for a full ton will be charged, and, where it is below half a ton, no charge will be made. For the sake of uniformity, as well as for convenience of calculation, fifty cubic feet of room in the hold will be reckoned as equivalent to one ton, that being the space occupied by twenty hundred weight of "rice," the staple produce of the districts.

IV. On the payment of the sum fixed, as above provided, a "license" will be delivered to the owner or owners, which license will remain in force for the period of one year, and will entitle the boat to the free use of all the canals in the Godavery and Kistna Districts without any other payment whatever, provided that if a boat after the issue of the license be enlarged, it shall not resume to ply till it has been re-measured and a new license obtained.

V. Each license will be numbered, and the number of the license granted for each vessel or boat must be painted in white figures, not less than four inches in length, on a black ground on both sides of the bows of the vessel in English and Telugu characters, and the tonnage of the vessel shall be similarly marked on a conspicuous place on her stern. The above marks to be put on at the expense of the owner, who is held responsible that they are not defaced or obliterated.

VI. Boats plying on the canals for the conveyance of passengers and light goods will be required to take out licenses in the manner and under the same conditions as above described. The rate charged for the license will be calculated at 4 annas per square foot of deck room per annum. The number of passengers each boat will be licensed to carry will be entered in the license, and the owner or owners person in charge of any boat carrying a greater number than entered in the license will be liable on conviction to punishment under Section 282 of the Indian Penal Code.

N.B.—Fractions will be rejected; when the fraction exceeds half a ton the rate for a full ton will be charged, and, when it is below half a ton, no charge will be made. Fifty cubic feet of space in the hold will be reckoned as equivalent to 1 ton.

Vessels will be measured by the following rule:—

Length.—At half the depth, between stern and fore-posts.

Breadth.—An average of widths taken at equal distances between the posts at the same depth. Depth of vessel in the centre, 15 per cent. of the capacity thus arrived at to be deducted for the crew.

IV. On payment of the sum fixed, as above provided, a license will be delivered to the owner, or individual authorized by him to receive it, which will remain in force up to the end of the calendar year in which issued, and will entitle the vessel to the free use of all the canals in the Godavery or Kistna Districts without any other payment whatever, provided that if a vessel after the issue of the license be enlarged it shall not again ply till it has been re-measured and a new license been obtained.

N.B.—Licenses for periods of time less than one year will only be issued to new vessels or those altered while on the register, for which half-yearly licenses will be granted.

V. The number of the license granted for a vessel must be painted in conspicuous figures not less than four inches in length on both bows in English and Telugu characters, and the tonnage of the vessel shall be similarly marked on a conspicuous place on the stern.

The above marks to be put on at the expense of the owner, who will be held responsible that they are not defaced or obliterated.

VI. Vessels plying on the canals for the conveyance of passengers will be required to take out licenses in the manner and under the same conditions above described. There will be two rates of charge for licenses, calculated as below:—

First-class vessels to pay 6 Annas per square foot of deck room per annum. The fares to be charged and the caste of the passengers to be carried being left optional with the owner or owners of the boat.

Second-class vessels for the conveyance of all passengers, irrespective of caste, to pay 3 Annas per square foot of deck room per annum. The maximum rate of fare to be 1½ Pies per mile per passenger (including one head cooly load of luggage) in the general cabin. This to be prominently painted on both sides of the boat in legible characters. This rate of fare does not apply to fore and aft cabins, for which the

maximum rate is to be 3 Pies per mile for every five square feet of cabin. Any passenger paying the full hire being entitled to the whole cabin.

The number of passengers each vessel may be licensed to carry, will be entered in the license and painted conspicuously on the stern of the boat, and the owner or owners or person in charge of a vessel carrying a greater number than that entered in the license will be liable on conviction to punishment under Section 282 of the Indian Penal Code.

The deck room of passenger vessels will be measured by the following rule:—

Length of upper deck over all.

Breadth.—Mean of four measurements taken at equal distances.

Passenger vessels will be allowed to carry one passenger for every five square feet of deck room; when passengers and goods are carried together in the same vessel 5 maunds of 25 pounds each will be considered equivalent to one passenger.

VII. Vessels, the private property of individuals, making use of, but not plying for hire on, the canals will be licensed at the rate of 1 Anna per square foot of deck room per annum. It will not be necessary for such vessels to have the number of their licenses painted on them; but the license must be shown whenever required to the Registrar of Boats, or any Officer authorized by Government to call for the same.

VIII. Vessels bona fide the property of Government will alone be exempted from the operation of these rules.

IX. No party who has taken out a license shall have a claim to compensation in consequence of the closing of any of the canals for repairs or other impediments to navigation.

X. A toll at the under-mentioned rate will be levied on each raft of timber or bamboos passing through either of the head locks at Dowlaisweram, Bobberlunkah, Vizasweram, Bezwarah or Seetanagram. The toll will be paid in advance and no further payment will be demanded at any other lock:—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Teak-wood ...	2	8	0	Per raft of the size to fill the lock chamber.
Country-wood ...	1	8	0	
Bamboos ...	0	8	0	

Per raft of the }
to fill the } 1 Rupee. { For teak country wood or bamboos.

N.B.—By Act 1 of 1870, the word "vessel" include any ship, barge, boat, raft, timber, or floating materials propelled in any

OLD RULES.

1. No boats or rafts allowed to moor on towing-path side, except when in the act of loading or unloading.

REVISED BYE-LAWS FOR CANAL VESSELS.

No vessel allowed to moor on towing-path side, except when in the act of loading or unloading.

2. No boats or rafts allowed to moor in the lock channel, as defined in each case by the Range Officer, either above or below.

3. Boats when moored to have masts down; to be made fast to bank in single row head and stern, and to be left in charge of a man.

4. When boats meet the boat going with the current to give way; the boat going against the current to hold its course.

5. In going the same way, slow going boats, such as dhonies, to give way to fast going (such as transit and passenger) boats.

6. No raft allowed in the channel larger than will fill a lock, and every raft of this size to have at least one man to manage it.

7. No person allowed to touch the lock valves, shutters, or their machinery except the lock servants.

Every boat to have its license paper always on board, and to produce the same to any Government Officer having authority to ask for it.

If the license is not produced the boat will be stopped on the spot, and the owner obliged to take out a fresh license, for which the full fee will be charged.

When required by a Range Officer any passenger boat must stop at any place to have its passengers counted and the goods on board measured; if overloaded, goods or passengers in excess of the proper quantity or number must be put out of the boat, the owner incurring penalty besides.

Infringement of rules will subject the owner to the following penalty:—

First Offence.—Suspension of license for not more than two months.

Second Offence.—Suspension of license for not more than four months.

Third Offence.—Suspension of license for not more than six months.

2. No vessel allowed to moor in the lock channel, as defined in each case by the Range Officer, either above or below the lock.

3. Vessels when moored to have masts down; to be made fast to bank in a single row head and stern, and to be left in charge of a man.

4. When vessels meet that going with the current to give way; that going against the current to hold its course.

5. In going the same way, slow going vessels, such as dhonies, to give way to fast going (such as transit and passenger) vessels.

6. No raft allowed in the channel larger than will fill a lock, and every raft to have at least one man to manage it.

7. No person, except those authorized, allowed to interfere with the locks, or their machinery.

8. Every vessel to have its license paper always on board, and to produce the same to any Government Officer having authority to ask for it, failing which the owner will be obliged to take out a fresh license for the full fee.

9. When required by a Range Officer or District Engineer, any passenger vessel must stop at any place to have its passengers counted and the goods on board measured.

10. All passenger vessels to carry at least two lights, one for the passengers below and one at the head to be distinctly visible at least four feet above the water line.

11. All vessels plying for hire to be liable to inspection by Government Officers who are hereby empowered to withdraw the licenses of such as are not maintained in a proper state of repair and cleanliness.

12. The District Engineers or such other Range Officers as he may authorize shall have power to suspend the license of any vessel on account of the infringement of any of the above rules or bye-laws, by its crew, for periods not exceeding those noted below:—

For first offence, two months.
" second " four "
" third " six "

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th March 1873.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 74. From the Collector of Kistna District.
(Here enter No. 2,809, dated 27th November 1872.)

No. 75. From the Collector of Godavery District.
(Here enter No. 1, dated 6th January 1873.)

No. 75A. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1873, No. 691.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to issue for adoption on the Godavery and Kistna Canals, the annexed Rules and Bye-laws as amended, in accordance with the recommendations of the District Officers, who will report at the end of the first year upon their working, with a view to their infringements being made cognizable under the Penal Code if still thought necessary. The attention of the Magistracy and Police Officers is called to the rules with a view to their assisting the officers of the Department of Public Works to enforce their provisions.

(True Extract.)

G. M. S. S. S. Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collectors of Kistna and Godavery.
" District Engineers, Kistna and Godavery.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER GODAVERY.

cc. cc. cc.

Dated March 4th.

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Encl.

G. O., 4th March 1873, No. 691.

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No. 74-75A

Amended Rules and By-laws for adoption on the Godavery and Krishna Canals.

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