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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 184.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1875, No. 421.

Miscellaneous.

THESE proposals and suggestions are
approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

Notes.—Approving proposals and suggestions of the Board of Revenue regarding the village officials of Narsapur Taluq, in Godavery District, crossing—free of payment, and for providing a treasury-room in the Deputy Tahsildar's Office at Razole.



MARCH.
No. 183-184.

G. O., 15th March 1875, No. 421.

Dated March 15th.
Recd.

Encl.

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Govt. of Madras.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Deputy-Collector's letter.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Godavery.

Exd. W. H. French.

Ferry.—Letter from Collector of Godavery regarding the inconvenience experienced by village officials of Narsapur Taluq from non-provision in ferry rules for their free conveyance on the ferries, and proposals to remove the inconvenience, submitted for the orders of Government. Concurrence expressed in Collector's opinion that the collections of Nagaram Division be made payable at the Deputy-Tahsildar's Office. Sanction requested for providing a treasury-room in the new Deputy-Tahsildar's building at Razole, and for allowing the charge of conveyance of village servants on the ferries on ticket-system proposed by Collector. Collector to renew his application for the services of a Shroff at Razole when the Nagaram Deputy-Tahsildar's Office is removed to that place.

FEBRUARY.
No. 322.

Received

19th Feb 1875

Copy to the Collector of Godavery

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH FEBRUARY 1875, No. 322.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

Resd. 1875. A. J. P. M.

28/6/75

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Godavery District
Office of the Deputy
Collector on General Duty
Narsapur, 18 July 1875

From

The Ag Dy Collector
on General Duty

To

H. L. Foster Esquire
Ag Collector, Godavery Dist

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith an arzi from the Tahsildar of Narsapur Taluq dated 4th Instant No. 733 bringing to notice the inconvenience felt owing to the ferry rules not providing free conveyance across the River of Village servants, who have to go to the Tahsildar's Office at Narsapur several times during every month.

2. I beg to state that Narsapur is a peculiar taluq in this respect. The whole

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whole of the Deputy Tahildar's Range
is on the one side of the River and the
rest of the Narsapur Taluk on the other
so that many Village servants cannot but
have to cross the River generally several
times in a month. It is not possible
to fix certain days during which these
village servants should cross the River,
so that a peon (a peon can be carried
free under the rules) may be kept at
the River to fetch the packets. Remittances
cannot be handed over to peons without
a receipt, and the remittances of all
the villages on the other side cannot be
expected to come at or about the same
time. I see only one way of avoiding
the difficulty and that is as follows.

3. Peons in the service of Government

are by Special condition II to be carried
free. The Village servants are no doubt
the peons of the Village Munsiff to
all intents and purposes, except that they
have no belts and badges. It would
be advisable to allow the Munsiffs or
the servants to have the belts and badges
made at their own expense, which I
have little doubt, they will do, and then
the servants can go across the ferry without
charge. If this suggestion meets with
your approbation, I shall call on the
Tahildar to ascertain from the Munsiffs
and servants their wishes on the subject.

4. I need hardly mention that
neither the Village Munsiffs nor the Village
servants should be required to pay the ferry
him for the numerous times they have
to cross the River on Government business.

5. I may observe that the ferry rules never provided for the free conveyance of Village servants before Fash 1282, but the ferry contractors always took it for granted that the Village servants were to cross free. In Fash 1282 Mr. Sullivan put in the condition expressly and as it has been struck out from the present rules the present contractors, who are more alive to the rules and the distinctions of woodings, understand that the Village servants may be charged with hire. Hence the difficulty.

I have &c.

/s/ P. Pundarikakshudu

Ag Dy Collector

/Enc Copy/

/s/ W. S. Foster

Ag Collector

/Enc Copy/

H. H. H.

Ag Secretary

L. H. G.
Capt. H.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 615

From B^d of Rev.

Dated 12 February 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Instruct all the
holders of the
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Enclosed in Invoice No. 1015
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to
the Revenue Dept.
dated 12 February 1875,
No. 322.

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For conveyance to
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For
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No. 421

These proposals &
suggestions are approved

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6 The Assoc. and Genl 15th March 1875

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