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Read the following letters:—

No. 433A. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 6th November 1874, No. 2,749.

I HAVE the honor to enclose an estimate for the repair of the Government boat on the Northern Branch, East Coast Canal.

2. This does not appear to have been used by the Range Officer for a long time, and Captain Taylor does not think it worthwhile to pay rent or hire for it, under G. O., No. 242, dated 28th September 1874.

3. I cannot find that any money has been paid since I have been in the district, and would suggest that the boat be sold by auction after due notice.

No. 433B. From the same Officer, dated Guindy, 2nd December 1874, No. 3,054.

REFERRING to your memorandum, No. 866-K, dated 16th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Harington, Executive Engineer, when in charge of the East Coast Canal Range, complied with the terms of G. O., No. 242, dated 28th September 1871, by paying at the rate of 8 Annas per diem for the days he used the Government boats on the Northern and Southern Canals. No boat lascar appears to have been maintained, as the boats in both the Northern and Southern Canals were in charge of gardeners paid out of the Canal Maintenance allowance.

2. There is a Government boat maintained on the Southern Canal, and Mr. Lowry, Range Officer, has agreed to pay the daily rate of 4 Annas for the one boat for the number of days he makes use of it.

No. 433C. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1874, No. 3,590-A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31.

It appears from the above letters that there are two boats belonging to the Northern and Southern Divisions of the

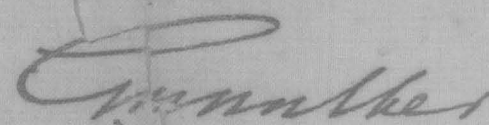
East Coast Canal, the repairs whereof, according to G. O., No. 1,602, of 15th September 1871, were to have been provided for by a rent of Rupees 12 a month, or 8 Annas a day for shorter periods, levied on the officer in charge of the canal, who was required to maintain one lascar permanently to look after the boats. It further appears that the latter stipulation was evaded by the officer lately in charge of the canal, who only paid 8 Annas a day for the days on which he actually used the boats and apparently maintained no lascar. The Range Officer, within whose circuit the Northern Section of the canal has now fallen, declines to have anything to do with his boat; while the Range Officer who has charge of the Southern Canal boat agrees only to pay 4 Annas a day for the actual use of it.

2. There does not in fact appear to be any necessity for maintaining boats for the occasional use of these officers who can hire boats when they require them. It is only the officer in charge of the canal extension who appears to require a boat constantly. And for his use it has been contemplated by G. Os., Nos. 2,561, of 9th September, and 3,147, 5th November, to build a boat at a cost of Rupees 1,400. The District Engineer of Nellore will now instruct Lieutenant

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Henderson, R. E., to take an early opportunity of inspecting both boats at Madras, where they will be ordered to be ready for him at a convenient time and place, to be arranged by him with Captain Taylor and Mr. Lowry; and he will arrange for taking over one or both of them in lieu of that proposed to be built for him. He will be expected to pay a fixed charge of Rupees 15 a month, of which one-half shall be appropriated for the pay of a permanent lascar, and the remainder be devoted to cover the cost of future repairs; the estimate of Rupees 110 for repair of the Northern Section boat being meanwhile defrayed from the Canal Funds, if it is to be retained. Otherwise its sale by auction is authorized.

(True Extract.)

 Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
" District Engineer, Nellore.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" *Per Dept.*

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

CHINGLEPUT.

Sec., Sec., Sec.

Dated December 19th.

Recd. *Jan 12th* Encl.

G. O., 19th December 1874, No. 3,590a.

DECEMBER.

No. 433A-433C

Boats.—Issuing certain instructions
for the disposal of the two boats belonging
to the Northern and Southern Divisions
of the East Coast Canal.

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Board of Revenue
13: January 1875

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