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No. 246. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
dated Ootacamund, 25th July 1876, No. 129-W. :—

From Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Major-General G. W.
WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
dated Dowlaishweram, 19th May 1876, No. 442.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,485, of 28th May 1875, regarding the new rules
and bye-laws for the navigation of the
canals of this district, I have the honor
to report that I consider the navigation
in the past year to have worked fairly.

1 Statement.
3 Charts.

2. Passenger boats are kept in tolerable repair and show lights.

3. None of the boat-owners have taken out first-class licenses for passenger
boats, by doing which they would be at liberty to determine the caste, &c., of passengers
their boats should carry; all Rahadari boat-owners prefer taking out only second-class
licenses.

4. No instances of refusal to accommodate low castes have come under notice,
though such doubtless often occur; but the bye-laws have otherwise answered well.

5. I herewith send a statement showing the effect of reducing the license fees
on passenger boats; from which it will be seen that the difference in the total sum
collected for licenses on these boats according to the old and revised rules amounted
to Rupees 1,593-12-9.

6. I also send herewith extracts from the register of boats suspended for
breach of bye-laws, and showing the punishments inflicted in the three deltas.

7. Full information regarding the cost of maintaining the navigation was given
in my letter, No. 109, of the 17th April 1876, to the address of the Chief Engi-
neer for Irrigation, and I therein recommended that the license fees on cargo boats
should be raised from 1 to 3 Rupees.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th August 1876. No. 2,074.

Statement showing the effect of reducing the License Rates for Passenger Boats on the Receipts in the Godavery District for the Year 1875.

Statement showing the Effect of Reduction of License Fees									
Year.	FEES ACTUALLY COLLECTED BY LICENSING AT THE REDUCED RATE OF 3 ANNAS PER SQUARE FOOT.			FEES AS RECKONED AT THE OLD RATE OF 4 ANNAS PER SQUARE FOOT.			DIFFERENCE OR REDUCTION.		Remarks.
	Number.			Amount.			Number.		
	Boats.	Passengers.	Amount.	Boats.	Passengers.	Amount.	Boats.	Passengers.	
			RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.
				Eastern Delta Division.					
1875	24	1,504	1,410 3 6	24	1,504	1,880 3 6	...	...	470 0 0
				Central Delta Division.					
1875	20	1,276	1,146 1 6	20	1,276	1,628 1 6	...	...	382 0 0
				Western Delta Division.					
1875	*27	2,422	2,225 6 3	27	2,422	2,967 3 0	...	...	741 12 9

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Godavery.

DOWLAISHWARAM,
19th May 1876.

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11th August 1876. No. 2,074.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.
The District Engineer reports that the navigation bye-laws have worked well during 1875.

2. The alteration in the rates for passenger-boat licenses occasioned a loss of Rupees 1,594, no first-class licenses having been taken out.

3. The registers of offences, ... the bye-laws and of punishments show that punishments were inflicted in the—

Number of Boats licensed in 1875.
Cargo Boats ... 1,256
Passenger Boats ... 73

Eastern Delta in 25 cases.

Central do. 1 case.

Western do. 8 cases.

Breaches of Bye-law No. 1, which prohibits mooring on the tow-path side except when loading and unloading, is the most common offence, and the punishment is ordinarily seven to ten days' suspension of license. The one case in the Central Delta was a breach of this bye-law, and the punishment then inflicted was a suspension of license for two months; if this offence had not been frequently committed by the same boat so that the punishment was too heavy, and if it was a third or fourth offence the fact should have been recorded. In the Eastern Delta, Boat No. 380 suffered suspension of license for ten days on 25th July, and for fifteen days on 16th December, for breach of this bye-law.

4. Again, in the Eastern Delta, Transit Boat No. 92 had the license suspended for ten days for breach of Bye-laws Nos. 1, 8 and 10. In the Western Delta, Cargo Boat No. 103 had the license cancelled for breach of Bye-law No. 8, which prescribes this penalty for not having the license on board and producing it when called upon.

5. It appears to be desirable that the District Engineer should draw up a scale of punishments under Bye-law 12 for the guidance of the Range Officers, so that equal punishments may be inflicted in the three ranges for similar offences, and that they may be proportioned to the importance of the bye-law infringed.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Nos. 247 & 248.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1876, No. 2,074.

IRRIGATION, No. 24.

(True Extract.)

RECORDED. The District Engineer's attention will be drawn to the suggestion made in paragraph 5 of the foregoing endorsement, and it should be acted upon.

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
Kistna.

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

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Navigation of the Godavery Delta Canals.
—Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation, submitting the report of the
District Engineer on the — for the year
1875, recorded with remarks.

communicated to Mr. K. D.
7/2/76.

2 September 1876

14- To the District Engineer, Godavery