

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2607.

DATED 21st May 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning proposition statement
for raising the pay of the Levies employed
in the Sep. Riv. Comm^{rs} steam launch &
staff boat.

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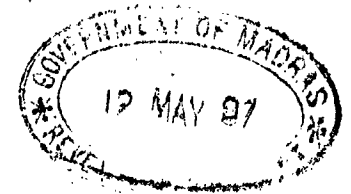
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Revenue (1897) Department.

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From the Secretary to the Commissioner,
Salt, alkali and Separable Revenue
Madras

Order No. 2607 of 21st May 97.

The proposition statement No. 1737
is sanctioned.

2. It is presumed that the additional
cost for the current year
change can be met from
savings in the budget.

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Dated 28th April 1897

Received 12.5.97

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SUBJECT.

Inviting the attention of
Government to the un-
sustainability of the Establish-
ment sanctioned for the
Commissioner's steam launch
and staff boat and suggest-
ing that the pay of the
lascar be raised to Rs 12
each

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List with reference to H. V. order.
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The H. V. of Revenue (S. P. Revenue)

The financial dep. with the proposition
statement

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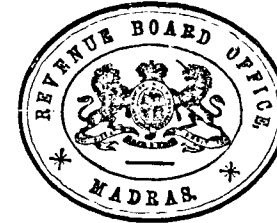
The extra charge involved in the
Board proposals is Rs 120 per
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 28th April 1897.

No. 1737.



Resolution

The Board begs to call attention to the unsuitability of the Establishment sanctioned for the Commissioner's Steam launch and staff boat. This is as follows:

Steam launch (Katherine)

- 1 Engine driver on Rs 30
- 1 Fireman " " 15
- 1 Boatman " " 8
- 1 Lascar " " 7

Staff boat

- 1 Steerman " " 7.

Vide Government Order Dis No 3056 Revenue dated 17th August 1893

2. The present Commissioner has now had

had a good deal of experience in using these boats and is strongly of the opinion that it is utterly impossible to get men capable of handling them safely and efficiently for such rates of pay. Rs 7 per mensem is the lowest salary for which a peon can be engaged at the Madras Salt Depot, and it is out of the question to expect that a skilled boatman will accept service in Madras on such terms or even on Rs 8. Indeed on Rs 7 he would be even worse off than an ordinary peon as he would have no promotion to expect and no reward to earn for preventive work. The result of these low rates of pay is that the boats have usually to be entrusted to peons whose sole experience in such work has been gained in poling about an Inspector's 2 ton boat or the like. It is of course impossible that a man of such small training could manage large boats safely

safely and effectively.

3. This is a very undesirable state of affairs and will certainly end in serious damage to one or both ^{of} the vessels. The launch is a heavy powerful boat with very considerable capacity for injuring herself or other vessels if she is not judiciously handled. The Staff boat has a great deal of superstructure on a very light hull. She is well suited for the inland Canals of the Godavari and Krishna, where there is but little wind and no open water, but along the ^{Coast} Coast she is very difficult to manage and her erratic performances in a heavy breeze adds to the difficulty of steering the launch. All that can be done at present is to slow down or stop on approaching any obstacle or danger and take the Staff boat past it with the help of poles. To keep sheerage way on would be far too

with absolutely incompetent Steersmen
who almost invariably lose their heads
in an emergency and have not the
knowledge to see their way out of a dif-
ficulty. Even if they did ^{keep} ~~kept~~ Cool.
No serious damage has been done to either
boat so far but this immunity has
only been obtained by drifting and
floating past bad places and amongst
other boats, and by keeping an adequate
staff of Coolies on board the staff
boat to ward her off danger with
their poles.

4. The Board has no hesitation in
saying that the present system costs
Government directly far more than
the pay of a skilled Syrang for each
boat to say nothing of the petty da-
mages which are constantly occur-
ring or of the possibility of very serious
ones being sustained some time or
other.

other. The Commissioner draws no trans-
ferring allowance when he uses the launch
and staff boat but is entitled to actual
expenses. He, however, has frequently to
do without the launch owing to the danger
of using her with a strong wind aft
or down stream or if he does employ
her, has to engage four or five boat-
men at the cost of Government as
well to help the staff boat out of
difficulties. In his tour through the Krishna
and Godavari last December
when the launch would have been
most useful and saved a great
deal of time he was obliged to dis-
pense with her altogether so many
accidents had been narrowly avoided,
on a previous occasion by his con-
stant personal attention. On the
whole not one-third of the value which
should be derived from the launch
is being obtained now for the reasons
given

given alone.

5. The Board begs to suggest that the pay of the lascars be raised to Rs 1.2. It does not think that a Competent man can be obtained for less. It does not know what is usually paid for a good boat lascar in the Godavari or Krishna but a much higher rate of salary must be given to a man competent to handle vessels under steam in the varied conditions to which the Commissioner's boats are liable. The work of a Syrang on the Godavari or Krishna with a staff of Coolies, all Competent boatmen on the bank alongside ready to come on board and use the poles whenever wanted is a very simple matter compared for instance with taking the two vessels under steam past an escape weir and into
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a lock, or navigating them in a heavy tide way with a strong wind blowing and an uncertain depth of water.

b. A proposition statement in duplicate is enclosed.

(True Extract)

~~Communisist~~

Assistant Secretary

To the Secretary to Government

Revenue Department,

with a proposition statement in duplicate

through the Accountant General. Mead.

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