Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2607

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning proposition & abstract for receiving the pay of the Lascars employed in the Lep.a Riv. Commr.s steam launch & staff boat.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS RECD 12 MAY 97

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From The Secretary to the Commissioners, Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras

Order Mise. No. 2607/2 1st May 97.

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The proprietors statement is sanctioned.

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

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Dated 28th April 1897

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List with reference to G.O's orders.

To

The A.G. of Rens (Secy: Revs)
The Financial Secy. with proprietors statement

Mis. 26.5.97

Note

The extra charge involved in the Board proposals is Rs 120 per annum.

SUBJECT.

Inviting the attention of Government to the unsuitability of the Establishment sanctioned for the Commissioner's Steam launch and staff boat and suggesting that the pay of the Lascar be raised to Rs 12 each

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE FEB 97 MADRAS

Dated 28th April 1897.

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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	Steersman	" "	7.

Vide Government Order this 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 works has been gained in poling about an Inspectors' 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 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 Kistna, where there is but little wind and no open water but along the ~~Cost~~ 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 steerage 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 difficulty. Even if they did ~~kept~~ Keep. Cool. No Serious damage has been done to either boat so far but this immunity has only been obtained by drifting and poling 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 for more than the pay of a skilled Syrang for each boat to say nothing of the petty damages which are Constantly occurring or of the possibility of very Serious ones being Sustained Some time or other.

other. The Commissioner draws no travelling 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 boatmen at the Cost of Government as well to help the staff boat out of difficulties. In his tour through the Kistna and Godavari last December when the Launch would have been most useful and saved a great deal of time he was obliged to dispense with her altogether So many accidents had been narrowly avoided on a previous occasion by his Constant 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 above.

5. The Board begs to suggest that the pay of the Lascars be raised to Rs 12. 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 Kistna 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 Kistna 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 a lock, or navigating them in a heavy tide way with a strong wind blowing and an uncertain depth of water.

6. A proposition Statement in duplicate is enclosed.

(True Extract)

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Assistant Secretary

To the Secretary to Government

Revenue Department,

with a proposition Statement in duplicate

Through the Accountant General. Madras.

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