

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Dated

22. 12. 1859.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of December 1859.*

No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 16th December 1859, No. 1703.

Communicating a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to the Board of Revenue with the request that they will report, what further measures they would advise for the conservancy of the pearl banks. Observe that one of the two guard-boats sanctioned on the 14th November 1859, is intended to be used also, as a visiting boat by the Master Attendant of Tuticorin instead of a hired schooner.

(Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, from 11th to 20th December 1859, No. 60.)

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1859, No. 654.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 16th December 1859, No. 1703.

1. The Government proceed to pass orders on the letter in this department from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India No. 23 of 1859 dated 27th October.

Resolved that this despatch be communicated to the Board of Revenue with the request that they will report what further measures than those already authorized they would advise for the conservancy of the pearl banks.

2. The Government observe that one of the two guard boats sanctioned on the 14th November 1859 No. 1546 at a total cost of Rupees 11,190 is intended to be used also, as a visiting boat, by the Master Attendant of Tuticorin instead of a hired schooner.

INDIA OFFICE,
LONDON, 27th Oct. 1859.

REVENUE.
No. 23.

TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

1. Your letter dated May 19th (No. 16) 1859 has been under my consideration in Council, and I have now to communicate the following remarks and instructions connected with the conservancy of the pearl banks on the coasts of Madura and Tinnevelly.

2. In paragraphs 35 to 37 of the despatch dated June 15th (No. 5) 1859, replying to paragraphs 48 to 55 of your letter, dated December 17th (No. 45) of 1857, an opinion was expressed that the two boats which you then proposed to supply would be insufficient for the duty of watching the banks and it is now my opinion that at least four boats in addition to a vessel for the Inspector are required for that purpose.

3. The banks extend fully seventy miles along the coasts of Tinnevelly and Madura and as an establishment of two schooners and several small boats is found necessary for the conservancy of the Ceylon banks which are only fifteen miles in length, I consider that four boats and a fast sailing schooner is the smallest establishment that could be expected to supply an adequate amount of protection for the banks of Tuticorin.

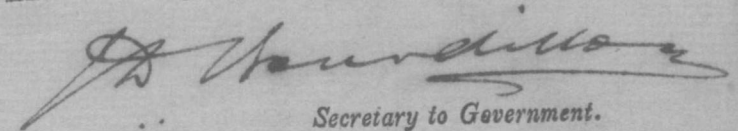
4. In October 1858 you accepted the offer of an armed pattamar from the Government of Bombay, and you have also authorized the construction of two boats at Cochin, but there seems to be a necessity of adopting more systematic measures for the protection of the banks.

5. The examination of the banks off Tuticorin in April and December 1858, appears to have been exceedingly satisfactory, the oysters on six out of nine banks were four and a half years old and in a healthy condition, but the late Master Attendant is quite correct in his opinion that they should not be disturbed until they have reached the age of five and a half or six years. This would defer the fishing to the year 1861; and as a considerable revenue may be expected to be derived from a successful harvest of pearls, I am of opinion that there should be no delay in establishing an efficient system of conservancy during the interval, and effectually stopping the chank fishery which is evidently so detrimental to the oyster banks.

6. I presume that you have already appointed an officer to collect all necessary information respecting the Ceylon fishery in place of the late Master Attendant of Tuticorin.

(Signed) C. WOOD.

(True Extract and Copy.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Marine Department.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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 by the Master Attendant
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The Superintendent of Marine, Dated 22^d Dec.