

Marine
Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 806 Marine

DATED 25th Aug 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Chank beds on the Tanjore & Madurai
Coast. Proo: Rev: Deptt. approving Bds
proposals for the preliminary examination
of the — ~~at an approximate cost of~~
~~Rs 22,457~~ as also the suggestion that the
officer in charge of the "Margarita" be
entrusted with the work.

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Approving with remarks --
Board's proposals for the preliminary examination of the chank beds on the Tanjore and Madura coasts at an approximate cost of Rs.2245 and authorizing the Collector of Madura by telegram to negotiate for a concession of the Ramnad Zamindar's privilege of chank fishing for a consideration not exceeding Rs.1700 for one year.

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Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:-

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Ref. A. No.223, dated 10th July 1899, on the following papers:-

(1) Board's Proceedings No.2143 Misc., dated 7th July 1899, stating that the Board will not take any definite action in regard to the proposal to take the chank fishery of the Pannad coast on lease until the preliminary examination of the chank beds ordered by Government has been made and asking the Collector of Madura by wire to arrange with the Zamindar to postpone the sale of the lease.

(2) Also letter from J.P. James Esq., Port Officer, Negapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, No.11/630, dated 6th July 1899.

(3) Also telegram to J.G.D. Partridge Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 8th July 1899.

Reference

With reference to G.O.No.580 Revenue, dated 8th February 1899, the Board submits that Mr. James estimates the cost of undertaking a preliminary examination of the chank beds on the Tanjore and Madura coasts at Rs.2945 including the

Hire of the steamer Margarita for 14 days at Rs.190 per diem.	Rs. 2660	sum of Rs.2660 being
Wages of 4 divers for the period at Rs.2-8-0 each per day.	140	the hire for 14 days
Wages to be paid to guides or local fisher men in examining the coast.	20	of the steamer "Margarita" which should be engaged for the purpose.
Cost of bamboo, white cloth, rope &c for marking banks and of two dredgers or trawls to be made locally.	125	Calculating the charge on account
	2945	of the steamer at

Rs.140 per diem, the amount actually required for working the vessel instead of at Rs.190 per diem fixed in G.O. No.1015 Financial Department

dated

dated 6th December 1897 for the loan of the vessel to other departments, the estimate amounts to Rs.2245.

2. There are no funds at the Board's disposal from which the charge can be met during the current official year. The Board accordingly requests that a special allotment of funds may be sanctioned for the purpose.

3. Mr. James represents that it is too late this year to make a sufficiently careful examination of the chank beds and suggests that the steamer "Margarita" may be placed at his disposal about the middle of February next when the sea may be expected to be quite smooth. He also requests that Mr. Brown, Port Officer, Mangalore, may be allowed to accompany him during the examination of the chank beds as that officer takes an intelligent interest in Fisheries and would be of much use in helping to make out any banks found. The Collector of Tinnevely is requested to state whether the steamer can be made available for the examination of the chank beds in February next.

4. In a telegram dated 6th Instant, Mr. James brought to the notice of the Board that the chank fishery of the Madura coast which is in the hands of the Pannad Zamindar was to be let out on a new contract on the 10th Instant for a period of 5 years and suggested that Government might take it over on the terms of the previous lease for a rent of Rs.1700 per annum. As the report called for in G.O. No. 580 Revenue, dated 8th February 1899 regarding the preliminary examination of the chank beds had not been received, the Board instructed the Collector of Madura by telegram to try and arrange with the Zamindar to postpone the auction of the chank fishery or to limit the period to one year informing him that Government might apply for the lease next year (vide Board's Proceedings No.2142, dated 7th July 1899). In his present letter, Mr. James points out that the number of chanks fished in the Pannan division last year amounted to 180000 which sold for Rs.5400 against Rs.1700 for which the fishery was leased out and that

it would pay Government in any case to take over the whole of the chank fisheries of the coast. The Board has accordingly authorised the Collector of Madura in modification of its previous telegram to bid on behalf of Government up to Rs.1700 per annum if he cannot arrange with the Zamindar to postpone the auction of the chank fishery.

5. In the letter read above, Mr. James states that the Sivaganga Zamindari also leases out the chank fishery of the coast for a small sum of Rs.100 per annum. The Collector of Madura is requested to report how the right was acquired by the Zamindar.

II Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Ref. A. No. 237, dated 18th July 1899, submitting to Govt. in continuation of Board's Ref. A. No. 223, dated 10th July '99 the statement received from Mr. James furnishing full particulars regarding the number and value of chanks fished during the last 12 months on the Madura coast.

III Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Ref. A. No. 245, dated 31st July 1899, informing Government that the auction of the Ramnad chank fishery has been postponed and requesting that the final orders in the matter may be intimated to the Collector direct by wire.

IV Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Ref. A. No. 272, dated 15th August 1899, informing Govt. that the steamer "Margarita" will not be available in February 1900 for the proposed examination of the chank beds on the Tanjore & Madura coasts if the pearl banks at Tuticorin should be ready for the fishery and recommending that the examination of the chank beds referred to may be entrusted to the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries.

(True Extract)

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