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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
7th April 1864.*

No. 172. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Palamcottah, 29th March 1864, No. 2,171 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that there appears very little prospect of my being able to expend any portion of the Rupees 10,000 granted for the formation of pearl oyster beds during the current year.

2. Major Paxton has endeavoured to procure Contractors for the work; but it appears that all the coral in the neighbourhood is exhausted, and that it cannot now be procured at the rate allowed in the Estimate, and further we have great difficulty in finding at what rate the work can be done.

3. We find that having the contract for the chank fishery, Mr. Barter, a merchant of Tuticorin, has all the divers in the neighbourhood in his employ, the rates he demands are enormous; Messrs. Motha have a considerable number of boats in their possession or employ and have tendered to bring coral from other parts of the coast, but I have not as yet been able to settle the terms on which they will deliver the coral or the spot at which they will put it down.

4. I hope to arrange these points when I visit Tuticorin, which I purpose doing in a few days; but it is clear that the Estimate will require entire revision, and therefore I beg at once to give up the amount sanctioned for this purpose. I would point out as one cause of our difficulty that the residents of Tuticorin are entirely opposed to the project which they believe will affect the harbour.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1864, No. 976.  
Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department No. 2,246, dated 19th December 1863.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.  
" Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Sup<sup>r</sup> Engineer's Office 8<sup>th</sup> Division X  
N-2171 Palamcottah 29<sup>th</sup> March 1864 3

— From,

Captain G. J. Sutherland R.E.

Superintending Engineer 8<sup>th</sup> Division

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government D.O.W.

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Supg Engrs office,  
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 To, *H. Moberg* Captain R.E.  
 Superintending Engineer 8<sup>th</sup> Division.

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.  
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