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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th October 1865.*

No. 88. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative }
to the proposed increase to the salary of the } (Here enter 29th September 1865, No. 2,362.)
Superintendent of the Pearl Oyster Nursery at }
Turicorin, in the Tinnevely District, &c. }

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1865, No. 2,938.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer of the 8th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th September 1865.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 620. Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 24th July 1865, No. 33.

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council your Despatch dated February 22nd (No. 10), 1865, forwarding papers relating to the experimental nursery for rearing Pearl Oysters at Tuticorin.

2. The arrangements of Captain Phipps appear to be judicious, and I trust that the nurseries will be stocked in the course of the present year. In compliance with your request, six Aquaria, fitted with the most recent improvements, and with contrivances adapting them for use in a hot climate, have been ordered from Mr. King, successor to the Mr. Lloyd who is mentioned in your Despatch. A Microscope arranged for observation of aquatic objects, floating Thermometers, and Hydrometers, will also be provided, and full instructions will be supplied to Captain Phipps with regard to the management of the Aquaria, and the use of the instruments. The cases will shortly be ready for shipment, and you will be duly apprised of their despatch.

3. It is probable that much valuable knowledge of the habits of the Pearl Oyster will be acquired by careful observation, with the assistance of Aquaria and the microscope.

4. I observe that there has been some correspondence on the subject of an increase of the salary of Captain Phipps. The comparatively small number of vessels touching at the port of Tuticorin, renders it unadvisable to increase that Officer's salary as Master Attendant, but I would suggest for your consideration the proposal for increasing his salary as Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries.

No. 621. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 25th September 1865, No. 103.

SIR,

With reference to your Official Memorandum of the 22nd instant, No. 134, I have the honor to state that, under the recent revision in the classification of receipts and charges, the head "BIV. Miscellaneous" has merged into that of "4 Land Revenue," to which charges on account of Pearl Fisheries are debitable, and under which there is ample provision in the Budget grant for the current year to cover the proposed increase to the salary of the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries from Rupees 150 to 300 per month.

No. 622. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1865, No. 2,362.

Miscellaneous.

G. O. 28th April 1860, No. 676.
.. 20th July 1,201.

1. The Government observe that Captain Phipps' pay, which as Master Attendant of Tuticorin was Rupees 200 monthly, was raised to Rupees 300 in April 1860, in consideration of the very responsible and onerous duty assigned to him of inspecting and guarding the Pearl

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Oyster Banks, and superintending the Fishery, and that in January 1862 he was

G. O. 30th January 1862, No. 142.
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constituted Superintendent of Pearl
Banks, and his pay raised to Rupees 350,
at which amount it now stands.

2. Since that time it has been determined, with the approval of the Secretary of State, to form an artificial Pearl Oyster Nursery off Tuticorin, the superintendence of which important experiment entails a great amount of exposure and constant additional labor and responsibility, in consideration of which the Collector recommended that Captain Phipps' pay should be raised to Rupees 600 monthly.

3. The Board in sending on the correspondence in which this proposal was made, observed that they considered Captain Phipps' pay of Rupees 350 not more than adequate remuneration for the duty of Master Attendant at the important port of Tuticorin, and recommended that he be allowed an additional salary of Rupees 150 monthly in his capacity of Superintendent of Pearl Banks, making Rupees 500 in all.

4. The Government observed that Captain Phipps' pay of Rupees 350 was composed of Rupees 200 as Master Attendant and Rupees 150 as Superintendent of Pearl Banks, and they referred to the Marine Department the question whether the pay of the former appointment should be raised to Rupees 350, and thus placed on an equality with that of the Masters Attendant at Cochin and Cocanada.

5. The Superintendent of Marine, to whom the question was referred, reported that, in his opinion, Captain Phipps, as Master Attendant, was not inadequately remunerated when the extent of shipping trade at Tuticorin was contrasted with that of Cochin and Cocanada, and the Government accordingly declined to sanction any increase of pay in this capacity.

6. The Secretary of State has now requested this Government to re-consider the proposal for increasing Captain Phipps' salary as Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, in a Despatch notifying the provision of several Aquaria and instruments to be supplied to Captain Phipps, in view to careful observation of the habits of the Oyster; and the Government accordingly resolve to recommend to the Government of India that Captain Phipps' salary, as Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, be raised to Rupees 300 monthly, in consideration of the additional constant exposure, labor, and responsibility that have devolved on him, in connection with the formation and superintendence of the nursery, and the observations connected with it.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

(Here enter No. 2,363, dated 29th September 1865.)

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department. ✓
.. the Marine Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Communicated to
the Superintending Engineer
of the 8th Division.*

*For L. L. George }
5th Oct 1865 }*

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*To the Superintending Engineer
8th Division*

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