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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th November 1865.

No. 314. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Passing orders on Despatch from the Secretary of State, intimating that the charge of such works as the Pearl Oyster Nursery at Tuticorin should be entrusted to an Officer who understands what is wanted, rather than to an Engineer of the Public Works Department, &c. } (Here enter 11th November 1865, No. 2,742.)

No. 315. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1865, No. 3,435.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 48.

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 of the 8th Division,
With Revenue Proceedings, No. 2,666 of 1865.

No. 146. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 30th September 1865, No. 46.

1. The six aquaria for the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, applied for in your Despatch, dated February 22nd (No. 10) 1865, have been constructed by Mr. King, and will be despatched to Galle by the earliest opportunity.

2. Captain Phipps should be instructed to look out for the arrival of this vessel at Galle, and to send over the vessel at his disposal for watching the banks, to convey the cases containing the aquaria to Tuticorin. Mr. Markham, who will be at Tuticorin on his way from the Chinchona plantations in Ceylon to those on the Neilgherries, will take out a plan and instructions for arranging the aquaria, and a microscope and other instruments which will enable Captain Phipps to conduct the necessary investigations.

3. I observe, from your Despatch, dated July 26th (No. 51) 1865, that the Pearl Oyster Nursery is to be constructed on a smaller scale than was originally intended, and that consequently the estimate has been reduced from Rupees 50,000 to Rupees 25,000. It is stated by the Executive Engineer that this change is made with the concurrence of Captain Phipps, but the proceedings reporting it should certainly have been accompanied by a written expression of the views on this subject, both of the Collector and of the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries.

4. It appears to me to be worthy of consideration whether, in the execution of exceptional works, such as this Pearl Oyster Nursery, the whole charge should not be entrusted to the Officer who thoroughly understands what is wanted, and who is answerable for the success of the experiment, rather than to an Engineer in the Public Works Department. Such a course would probably be more economical, and would undoubtedly be more satisfactory.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1865, No. 2,742.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with advertence to the papers marginally* noted. The Board will issue early orders to Captain Phipps, with reference to paragraph 2 of this Despatch.

* Despatch from Home Government, 24th July, No. 33, in G. O. 29th September 1865, No. 2,362.
G. O. 30th May 1865, No. 1,145.

2. They will report on the subject of paragraph 4 of the Despatch, with reference to G. O. 31st October 1865, No. 2,666.

(True Extract)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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