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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th January 1866.**

No. 191. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1865, No. 8,146 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1865, No. 407.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1865, requesting a report on paragraph 4 of the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India therein contained, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Captain Phipps, on the subject of the reduction in the size of the Pearl Oyster Nursery at Tuticorin, which appears to have been necessary under the circumstances. The nursery on its present scale appears to be sufficiently large for the purpose. I agree with Captain Phipps that the work, now nearly completed, may be finished by the same agency, and that, in the event of others being required, they should be carried out by the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, with the requisite assistance from the Public Works Department.

From the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 8th December 1865, No. 34.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,416, dated 4th instant, forwarding copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 2,742, dated 11th ultimo, and with reference to paragraph 2, I beg to state that as soon as I hear of the arrival, at Galle, of the vessel upon which the aquariums have been shipped, I will make arrangements for their conveyance to Tuticorin.

2. The reduction in the size of the Pearl Oyster Nursery was rendered necessary by the approach of the last south-west monsoon; at the end of April last, the north, south, and east walls had been nearly completed, thus leaving the work open to the west-ward; the winds during the south-west monsoon blow here with great fury, from nearly west, creating, even within the harbour, a short chopping sea; had the nursery been left exposed to this, its destruction would have been certain, and its reduction in size under the circumstances met with my concurrence; it is now abundantly large enough for the purpose. Mr. Markham visited it when here, and was, I believe, satisfied with all he saw. Regarding paragraph 4 of the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, should it be eventually deemed advisable to construct the other two nurseries, the work might then be carried out by the Superintendent of the Pearl Banks, assisted by a subordinate officer of the Public Works Department, the present nursery being now nearly completed, my undertaking it would necessitate the employment of an establishment. I think it would, therefore, be better to allow it to remain, until finished (which will only require a few weeks more,) in the hands of the same Department.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1866, No. 92.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 8,146.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th December 1865.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
„ Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, D. P. W.
„ A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting for information letter from the
Collector of Tinnevely on the subject of the
reduction in the size of the Pearl Oyster Nursery
at Tuticorin.

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