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5th November 1867.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 22nd October 1867, No. 98.

I have the honor to forward Mr. Roupell's report of the results of his late attempt to procure and introduce into the Hill waters, the marginally noted fish.

1. Karuppu Verral.
2. Pu Verral.
3. Pumin Kandi.

Twenty Pumin Kandi fish have been successfully placed in the Ootacamund Lake, and as they were full of roe there is every prospect of their increasing largely.

No. 3.

The Karuppu and Pu Verral were not obtainable in any quantity. With difficulty three dozen Karuppu Verral were caught near Coimbatore, but I regret to say that they all died before they

Nos. 1 and 2.

reached Coonoor. The tanks and rivers near Coimbatore have been so badly supplied with water for the last two years, that fish of all kinds have decreased in number, and it was on these sources that we depended for our supplies of fish for the Hills, but our best exertions proved unsuccessful in procuring them.

2. Mr. Roupell personally superintended the fishing at Metapolliem, and was there several days endeavouring to catch fish, but his endeavours proved of no avail, although he was aided by the Neilgherry Tahsildar, the Sub-Magistrate of Metapolliem, and the Monigar, a clever, intelligent man. The season proved unfavorable. In September, when dry weather was expected, heavy rain prevailed, and the waters were consequently muddy.

3. In the present experiment Rupees 43-4-10* have been expended, and I recommend that Mr. Roupell be allowed to expend the balance, Rupees 56-11-2, in the early part of the coming year in

* Vide accompanying statement.

making further experiments, as I believe he will then be able to procure an abundance of fish.

From N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting Special Assistant Collector, Ootacamund, to the Collector of Coimbatore; dated Ootacamund, 18th October 1867, No. 425.

I have the honor to report the result of the recent attempts to introduce low-country fish into the waters of the Neilgherries in accordance with the instructions conveyed by Government in their orders dated 1st May 1867, No. 488, and 28th August 1867, No. 1025.

2. In my letter dated 2nd September 1867, No. 365, paragraph 2, I brought to your notice Doctor Day's suggestion that, for the present, efforts should be made to secure only Karuppu Verral, Pu Verral, and Pumin Kandi. The first named description of fish were to be found only at Coimbatore, and of the three dozen forwarded by you, on 29th ultimo, not one reached Coonoor alive, as you will have learnt from paragraph 5 of my letter No. 399, of the 15th instant.

3. With regard to the other two kinds of fish, viz., Pu Verral and Pumin Kandi, I regret to say that not a single one of the former species was ever met with by the fishermen, and the Sub-Magistrate of Coimbatore seems to have been unsuccessful in obtaining any at that place, as requested in paragraph 6 of my letter to you abovementioned. The Pumin Kandi were to be found in small numbers and after no little searching. Twenty of these were, on the 15th instant, turned alive and in good condition into the Ootacamund lake. These had been for some time past

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in a pond belonging to Mr. Scudder, at Coonoor. I would observe that though but few of these fish were obtained, those turned into the lake were full of roe, and apparently strong and healthy, so that there seems to be every prospect of the number of this species being shortly enormously increased.

4. There is no doubt that, if undertaken at the right season, but little difficulty would be found in carrying out this experiment satisfactorily. In a former letter, No. 397, dated 27th ultimo, I pointed out the reasons on account of which the commencement of the attempt was delayed till the end of last month. At that season, and during the present month, the three species referred to are to be met with in very small numbers, if at all : and fish, generally, are far from plentiful. The experiment was, therefore, continued only for a time, sufficient to prove that at this season of the year a larger outlay of money would have to be made than at some other seasons, and that too without the desired result.

5. Mr. Smith of Woodcot House, Coonoor, (who has for a long time past been in the habit of getting fish up from Mettapolliem to Coonoor, where he now has several in his pond,) informed me that the best months for securing all kinds of fish are March, April, and May. The Deputy Tahsildar and fishermen at Metapolliem also spoke to this effect. It appears that, for this purpose, the water in the low country should be clear, and, at the same time, the climate on the Hills should not be too cold. For the above reasons September also, falling, as it does, between the two monsoons, is usually a good month ; but the September just past was most unseasonable, being characterized by heavy falls of rain.

6. I would beg leave to suggest that, with the approval of Government, the balance of the Rupees 100, sanctioned for the experiment, be allowed for a further attempt, to be made early next year. The great difficulty of the recent undertaking lay in finding the required specimens; but, should the supply be large and easily procurable at the time referred to, I see no reason why the experiment should not be carried out successfully.

7. I beg herewith to submit Memorandum of charges incurred, amounting in all to Rupees 29-9-0, out of the Rupees 85 retained by me. This leaves still in my hands a balance of Rupees 55-7-0. I presume too that some portion remains unexpended of the Rupees 15 forwarded to you on 28th ultimo.

MEMORANDUM.

1867.	To 5 Coolies from Metapolliem to Kullar, for carrying fishes	Rs.	A.	P.
30th September.	that came from Coimbatore, at 4 Annas each.....	1	4	0
1st October.	„ 17 Coolies from Metapolliem to Coonoor, at 8 Annas each.....	8	8	0
Do.	„ 2 Wudders for digging well at Kullar, at 8 Annas each.....	1	0	0
Do.	„ 6 Do. at 4 Annas each.....	1	8	0
Do.	„ 13 Pots to carry fishes to Coonoor, at 1 Anna each....	0	13	0
4th Do.	„ 12 Coolies from Metapolliem to Coonoor, at 8 Annas each.....	6	0	0
Do.	„ 3 Boats and six fishermen for four days, at 4 Annas each.....	6	0	0
Do.	„ 7 Coolies from Coonoor to Ootacamund for carrying fishes, at 8 Annas each.....	3	8	0
Do.	„ Advance to fisherman at Coonoor.....	1	0	0
Total expended by Mr. Roupell.....		29	9	0
Expenditure by Sub-Magistrate of Coimbatore for catching Karuppu Verral and sending them to Metapolliem.....		13	11	10
Total expenditure.....		43	4	10
Balance in hand.....		56	11	2

Total..... 100 0 0

(Signed) P. GRANT,

Collector.

COIMBATORE, 22nd October 1867.

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No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1867, No. 1382.

The Governor in Council observes that the attempt to introduce low-country fish into the waters of the Neilgherries has, owing to the unfavorableness of the season, only partially succeeded. The charge, viz., Rupees 43-4-10, incurred on this account is sanctioned, and the balance in hand, Rupees 56-11-2, may, if necessary, be expended in the further experiments proposed to be made in the early part of the ensuing year.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
„ Accountant General.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

Memorandum

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Do. 13. Pats to carry Fishes to Coonor at 1 Anna each " 13

Do. 12. Coolies from Metapallem to Coonor at 8 Annas each 6 "

Do. 3. Boats and 6 Fishermen for 4 days at 4 Annas each 6 "

Do. 7. Coolies from Coonor to Oota command for carrying Fishes at 8 Annas each 3 8

Do. 10. Allowance to Fishermen at Coonor 1 "

Total expended by Mr. Rossell 29 9

Expenditure by Sub-Magistrate of Coimbatore for Catching Caruppu Verrals and sending them to Metapallem 13 11 10

Total Expenditure 43 10 10

Balance in hand 56 11 2

Total 100

Witness
 Sub Office
 Metapallem
 22 October 1867

Recd
 Collected

Pro 13 Sept 67 No 1354756.
 o 20 Augt — 156-157
 o 1st May — 788
 o 2 June — 475.

1867 Public Dept
 From The ^{N 25} ~~Chief~~ of
 Comptroller
 The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 J. J. S. J. J.
 Dated 22 Oct. 1867
 Received 25.

No 1751.
 Enclosure #
 No 98.

Towards Mr. Roupelle's
 Report of the result of his
 attempt to procure fish
 and encloses memo of
 expenses incurred

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5th November 1945