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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
12th July 1867.

No. 127. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 27th June 1867, No. 1183.

General Department.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, for distribution among the learned Societies of Madras, twenty copies of an extract from the Proceedings of this Government, No. 1179, dated 27th instant, relative to a collection contributed by Lieutenant Colonel Playfair of the fishes of Zanzibar, &c.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1867, No. 827.

Ordered that copies of the Proceedings referred to in the foregoing letter be sent to the Madras Literary Society; to the Inspector General, Medical Department; and to the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Madras Literary Society.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay, in the General Department, dated 27th June 1867.

Read the following papers:—

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. L. Playfair, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Seychelles, 10th May 1867.

Before the conviction was forced on my mind that I could not again hope to return to my duty at Zanzibar, I offered to make a collection of the fishes and reptiles of that locality for the Government Central Museum. My proposal was accepted, and I was authorized to purchase the necessary bottles, &c., in London, which I did.

Such a collection would have been of great interest; it would have been completely illustrated by the work recently published by Dr. Gunther and myself on the subject, and it would have been the only one in India properly identified and named by a comparison with the great national collection in the British Museum.

Now, however, I must abandon the hope of being able to carry out my intention; I shall never return to Zanzibar, but during my stay of six weeks here I have been engaged, as much as my health permitted, in collecting the fish of the Seychelles Archipelago, which are almost identical with those of Zanzibar.

I have packed these in a cask, which I have sent by the L. S. Dromedary to the address of the Curator of the Government Central Museum. I have requested the Political Agent at Zanzibar to forward the bottles by the first opportunity, and I will address the Curator on the subject of the proper method of mounting them.

I now beg to enclose a list of the specimens sent, and I solicit the indulgence of Government for having so imperfectly accomplished the task I had proposed to myself.

List of Fish sent to the Government Central Museum, Bombay.

Note.—The numbers following the names refer to the page of "The Fishes of Zanzibar," where the species is described or quoted.

Family Percide.

1	<i>Aprion virescens. Cuv. and Val.</i>	1
2	<i>Serranus louti. Forsk.</i>	1
3	" <i>cyano-stigmatoides. Blkr.</i>	3
4	" <i>miniatus. Forsk.</i>	3
5	" <i>guttatus. Bl.</i>	...
6	" <i>sonnerati. C. & V.</i>	3
7	" <i>suillus. C. & V.</i>	5
8	" <i>anguillaris. C. & V.</i>	...
9	" <i>dispar. Playfair.</i>	6
10	" <i>marginalis. Bl.</i>	7
11	" <i>hoevenii. Blkr.</i>	9

<i>Fam. Gerridae.</i>	
101	<i>Gerres lineolatus. Gthr.</i> 110
102	" <i>argyreus. Forst.</i> 110
<i>Fam. Pleuronectidae.</i>	
103	<i>Rhomboidichthys pantherinus. Rupp.</i> 112
104	<i>Plagusia marmorata. Blhr.</i> 113
<i>Fam. Siluridae.</i>	
105	<i>Plotosus anguillaris. Bl.</i> 113
<i>Fam. Scombreoidae.</i>	
106	<i>Belone unnlata. C. & V.</i> 117
107	<i>Hemiramphus dussumieri. C. & V.</i> 117
108	<i>Exocoetus evolans. L.</i> 118
<i>Fam. Cyprinodontidae.</i>	
109	<i>Haplophilus playfairi. Gthr.</i> 118
<i>Fam. Gonorhynchidae.</i>	
110	<i>Lutodeira lubina. C. & V.</i> 123
<i>Fam. Clupeidae.</i>	
111	<i>Alosa venenosa. C. & V.</i> 123
<i>Fam. Anguillidae.</i>	
112	<i>Anguilla ambodon. Gthr.</i> 125
<i>Fam. Muraenidae.</i>	
113	<i>Muraena nubiola. Richards.</i> 127
<i>Fam. Ostracionidae.</i>	
114	<i>Ostracion arcus. Schu.</i> 129
<i>Fam. Tetraodontidae.</i>	
115	<i>Tetraodon laterna. Richards.</i> 131
116	" <i>stellatus. Lacep.</i> 132
117	" <i>immaculatus. Lacep.</i> 132
<i>Fam. Syngnathidae.</i>	
118	<i>Syngnathus fasciatus. Gray.</i> 139

R. L. PLAYFAIR,
Lieutenant Colonel.

Seychelles, 9th May 1867.

RESOLUTION.—Lieutenant Colonel Playfair to be thanked for the contribution, which, so far as the collection extends, will doubtless prove very interesting, and the Curator, Government Central Museum, to be furnished with copy of this communication.

2. Copy of this letter and of the enclosed list may also be sent to the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, and to the Governments of Bengal and Madras for communication to the learned Societies of those places.

Ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to—

Lieut.-Col. R. L. PLAYFAIR (by letter),
The OFFICE ASSISTANT IN CHARGE GOVERNMENT CENTRAL MUSEUM,
The SECRETARY BOMBAY BRANCH of the ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY,
The GOVERNMENTS of BENGAL and MADRAS. } by letters.

Wm. P. Shaw Stewart

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

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No 1183 of 1867.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Wm. P. Shaw Stewart
Under Secretary to Govt.

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