

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	931	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	31-7-	1867.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
31st July 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 300. From the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Point Calimere, 6th July 1867, No. 465.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government,* dated the 21st June 1867,

* Public Department.

No. 722, I have the honor to request that you will cause the Tamil or any

other Vernacular name of the species of the Cetacea, referred to in the letter of the Curator of the Indian Museum, to be ascertained and communicated to me, as it will help me in finding out whether this fish is met with in this District or not.

The Superintendent of the Government Central Museum is requested to furnish the information sought for in this letter.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th July 1867.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 301. From the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 22nd July 1867, No. 85.

The Cetacean, about which Dr. Anderson particularly desires information, is the "Platanista Gangetica," gray, and which is known only as an inhabitant of the lower Ganges.

2. I have not been able to learn the Native name by which it is known on this coast; if known at all, which from the absence of any large rivers in the neighbourhood of Madras is unlikely. I shall continue my inquiries and communicate the result.

3. In the mean time it may be useful to Mr. Morris to point out one or two remarkable features by which the Platanista may be recognized. These are—1st, the absence of a dorsal fin; 2nd, the contraction of the jaws into a compressed narrow beak, which is about one-fifth of the total length; 3rd, the smallness of the eyes—Vander Hoeven says, they are so small that on a superficial view the animal might be supposed entirely blind—4th, the blow hole is a longitudinal fissure, a very unusual form. It is of a blackish lead colour, rather paler beneath.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1867, No. 931.

Ordered that a copy of the letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, be sent to the Collector of Tanjore.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

„ Collector of

with reference to G. O., dated 21st June 1867, No. 722.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Simpore Collector's Office
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6. July 1857.

From J. E. Morris Esq
Collector of Simpore

To The Honble E. P. Ellis Esq.
Secy Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Public Department
With reference to the Proceedings
of Government dated the 21st June 1857
No. 422, I have the honor to request
that you will cause the Tamil or
any other Vernacular name of the
species of the *Petascia* referred to
in the letter of the Curator of the
Indian Museum to be ascertained
and communicated to me, as it will
help me in finding out whether
this fish is met with in this District
or not.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant

J. E. Morris.
Collector

Government Central Museum
Madras 22nd July 1867.

From
Captain J. Mitchell
Supt. Government C. Museum

To
The Honorable R. S. Ellis C. B.
Acting Chief Secy to Government
Fort Saint George

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Fort St George
13 July 1867

R. S. Ellis

To the Superintendent of the
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Acting Chief Secretary

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Notes on the
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Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant,

Frederick Captain,

Suffolk Government & Museum.

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