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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th September 1860.

Read the following:—

No. 130. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st July 1860, No. 3,510.

Read letter dated 6th July 1860, No. 254, from the Collector of Tinnevelly, forwarding copies of Reports from the Master Attendant at Tutacorin, regarding the recent employment of European Divers, in examining the Pearl Banks.

(In Cons., 11th July 1860, No. 3,385.)

1. Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th June 1860, No. 2,785.

2. The Board consider the Report now submitted as very satisfactory, and as encouraging the hope that the Fishery of the ensuing year will be attended with good results. They beg, therefore, to repeat the request already made, that a set of Diving Apparatus, and one or two European Divers be obtained either from Ceylon or from England for employment in the operations proposed to be commenced at the beginning of next year.

Board's Proceedings, 7th March 1860, *No.* 1,155.
" " *13th June* 1860, *No.* 2,785.

3. With regard to the remarks of Government in their Order, dated 2nd July 1860, No. 1,088, the Board beg to observe that the correspondence therein quoted, refers to the employment of the Ceylon Divers in the examination of the banks, which has *already* taken place, and the results of which are now reported to Government; while the application made by the Board in their Proceedings upon which that Order was recorded, refers to the *future* employment of these European Divers next year, if their services can be spared by the Ceylon Government, or of others to be engaged from England.

In Cons., 3rd July 1860, *No.* 3,320.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 131. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1860, No. 4,045.

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevelly, 31st August 1860, No. 332.

SIR,

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board under date the 23rd instant, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Master Attendant at Tutacorin, dated the 30th August.

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1. Forwarded to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with reference to his Official Memorandum, dated 15th ultimo, No. 326.

2. The Pearl Fishery is expected to commence in March next and the European Divers will be required from the 25th February to (probably) the 15th April 1861.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 132. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated 8th September 1680, No. 1,550.

SIR,

1. With reference to the correspondence specified in the margin, I am directed to inform you that the services of European divers will be wanted during the fishery of the Tinnevelly banks to be held early next year, and to request to be informed whether the Government of Ceylon will be able to spare their divers with their diving apparatus, for two months from the 25th of February next,

To the Colonial Secretary, 4th Jan. 1860, *No.* 5.
From do. do. 31*st* " " " 13.
To do. do. 21*st March* " " 435.
From do. do. 7*th April* " " 35.

2. The favor of an early answer is requested; as, in the event of its being in the negative, it will be necessary to procure divers from England.

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Pearl Fisheries 1880 Despatches
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of the 13th of Dec:

Reporting the results of the recent employment of European Divers in examining the pearl banks off Tinnevelly, and requesting that a set of Diving Apparatus & one or two European divers be obtained either from Ceylon or from England for employment in the fishery of next year.

Stating when the next fishery of the Tinnevelly pearl banks will be held & for what period the European divers from Ceylon will be wanted.

(How entered 3rd July 80 No 3510)

How entered 4th Septr 80 No 4048

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Fort St. Geo.e September 1860

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