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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 1 — 5 — 1860.

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May* 1860.

No. 10. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1860, No. 2,020 :—

Read the following :—

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated 10th April 1860, No. 128.

I have the honor to forward copies of a letter from the Master Attendant, Tuticorin, with telegram enclosed, and of my reply.

I have not up to this date, received any intimation from the Board or Government, regarding the engagement of the English Divers therein referred to, and request to be favored with the same.

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The Board have not yet received any orders from Government on their Proceedings dated 7th ultimo, No. 1,155. As, however, the Divers are reported to have been engaged under instructions from Government, the Collector acted rightly in requesting Captain Phipps to avail himself of their services as far as practicable.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

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

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No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1860, No. 692.

Ordered to be recorded; instructions* respecting the Divers referred to, having already been sent to the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Tinnevelly.

* *Dated April 26th* 1860, *No.* 640.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

No 24.

Master Attendant's Office

Tuticorin, 9th April 1860.

To,

J. Silver Esqr.

Collector of

Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the original Copy of a Telegram received this morning from the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, by which it appears, that an European Diver and his Assistant have been engaged at Ceylon, on wages of £3 and £7 per week respectively, and were to leave Colombo on the 7th Instant, it is therefore probable that they will be here tomorrow.

As the examination

of

of the Pearl Banks is now nearly concluded, I beg to suggest for your consideration if it will not be better for these men to return to Colombo at once, as it is now too late in the season to make their services of any considerable advantage.

I have &c.

(Signed) G. Phillipps

Master Attendant

(True Copy)

J. Pilcher

Collector

G.P.
C.A.G.

Copy of Telegraph Message.

Message from Colombo. To Intaccorin via Pamban
From Colonial Secretary. To The Master Attendant.

At the request of the Madras Government, the services of an English diver and his Assistant have been engaged, the former at seven pounds, & the other at three pounds per week. They will sail in the "Elizabeth" on the 7th instant, with instructions to place themselves under your orders, on their arrival at Intaccorin.

Pamban Electric Telegraph Office
The 5th of April 1860.

(Signed) Chas. Smith
Asst in charge.

(True copy)

J. Pilcher

Collector

G.P.
C.A.G.

Revenue Department.

Read the following

No 2020

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 25th April 1860.

Read the following.

No 128

From J. Silver Esq
Collector

To J. D. Sim Esq
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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I have &c.

Tinnevelly
10th April 1860

(Sigd) S. Silver
Collector

The Board have not yet received any orders from Government on their Proceedings dated 7th Ultimo No 1155. As however

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dated 1st June 1860 No 84

1860 Diary No
Cuddalore No 1 viz a
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Collector of Tinnevelly
dated 10 April 1860
No 128

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Letter from
Master Attendant
Tuticorin

Copy of letter and reply
by the Master Attendant &
of Tuticorin & the Col:
Collector of Tinnevelly
dated 9 April 1860.

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/ A true Extract & Copy /
/ sign.d J.D. Sim
Secretary

To J. Silver Esq.r
Collector of Tinnevelly

/ True Copy /
J.D. Sim
Secretary.

To J.D. Baudillon Esq.r
Secretary to Government
Revenue Depart.t

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From, J. Silver Esq.re
Collector

To, G. Phipps Esq.re
Master Attendant
Tuticorin

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date enclosing a telegram herewith returned, I beg to say, that as these English Divers have been sent across from Ceylon, it would be a pity not to take advantage of their services, for the few weeks that operations can still be carried on, in examining the Banks, and I request therefore, that you will so employ them, unless from your local knowledge you are decidedly of opinion, that no commensurate advantage is to be obtained from using their services.

2. I do not know if these men have brought diving dress &c.a with them, or whether they can work without it. If the dress apparatus &c.a is considered <u>indispensable</u>, you might hire M.r Cocq's apparatus. If they can dispense with this, of course there would be no necessity of incurring an additional expense.

3. You may perhaps be able to gain some

some information from these men, as to the
phenomena mentioned in your last report,
of a bank stocked with oysters last year,
having been found blank, this year.
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I have &c.

Finneuelly
10th April 1860 (Signed) T. Silver
Collector

(True Copy)

T. Silver
Collector

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No 866

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 25th
Desp 25 } April 1860
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No 692. 1st May.

Submitting copy of the Board's Progs passed on a letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, forwarding Copies of a communication from the Master Attendant, Tuticorin with telegram enclosed, and of his reply, regarding the engagement of the English divers.

No 692.

Ordered to be recorded; instructions respecting the divers referred to, having already been sent to the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Tinnevelly.

† d/ April 26/60 No 640.

Fort St Geo. 1st May 1860.