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29th July 1862.*

No. 378. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 16th June 1862, No. 15:—

SIR,

1. The result of the Tinnevelly Pearl fishery held in March and April 1861, reported in your letter dated March 13th 1862 (No. 15), by which after paying all expenses the sum of Rupees 2,21,861 was added to the Revenue, is very satisfactory; and I am pleased to hear that it is anticipated that a considerable profit will also have been derived from the fishery of the present year.

2. It is very desirable that some systematic plan should be adopted for replenishing the Oyster banks, as well as for guarding them from injury; in order that the Revenue may derive the largest possible amount of profit from this source, and that such an interval as that between 1830 and last year's fishery, may not again elapse without any Pearl harvest having taken place. I presume that the Superintendent of the Pearl banks will have been directed to take such steps as may appear to him to be most likely to ensure a frequent succession of profitable fisheries.

3. I approve of the measures which have been adopted for the preservation of the banks from injury, by stationing three schooners to guard them; as it appears that the damage done by the Chank fishing boats has been one of the principal causes of the unsatisfactory state of the Pearl banks, during many years; but, to secure more profitable results in future, it may also be necessary to divide the banks systematically, into a number corresponding with the number of years that the fish are supposed to take in attaining perfect maturity, so that there may be a certain number of Oyster beds in a fit state to be fished every year. Oyster beds should also be formed from spawn brought from the Ceylon beds, on the banks which are now reported to be barren. A detailed report should be required from the Superintendent on the probable causes of the barren condition of many of the Pearl beds; and on the measures which he considers it most advisable to adopt for replenishing them, and keeping them in a satisfactory condition.

4. Much credit is due to Captain Phipps for the way in which he conducted the fishery of 1861, the successful result of which is mainly to be attributed to his intelligence and zeal; and I cordially approve of the gratuity, and of the addition to his salary which you have sanctioned on appointing him Superintendent of the Pearl banks. I also observe, with satisfaction, the exertions made by Mr. Silver, the Collector of Tinnevelly, and his Head Assistant, for the successful issue of the fishery; but I agree with you that the Collector's application for commission on the profits of the fishery is inadmissible.

No. 379. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1862, No. 1,614.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue. They will be requested to procure from the Superintendent of the Pearl Banks, through the Collector of Tinnevelly, a full report on the various points on which suggestions are made in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Despatch.

2. The Board will communicate paragraph 4 to Captain Phipps, to Mr. Silver, and his Head Assistant Mr. Garstin.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Revenue Department

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Under date the 29th July 1862.

Read the following
Despatch from the Right
Honorable The Secretary of
State for India

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at the Timmerville
meeting held in March
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