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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd December 1862.

No. 315. Read the following Endorsement from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, dated 8th December 1862, No. 7,031, on the letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 16th September 1862, No. 2,010, submitting for sanction Tabular Statement of the present and proposed Establishment of the Tinnevelly Pearl Fishery.

No. 5,599.

Forwarded to the Financial Department for consideration and orders.

By order, &c.,
(Signed.) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Home Department,
8th October 1862.

No. 1,141 G.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, the *4th December* 1862.

Before passing final orders on the above application, His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires that the Madras Government will be good enough to explain why the sanction of the Supreme Government in regard to Captain Phipps' salary was anticipated, notwithstanding the clear instructions on the subject conveyed in the Resolution of this Department, No. 5,150, dated 9th June 1860.

2. His Excellency in Council further desires that the Civil Paymaster, Madras, be called upon to explain why, as reported by him in his Telegram of the 24th ultimo, he passed the increased salary of Captain Phipps from 1st March last, without awaiting the sanction of this Government, notwithstanding the orders contained in the last paragraph of the Resolution of the 9th June 1860 or without reporting the case for order.

To the Home Department for communication to the Government of Madras.
„ Civil Paymaster, Madras.

(Signed.) E. DRUMMOND,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 7,031.

Forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to the letter from that Government No. 2,010, dated 16th September last, and with the request that the explanation called for from the Financial Department may be furnished.

By order,
(Signed.) A. M. MONTEATH,
Under Secy. to the Government of India.

Home Department,
The 8th December 1862.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched :—

No. 316. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,662,

SIR,

1. In reply to your Endorsement dated 8th instant, No. 7,031, I am directed to state that in granting the increased allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem to Captain Phipps, Superintendent of Pearl Banks, the request contained in the letter marginally noted was inadvertently overlooked. Captain Phipps had exerted himself very much to the satisfaction of the Government, and they were desirous that he should be promptly rewarded, but the sanction of the Supreme Government would certainly not have been anticipated, if the request above alluded to had not unfortunately escaped notice.

Financial Department, 9th June 1860, No. 5,150.

2. I am further to explain that application for the sanction of the Supreme Government was delayed longer than this Government anticipated by unexpected delays in obtaining certain information which they required.

3. I am directed to convey an assurance that mistakes of this kind will not again occur.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

16*th September* 1862.

No. 2,010.

From

T. PYCROFT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR,

Procs. Board of Revenue, 2nd May 1861, No. 2,251.
" 1st July " 3,410 with letter from Collector of Tinnevelly, 10th June 1861, No. 246.
Procs. Board of Revenue, 16th August 1861, No. 4,479.
" of Government, 30th January 1862, No. 142.
" Board of Revenue, 8th July 1862, No. 4,390.
" of Government, 31st July 1862, No. 1,634.

1. I am directed to forward, for submission to the Government of India, the papers noted in the margin on the subject of the Pearl Fisheries which were held under the supervision of the Collector of Tinnevelly during the years 1861 and 1862.

2. The Fishery of 1861 commenced at the beginning of March, but, in consequence of interruptions from bad weather, it did not close till past the middle of April. It resulted in a net profit to Government of Rupees 2,21,861.* That of 1862 was on a smaller scale as had been anticipated, but it yielded a clear profit of Rupees 1,10,619.†

	Receipt.	Charge.	Profit.
* 1861.....	2,50,276	28,415	2,21,861
† 1862.....	1,29,003	18,384	1,10,619

3. The last Fishery prior to 1861 occurred in 1830 when the net product fell short of a lac of Rupees, while the yield of 1828 amounted only to Rupees 68,952. The present results therefore are highly satisfactory, and a large Fishery at Trichendoor has been planned by the Collector for the ensuing year.

4. Between 1830 and 1856 frequent examinations had been made of the Pearl banks off Madura and Tinnevelly, but they afforded little encouragement, and in 1857 the attention of Government was attracted to the comparative productiveness of the banks off Ceylon. Since that time various expedients have been adopted to promote the growth of the Oysters, and to discover the localities where they lodge. The principal of these measures have been the building of Guard boats; the employment of European Divers; the abolition of the Chank Fishery; the purchase of a Diving apparatus; and the frequent inspection of the banks. It is to these causes that the successful issue of the two last Fisheries must be mainly attributed.

5. On both occasions the Collector has made prominent mention in his reports of the zeal and diligence shown by Captain Phipps, the Master Attendant of Tuticorin. This Officer was appointed in 1859 to the immediate charge of the Pearl Banks, and under his personal superintendence all the recent inspections of the banks and other operations connected with them have been conducted. In consideration of the extra duty and responsibility thus devolving on him, the Collector of Tinnevelly, in April 1860, recommended that his pay, as Master Attendant should be raised from 200 to Rupees 350 a month. The Government however, as will be seen from the correspondence noted in the margin,‡ authorized an increase of only 100 Rupees which received the confirmation of the Government of India, but in granting this sanction this Government promised to consider Captain Phipps' claim to a further increase after a successful Fishery.

‡ To Government of India, 28th April 1860, No. 677.
From " 23rd June " 1321, Home Department.

6. Accordingly, while reviewing the Revenue Board's Report on the Fishery of 1861, the Government formally appointed§ Captain Phipps to be Superintendent of Pearl Banks off the coasts of Madura and Tinnevelly in addition to his office of Master Attendant, and in consideration of the very onerous and responsible duties thus assigned to him, they raised his pay from Rupees 300 to Rupees 350 per mensem, the amount originally recommended by the Collector. The Government have had

§ Procs. of Government, 30th January 1862, No. 142, paragraph 9.

under their consideration a proposal to allow Captain Phipps a high rate of temporary pay during the Fisheries, but they are of opinion that a permanent increase of salary is a better mode of remuneration.

7. Under these circumstances I am directed to request the confirmation of the Government of India to this sanction as exhibited in the accompanying Tabular Statement. The change will involve a permanent increase of Rupees 50 per mensem, commencing from the 1st January last, and payable from general funds, as the sums realized from the Pearl Fisheries are carried to the credit of Government. Provision has been made in the Budget for 1862-63 (under 1 Land Revenue, 2 Sayer Pearl Fishery) for the payment of the increased salary during the current year leaving only 150 Rupees to be met from the savings in the Budget of 1861-62.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 3599

Forwarded to the Financial department for consideration and orders.

By order &c
Sd E. C. Bayley
Secy: to the Govt of India

Home Dept
8th October 1862

No. 1141 G

Fort William
Financial Department
The 4th December 1862.

Before passing final orders on the above application, His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires that the Madras Govt will be good enough to explain why the sanction of the Supreme Government in regard to Captain Phipps' salary was anticipated, notwithstanding the clear instructions on the subject conveyed in the Resolution of this Deptt No. 5150 dated 9th June 1860.

His Excellency in Council further desires that the Civil Pay Master, Madras, be called upon to explain why, as reported by him in his Telegram of the 24th Ultimo, he paid the increased salary of Captain Phipps from 1st March last, without awaiting the sanction of this Govt notwithstanding the orders contained in the last para: of the Resolution of the 9th June 1860 or without reporting the case for order.

To The Home Deptt for communication to the Govt of Madras
The Civil Pay Master Madras

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 2662.

To The Secy. to the Govt of India
Home Dept

Sir

In reply & with reference to your Endorsement letter No. 7031 I am directed to state that in granting the increased allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem to Capt Phipps, Superintendent of Pearl Banks, the request contained in the letter was inadvertently overlooked. Capt Phipps had exerted himself very much to the satisfaction of the Collector of the District and they were desirous that he should be promptly rewarded, but the

Financial Deptt
9 June 1860. No. 5150.

W. JP

sanction of the Supt. would certainly not have been anticipated, if the Deputy's absence allowed & had not unfortunately occasioned it.

I am sure therefore I explain that application for the sanction of the Supt. was delayed longer than the Supt. anticipated by the unexpected delay in obtaining certain information which they required.

I am directed to convey an assurance that this step will not again occur.

From St. George
23d. December 52

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
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Revenue 1862 Dept.
Proc: of Govt for Indian

No. 2662.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of India
Home Dept.
Dated 23rd Decr 1862.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Despatch No. 566 dated 29th January 1863.

The Govt of India will be informed of the circumstances which led their Govt to anticipate their sanction for the increased allowances to Captains

No. 315 to 316.