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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd April 1862.*

No. 19. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th March 1862,
No. 2,029:—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON,
Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Tuticorin, 20th March 1862,
No. 113.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of the Board and Government, that the Fishery on the two banks north of Tuticorin to which it was intended to limit operations for this year, was closed yesterday. One bank which was expected to yield ten days' fishing, only afforded five days' employment for the boats, the oysters having been found only in patches, and a large portion of the bank blank. On the other bank great numbers of dead oyster shells were found. This last, the Vypar bank, was partially fished last year, and it could not be completed, as the funds brought by the purchasers were all exhausted.

2. The result hitherto, with reference to the quantity of oysters found, has been most favorable to the interests of Government. Prices have gone as high as Rupees 63 per thousand, while last year, they did not rise above Rupees 40 per thousand, and the sum realized up to this date amounts to Rupees 65,278.

3. Many more boats and many more purchasers have attended the Fishery this year, and after consultation with the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, and the Jadee Talaven, I have resolved on carrying on operations, by fishing one of the southern banks, near Trichendoor. A sample of oysters has been brought up from this bank, and exhibited to the purchasers, who are well pleased with them, and some very good Pearls have been found in them. This bank being the nearest to Tuticorin of all the southern banks, it can be fished from this place without moving the Kottoo or the Establishment. The oysters on it are more advanced than on the other banks, and there would be considerable risk if it was left till next year, that many of the oysters would then be found dead. Both boat owners and purchasers are desirous that the Fishery should be continued, and so long as good prices are freely offered, it is clearly for the interest of Government that it should be carried on.

4. I calculate on this bank yielding ten days' fishing, while the large southern bank referred to in my letter of the 27th January last, on which the oysters are reported not to be so far advanced will be left for next year.

Submitted for the information of Government. The Board do not doubt that Mr. Silver has exercised a wise discretion in the matter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1862, No. 723.

The Collector's arrangements are approved.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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