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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th February 1863.*

No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1863 :—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Trichendoor, 28th January 1863, No. 36.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Board's Miscellaneous Circular No. 3, conveying the Proceedings of the Board dated 15th January 1863, and with reference to paragraph 7 of the Order of Government dated 15th December 1862, transmitted with these Proceedings, in which it is stated that the Board have explained that Rupees 80,000 may be entered in the Budget as income expected from the Pearl Fishery in 1863-64, I beg to refer to paragraph 24 of the Board's Proceedings dated 19th November 1862, and to state that unless new banks are discovered during the examination that will be made this season, we can hardly look for another Pearl Fishery for the next five years.

2. The Superintendent of Pearl Banks was with me last week, and made a partial examination of the banks off, and to the south of Trichendoor. Young Oysters were found on these banks, but largely mixed with "Soorum," the small shell fish that adheres to clusters of Oysters, and which when it dies, putrifies and kills the Oysters. Captain Phipps thought it better to defer further examination till about the 15th February when the sea will be calmer, and I expect him again about that date, when commencing with the Southern banks, a regular examination will be made up the coast and the result reported.

3. The experiment of replenishing a blank bank with young Oysters will also be tried as soon as the Sub-Marine Diver returns from Madras, and the bank to be selected will probably be one of the northern banks where the bottom is clear coral.

1. The Board await the Collector's report of the further examination. Meanwhile copy of this letter will be submitted for the information of Government, and the Board will leave it for their consideration whether, under the circumstances stated, it may not be desirable to exclude the item from the Budget Estimate of receipts, in which case a small reduction might also be effected in the Budget of charges by excluding the provision of Rupees 8,120, made by the Board, to meet the possible contingency of a Fishery being held.

2. The Board would however in any case be disposed to retain this last provision, the want of which might prove a serious inconvenience.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1863, No. 259.

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(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Signed J. Silver
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To J. D. Sir Esq.
Secretary to Govt. P. D.

Auditor
Secretary.

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[Signature]

Enclosed copy of a
letter from the holder
of the same by informing
that unless our lands
are observed during the
examination that will be
made this season it can
scarcely be hoped for another
year's fishing for the next
five years -

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