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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 673 — Press ~~Mis.~~

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th April 1863.

No. 143. Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevelly, 7th April 1863, No. 143:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government in the Revenue Department, dated the 31st March 1863, No. 600, I have the honor to report that in conformity to the instructions therein contained, I have suspended Mr. Farmer, the Sub-Marine Diver, from employment and pay, and a copy of the terms of his Agreement is herewith forwarded for the information of Government.

2. I take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government that Captain Phipps, the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, in a letter addressed to me under date the 2nd instant, and also in two unofficial notes written since Mr. Farmer's return to Tuticorin on the 25th March, complained seriously of the conduct of Mr. Farmer, and reported that through his incapacity to perform his work from the effect of his excesses, he has been unable to carry out the experiment of removing young Oysters from one bank to another, as satisfactorily as he had expected.

3. Captain Phipps adds that he engaged Mr. Farmer in diving for two days, that on the first day when he was put down he sent up one small quantity of Oysters, and then came up and said that his head was light and he could do no more work that day, while the Native Diver employed at the same time had sent up about 6,000 young Oysters. That on the next day Mr. Farmer was sent down three times, but that on his return from the first and second dive, he said he could find no young Oysters, although the Native Diver was bringing up some at every dive, and that when he came up the third time, he stated that he found himself unable to work not having strength to walk about.

4. Mr. Farmer was engaged for one year from 1st May 1862, under the Order of Government, dated 23rd May 1862, No. 1,147, and his engagement consequently expires on the 30th of this month. As he had returned to Tuticorin, and performed a little work though imperfectly, before receipt of the Proceedings of Government under acknowledgment, I beg to recommend that he be discharged from the date on which the order of suspension will be now communicated to him by the Superintendent of Pearl Banks.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1863, No. 673.

Mr. Farmer will be discharged as proposed by the Collector of Tinnevelly. The Superintendent of Marine will inform the Collector without delay whether there are any demands on behalf of Government against Mr. Farmer, in view to their recovery.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Tuticorin 13th February 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me if the Government will require my Services after the approaching Fishery is over, and that should they require me, I am willing to remain with the Government until after the Fishery of 1863, on a Salary of £200 per annum or Rupees 166-10-8 per mensem, and to be employed when not diving in any works the Government may think fit to order, but I could not serve for less than the above Sum, as my duties is so severe that a very few years will wear a man away, so as he will be unfit for any severe works for the remainder of his life. I request a reply at your earliest convenience, as I will be obliged to seek for Employment after the coming Fishery, if the Government does

does not require my Services.

I have &c.a.

/Signed/ B. Farmer

Marine Diver

G. A. Phipps Esquire

Superintendent Pearl Banks

Tuticorin

/True copy/

/Signed/ G. A. Phipps

Supt.t of Pearl Banks

/True copy/

J. Pilkington

Collector

1863

Enclosure from Mr. Collector of Tuticorin forwarding for the sanction of Government the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Tuticorin on the 7th April 1863 on the Diver Benjamin

Rec.d 25th/29th April

Copy of the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Tuticorin on the 7th April 1863 on the Diver Benjamin

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4th Mr. Farmer was engaged for one year from 1st May 1862 under the Order of Government dated 23d May 1862 No 1147, and his engagement consequently expires on the 30th of this month. As he had returned to Tuticorin, and performed a little work though imperfectly, before receipt of the Proceedings of Government under acknowledgment, I beg to recommend that he be discharged from the date on which the order of suspension will be now communicated to him by the Superintendent of Pearl Banks.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servt.

J. Pilkington

Collector

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No. 673.

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L W S

Fort St George
10th April 1863

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From the Master Attendant in
charge of Office of the Supt of Dnas
of 9th May 63. Govt No 1096

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The Collector of
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To
The Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George.
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Reporting the suspension
of Mr Farmer the Sub
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a copy of the terms of
his agreement.

Will withdraw