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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th April 1863.*

No. 261: Read the following letter from Mr. B. FARMER, Sub-Marine Diver, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tuticorin, 9th April 1863:—

Sir,

1. I beg to forward the following explanation to a copy of a letter I received from Captain Phipps this morning, also a copy of a Telegraph Message from Secretary to Government to Deputy Collector of Trichinopoly, and a letter from Mr. Walhouse, Collector of Trichinopoly, to my address, in reply to one I sent him, dated 9th March, concerning my transit from Trichinopoly to Tuticorin. I left Madras at 10.45 train after receiving my clothes from the dhobie, and reached Tripatore same night, 4th March, and left next morning the 5th March by first train for Salem, where I arrived the same evening at 4 P.M. I immediately went to Taylor & Cos. Transit Agent, and delivered my letter from Superintendent of Marine, Madras, and in reply he told me that he had not one transit cart there at that time, but would sometime next evening. Next evening, 6th March, he gave me a common cart for the apparatus, and one of the palanquin carriages for myself, as he had no other I took it as I was anxious to get on. I started at 8 o'clock P.M., for Trichinopoly, but in consequence of not having regular reliefs of bullocks I did not reach Trichinopoly to 5 A.M. on the morning of the 8th, and pumps and gear did not arrive until 4 P.M. on the 9th March. At 7 A.M. on 9th I went to Collector's Bungalow, and was there informed that Collector was on circuit. At 11 A.M. I went to the Treasury and seen Deputy Collector, who told me that there was but one pair of bullocks ordered for every stage; I told him that I had two carts then at Trichinopoly, he said he knew that, but that he could do nothing in the matter, I then wrote to Mr. Walhouse explaining the case to him and told him if he would advance me some money, I would pay the other transit myself and charge it again. I enclose his reply received by me on the 11th March. I then wrote to Superintendent of Marine and the reply came from Secretary to Government on the 16th March by Telegraph to Deputy Collector which I herewith enclose. I then asked Deputy Collector when I could start he said I could start the next evening, viz., the 17th March which I did at 6 P.M., but he roads were so bad I did not reach Madura until late on the 19th, I reported myself immediately to Deputy Collector, he told me he would have to write to Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury at Tinnevely to order bullocks to be posted through his District, but he thought I might safely start by 5 A.M. on the morning of the 21st March which I did, and in consequence of the roads being so bad I could not get the apparatus on, I had to leave it under charge of my servant twelve miles from Vurduputy and let him get it along, and as it was raining very hard I went on to Vurduputy Rest house where I waited for the pumps and gear to come up which was at 9 A.M. On the 22nd March I immediately started for Tuticorin, but on reaching Satoor river which I did same night I could not get across nor did not get across the river until 11 A.M. on Tuesday the 24th. I reached Covilputty Bungalow about 5 P.M. same evening and rested there one hour while servant made me a cup of coffee, and started again immediately after and reached Tuticorin at 2 P.M. on the 25th March, as Captain Paxton was in the Bungalow at Satoor I did not go there, but stopped with Mr. McNabb in charge of the works there. On my arrival here I immediately reported myself to the Superintendent of Pearl Banks.

2. Sir, I hope you will see that I lost no time in reaching this, that I lost no time I could avoid, and as to the charge of my getting married delaying me, I got married on the 10th March and there was no Office open on that day so that my marriage did not delay me one hour. It is true, Sir, that I have often fell into bad company, and I do not think there is a greater safeguard from bad company than having a wife. I am now more than twenty years in India, and out of that I have served my Queen for over fifteen years faithfully both as a Soldier and a Diver. His Excellency said when he visited this place that the manner in which I done my duty was highly creditable to me, and I trust he will still employ me. I will do anything, and should it please His Excellency to appoint me, when not required to dive, to any other work, I will always be willing to go to inspections and fisheries at any time I may be required. Trusting His Excellency will take it into his favorable consideration.

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From M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to Mr. B. FARMER,
Sub-Marine Diver, Trichinopoly, dated Moosery, 10th March 1863, No. 8.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter of yesterday's date, I have
the honor to apprise you that agreeably to a letter received from the
Superintendent of Marine, the Deputy Collector of Madura has been
instructed by me to have a bullock Dāk laid in readiness for you within his jurisdiction in view
to your being conveyed thence to Tuticorin where your services have been alleged to be urgently
required.

2. The expenses incurred on this account will be recovered from Lloyd's Agents at
Madras, and it will not therefore be necessary for me to make any advance to you, which I must
decline doing.

Telegram from Secretary to Government, Madras, to Treasury Deputy Collector, Trichinopoly,
dated 16th March 1863, No. 136.

Mr. Farmer should have two pair of bullocks at each station, and be ordered to push on
immediately, give him ten or twice five Rupees.

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1863, No. 733.

Government see nothing in Mr. Farmer's explanation to induce them to restore or re-employ
him.

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

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From

Mr W. Starnes
Ant. Moore Smith

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