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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th October 1865.*

No. 371. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th October 1865, No. 6,441.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th October 1865, No. 3,527:—

1. I have the honor to forward transcripts of two letters from the Head Pilot and Conservator at Paumben of the 25th and 29th ultimo, reporting that a considerable number of pearl oysters had been found adhering to the buoys moored near that port.

2. That part of the Gulf of Manaar is well known to have small deposits of oysters in different parts, but whether they are to be found in sufficient numbers to afford a fishery is doubtful. As the steamer "Godavery" will shortly be at Tuticorin, it may, however, be advisable to instruct Captain Phipps to examine the ground when he has leisure for doing so.

From the Conservator of the Port, Paumben, to the Assistant to the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, dated 29th September 1865, No. 40.

1. Referring to the second paragraph of my letter, No. 37 of the 25th instant, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Superintendent of Marine, that in cleaning the oysters to be sent up to Tuticorin, I found ten pearls in three of them; the number of oysters found on the buoys were forty. I have sent up eighteen oysters for the inspection of Captain Phipps, together with the pearls.

2. The fact of the finding of the pearls clearly shows that some of the oysters must be more than three years old, as I am informed that pearls are not formed earlier than at this age; this coupled with the disappearance of all the oysters on the banks both at Ceylon and Tuticorin indicate that the oysters have in some manner changed their position, and have likely now deposited themselves on some other of the numerous banks off, and about, the Islands at Paumben.

3. The buoys in this channel were put out in April 1864, clean and painted, and most of the oysters found adhering to them were of such an age as shew that it was not as spawn that they first came in contact of the buoys.

4. I take this opportunity of respectfully suggesting that a careful search be made outside the Islands from Ramasweram up to Keelacarry, and endeavour, if possible, to find out the position of the oysters; the weather will not permit this search until February next.

5. If I am allowed to do this work, (and my being in Paumben will enable me to take advantage of fine weather for the purpose of the inspection,) I beg to propose that the use of the schooner "Edith" be allowed me, with a crew of six men, assisted by one canoc, which will entail a cost of about 300 Rupees. One month's labor must decide whether banks with oysters on them do exist off Paumben. I annex a Memorandum for expenses to be incurred if this project is approved of.

Memorandum.

	RS.	A.	P.
Six Lascars for the schooner "Edith," at twelve Rupees	72	0	0
One Canoe	5	0	0
Seven Boatmen, at fourteen Rupees	98	0	0
Five Divers, at fifteen	75	0	0
Rice, wood, water, and sundries	50	0	0

Total ... 300 0 0

(Signed) E. H. DAVIOT,

Conservator of the Port.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. E. MARSHALL,
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No. 372.

ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1865, No. 2,555.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Angustin.

No. 6441.

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T. E. Marshall

Acting Secretary.

To W. Huddleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
,, A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.
,, J. J. Franklyn, Esq., Superintendent of Marine.

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14 To the Board of Revenue, 20 Oct

No. 2900.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 11th October 1865.

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No. 6441.

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Submitting for information letter from the Superintendent of Marine reporting that a number of Pearl Oysters were found off the port of Paumben, and requesting the Collector of Tinnevely to direct Captain Phipps to examine the locality as soon as practicable.

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