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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th May 1866.

No. 462. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1866, No. 3,427 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1866, No. 169.

I have the honor to annex a communication from the Superintendent of Pearl Fishery, and to recommend that application be made to the Government of Ceylon to ascertain if they will spare any, say 10,000, of the pearl oysters referred to, for stocking the Tuticorin nursery.

From the Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 30th April 1866, No. 14.

I have the honor to inform you, that when at Colombo last week, I heard from Captain Donnan, the Master Attendant, that during the last inspection of the Pearl Banks on that coast, a patch containing about 30,000 pearl oysters, of about four years of age, had been found near Mundi Tevoo. Captain Donnan informed me that these oysters were in about 1½ fathom water, and useless except for the purpose of the Naturalist's, Mr. S. Holdsworth's, experiments ; as the number is far more than can be required by that gentleman, I beg to suggest that the Government of Ceylon be asked to grant permission for me to remove 10,000, for the pearl oyster nursery at this place ; if the permission be granted, the oysters might be removed at the close of the next south-west monsoon, the present season being too far advanced.

Submitted to Government in view to the proposed application being made to the Ceylon Government.

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1866, No. 1,249.

Application will be made accordingly.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th May 1866.

No. 1,250.

No. 464.
To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, COLOMBO.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. With reference to the accompanying Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue, giving cover to letters from the Collector of Tinnevelly and from Captain Phipps, Superintendent of Pearl Banks, I am directed to enquire whether your Government can spare 10,000 of the pearl oysters referred to by Captain Phipps, for stocking the Tuticorin Nursery.

2. This experiment of breeding pearl oyster for re-stocking the banks, is of very great importance to the Ceylon as to the Indian Governments, and is now almost indefinitely postponed owing to the almost total disappearance of the oyster from the banks of this Presidency.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. D. SIM
Secretary to Government.

* Dated 16th May 1866, No. 3,427.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 16th May 1866
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No. 3,427.

Recommending that application be made to Government of Ceylon for 10,000 of the Pearl Oysters lately found on the Pearl Banks of Columbo, for stocking the Tuticorin Nursery.

R. 1249.
Application will be made accordingly
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The Colonial Secretary
Colombo

25th May 1866

Sir,

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With reference to the accompanying Rx Gp. of the Board of Revenue giving cover to letters from the Coll.r of Tuticorin and from Captain Phipps Superd.t of Pearl Banks, I am directed to enquire whether your Govt can spare 10,000 of the Pearl Oysters reported to by Capt.n Phipps, for stocking the Tuticorin Nursery.

This Experiment of breeding Pearl Oysters for artificially the Banks is of great importance, & the Ceylon as well as the Indian Govts are

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