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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th July 1866.*

No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1866, No. 4,379.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 4th June 1866, No. 146 :—

In continuation of my letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 234, I beg to submit, for the information of Government, an additional report from Doctor Day, dated the 4th instant, giving the further steps taken by him for the introduction of fish from the low country into the waters on the Neilgherry Hills.

From F. DAY, Esq., to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ooty, 4th June 1866.

1. Since my last report, I have been successful in obtaining about twenty Verrarls, eight of which were from Coimbatore, the others from various pieces of water at different distances from Mettapolliem, all were placed along with some other good species of fish in a bowrie $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Mettapolliem.

2. To obtain a good supply of fish at the least expense, I have instructed the Sub-Magistrate to pay a fisherman by the fortnight each day, to place the captures in a bowrie.

3. Although it is freely asserted that Verrarls will live to be carried at the Ghat with slight trouble, and although only one out of nine sent from Coimbatore died, leaving there on Thursday last at 7-30 P. M., arriving at Mettapolliem at 6 A. M. on the following morning, it did not appear to me, after my late experience of carrying fish up the ghat, so certain that they would bear the transit; so I took only three Curroopoo Verrarls, one Poo Verrarl, two large and fourteen small carps, and left at 7 P. M., arriving at Ooty at 7-30 A. M. A large Curroopoo Verrarl and twelve of the small carps were turned alive into the lake; three Verrarls had died. I instructed the Sub-Magistrate to send me some more next day; he despatched two, both of which died. I believe the cold to be the cause: the difference of temperature being as follows.

Fourteen eels I sent alive to the Tahsildar at Ooty to turn into the lake

	6 A. M.		12 A. M.		6 P. M.	
	Air.	Water.	Air.	Water.	Air.	Water.
Ooty lake	37.50	67.50	71	77	61	73
Wellington stream...	62	60	69	75	—	—
Mettapolliem river...	67	79	96	92	82	82

Thus, it will be seen, that the greatest difference between the water in the Mettapolliem river and the Ooty lake is during the heat of the day; but as far as I have ascertained, the most is 15° , sinking to only 9° in the evening, but rising to 11.50 in the morning. The cold wind on the ghat seems to almost (if I may use the erroneous expression) freeze the fish; *but the waters on the hills are not too cold for them when once there.*

4. I think the journey (twelve hours) too long, and have obtained permission from Mr. Smith, Woodcote, Coonoor, to make use of a tank which has existed twenty years in his compound as a half-way halt; here I propose to leave the fish, which arrive up alive, a week, and then to bring them on into Ooty.

5. I shall leave again this morning (Monday) to see about stocking Mr. Smith's tank, or make other necessary arrangements; and I hope next week to be able to remove the fish into the Ooty lake.

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 11th June 1866, No. 3,991.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1866, No. 1,672.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Superintendent of the Central Museum.
,, the Literary Society.

Exd. S T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 27th June 1866.

Dr. Day
Rs. 304.

No. 4379.

Submitting for information letter from Col-
lector of Coimbatore forwarding further report
from Doctor Day on steps taken for introduc-
tion of fish from low country into waters on
Neilgherry Hills.

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