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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 421. Read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Kandy, 10th July 1866, No. 27 :—

1. I have had the honor to receive your letter No. 464, of the 25th May last, in which you enquire whether this Government can spare 10,000 Pearl Oysters from a patch containing about 30,000, of about four years of age, recently found near Mundi Tevoo, at a depth of about 1½ fathoms.

2. I enclose copy of a letter from Mr. G. W. H. Holdsworth on the subject, and I have much pleasure in informing you that his Excellency the Governor gladly accedes to the request of your Government.

From G. W. H. HOLDSWORTH, Esq., to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated Pulipanjoddy, Manaar, 29th June 1866.

1. I have the honor to enclose the printed copy of a letter, with its annexure, from the Secretary to the Madras Government, enquiring whether the Ceylon Government can spare 10,000 Oysters for stocking the Nursery at Tuticorin.

2. The documents have been forwarded to me by Mr. Twynam, who has requested me to return them to you.

3. With reference to the subject of the inquiry, I can see no objection to the request being granted, indeed, there appear to me to be strong reasons for the Ceylon Government assisting the Madras Government in an experiment, the results of which may be equally valuable to both. The Oysters in their present situation are worthless, and whilst on the muddy ground where they now lie, there is no reason to believe they will ever produce pearls. It will therefore be very desirable to ascertain whether a change of situation will have any effect on them, or, what is more probable, on the young which may be produced under the altered conditions involved in a change of ground and water.

4. I have been in communication with Captain Phipps on the subject of the Tuticorin Nursery, in the construction of which the Madras Government has expended a considerable sum of money, and I have reason to believe that every information about the working of the experiment will be willingly afforded to the Ceylon Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. GIBSON,
Secretary.

No. 422. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1866, No. 1,820.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, through the Collector of Tinnevelly.

2. Captain Phipps will make the necessary arrangements for placing the Oysters in the Tuticorin Nursery.

3. The thanks of this Government will be offered to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for the supply.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

No. 1820

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 20th. July 1866.

Read the following letter from the Colonial Secy. to Govt. dy.—

Informing that 10,000 Pearl Oysters requested by Madras Govt will be supplied, & enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Holdsworth on the subject.—

(Here enter 10th July 1866, No. 271.—

Communicated to the Superintendent of Pearl & Fisheries through the Collector of Tinnevelly.—

Captain Shiffrd will make the necessary arrangements for placing the Oysters in the Tuticorin Nursery.—

The thanks of this Govt will be offered to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for the supply.—

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Sd. H. Stokes

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