

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st October 1867.

No. 402. Read the following letter from Surgeon F. DAY, M. D., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 11th October 1867 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G. O. No. 2,348 of October 7th, with its enclosures, respecting the effects of irrigation works in the rivers of the Madras Presidency upon the fresh water fisheries.

2. I beg respectfully to suggest the great desirability of ascertaining whether the fish, whose ascent is stated to be impeded, are species resorting from the sea to the rivers during the monsoon months for the purposes of breeding, or river fish which, having descended during the freshes, are unable to return to the localities from which they originally came, and are consequently easily destroyed when the rivers are low.

3. The whole of the subject is so full of interest, and of so much importance in a commercial and economic point of view, that I would advocate a strict examination on the spot, as the only plan by which to arrive at conclusive facts. Should Government be pleased to approve of my suggestion, I beg to offer my services to proceed to any one of the rivers which may be decided upon for the above purpose,

* Pay of Medical Storekeeper, Rupees 1,050	provided that my full pay and allowances
Presidency house rent 100	as at present drawn* suffer no reduction
Total a month... .. 1,150	during that period, and also that my
	actual travelling expenses be reimbursed.

4. Should the above be feasible, I would also point out that it should be undertaken not later than the middle or end of next month, (when the rivers will be full,) and continued for about two months, say until the end of January, so that the river below the irrigation work may be examined when the bed of the stream is partially empty.

5. I would suggest a collection being made of male and female specimens of every sort of fish of commercial value, found in the river, for the Government Central Museum, and a duplicate one for the East Indian Museum. This I should likewise be happy to supervise, if Government will be so good as to direct one of the Taxidermists, now employed for stuffing fish at the Government Central Museum, being placed under my orders for the purpose of accompanying me should my proposals meet with approval.

No. 403. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1867, No. 2,469.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Collectors of the Godavery, Kistna, Nellore, South Arcot, and Tanjore Districts in continuation of the previous correspondence, and that their attention be specially directed to the points noted by Dr. Day.

2. The Government thank Dr. Day for his letter, but resolve to wait for the Collectors' replies before taking any further steps in the matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Godavery.
 „ the do. of Kistna.
 „ the do. of Nellore.
 „ the do. of South Arcot.
 „ the do. of Tanjore.
 „ the Board of Revenue.
 To Surgeon F. Day, M. D.

Exd. S. T. Argustin.

down by 21y in 6 am and not find
him a evening commission Jp I am
inclined to doubt whether
whether under any circumstances Dr Day's
deputation would be No. 2719 worth money
and disengage Dr Day Doctor himself from
his From Surgeon Dr Day
proper duties which it would involve - If the
case be as represented by Capt. Haly the only
remedial measure Dated 11 October 1867
that can be adopted is to prevent the whole
- the destruction of fish at the foot of the
aqueduct & provide fish ladders.

I would have preferred to wait for the
preliminary reports of the collectors who
considering the desirability of visiting the
River with during the monsoon and when
the water is low I think that the proposal
of Dr Day might be accepted and that
he might be charged to visit the
liveria of the Kistna falls with the
liveria East monsoon; if the liveria
does not fall there the fallery which

does. It is probable that a visit
to the quarry of the listra will be
sufficient for the Godavery is in the
same position with reference to source
and floods as the listra. I would
say the allowances deemed as
a man for the Museum to stuff
the fish. It may be regretted that
a Medical Officer should be withdrawn
from his principal duties for a
purpose of this nature but Dr.
Day has a very important &
urgent business at this time,
a substitute can be provided in
all probability by the Insp. Genl.

his post and the Deputy stated
that it may be exaggerated by the
enthusiasm of Mr. Haly does certainly
evince considerations of the far
economic & scientific character.
If the Insp. Genl. cannot
provide for Dr. Day's duties
in a satisfactory manner
I suppose he could not go. -
The ^{presumptive} ~~destruction~~ of the river
banks of the country is a more
important question than that of
the introduction of the trout.

I should be disposed to wait for the
collector's reports and if, on a consideration of
them, it is found to be necessary to call in

the aid of Dr. Day, I would let him to work
next year on the Hudson. It seems to me that
Dr. Day will then have before him materials
for his purpose; which if he has now, he will
lose him in collecting. I don't know how
much we shall ever get out of Dr. Day
judging from what we have on record
of his trout operations. W.D. 8/1/12
I am sure never fish anywhere.

I think that we had better wait for the
reply to the letter before deciding
on Dr. Day's proposal. The District is
a favorable place for fish only on
a small scale by the influence of N. S. W.
Monsony. The Bay of Tanager is also
affected by the same but I do not see
that much is to be learnt on this subject
with Tanager. I must ask Loren Auri.
- and has been successful for some time -
If Dr. Day does go now or at some future
date it will be necessary to tell him

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From
Suzer Francis Day
To
The Chief Secretary, to Govt.
Fort St. George.

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* Pay of Mr. D. Stocker O. 1150
Presiding Judge and O. 100
Total a month O. 1150

The Government
payable to the C. & S. Secretary
under the order of the Secretary

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedt servant

James Gay

Madam Pres. Storr
Oct 11. 1857

