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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Read the following letters :—

No. 190. From the Collector of the Madras District, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Sydapet, 14th June 1869, No. 128.

With reference to the order of Government, dated the 15th ultimo, No. 1,602, I have the honour to state that the right of fishing in the back-water at Ennore and the Pulicat Lake has never yet been let out by Government. It appears that some years ago, it was ruled, by the Secretary of State, that the right of fishing was not to be rented out, except where the practice had been previously in vogue; and this is probably the reason why the fisheries in the back-waters, generally, were not rented out.

2. I must say, I do not see why the fisheries of all the back-waters and canals should not be made to produce a revenue which would go a long way in supplementing the very inadequate Local Funds of this district.

3. I have not a copy of the Secretary of State's despatch to refer to; but I suspect that it was really intended to apply only to inland fisheries, such as village tanks, jungle-streams and channels, and was done probably in recognition of the prescriptive rights of the inhabitants to enjoy the fish within their limits without any tax. No such prescriptive rights attach to back-waters and salt channels, etc.

4. I therefore have no hesitation in recommending the renting out the fisheries of all such waters, more especially as, as far as I can see, the fishery now being in common, leads to a great deal of idleness, no man willingly accepting work, if he thinks he has a chance of catching a few fish; it leads also to the waters being perpetually disturbed, and to the fish being frightened away, as no party now interests himself to preserve the fish.

Transferred for consideration in the Revenue Department.

Fort Saint George, 18*th June* 1869. (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E., *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

No. 191. From the Acting Collector of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Sydapet, 18th August 1869, No. 193.

In reply to your Under-Secretary's official memorandum, No. 82, of the 19th June last, I have the honour to state that careful search was made for the order of Government regarding the right of fishing in the back-water of Ennore and Pulicat Lake, but no such order is forth coming.

2. There seems to have been a belief in the office that such an order had been passed and allusion to it was made on that ground only.

No. 192. Order thereon, 11th September 1869, No. 2,500.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 25th June 1869, No. 1,812.

2. The Government desire to know what steps have been taken by the Board towards carrying out the instructions contained in the last-named order, as regards all fresh-water fisheries in the Presidency.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 11th.

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G. O., 11th September 1869, No. 2,580.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 190—192.

Relating to the backwater at Ennore and
allied matters—Letter from Collector of Madras
on the subject of levying the right of fishing,
communicated to Board of Revenue for report.

Records. Do. from Bengal

No 2500

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 1st September 1809

Read the following

Letter from the Collector of

Madras

Reporting what he has

learned of Persons & Vessels

going to prosecute the

pearl fishery on the Coromandel coast

(Ord. 14th June 1809 No 12)

Referring to the Govt

order regarding the right of

fishing on the Pearl Banks off the

Sea coast of Tanjore

(Ord. 18th August 1809 No 13)

Communicating the

Rules & Regulations

of the Government of Madras

for the Pearl fishery

(Ord. 14th June 1809 No 12)