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11th September 1869.*

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 Emnore 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, (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
18th June 1869. 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 Emnore 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. 2,560.

Miscellaneous.

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

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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.

Edw. F. B. Enders.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue who are requested to submit their opinion as to the expediency of renting out the fisheries of the backwaters at Ennad + of the other canals + backwaters in the Madras district, as proposed by Mr Lane. It does not appear that there is any order of the Home Govt which would prohibit such a measure.

See Mr Lane's report on the fisheries of the backwaters of the Madras district. The Fisheries of the backwaters of the Madras district. The Fisheries of the backwaters of the Madras district. The Fisheries of the backwaters of the Madras district.

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Read the following
letters from the Collector of
Madras

Reporting whether the
fishermen of Cannore & Rattanak
pay at present any tax for the right
of fishing in the backwater or not

(Sd/- E. H. Jones 1869 No 138)

Reporting that the Government
order regarding the right of
fishing in the backwaters of Cannore
has not been forwarded

(H. E. 18th August 1869 No 173)

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Communicated
to the Board of Revenue
with reference to the
order of Government dated
25th June 1869 No 138

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now such steps have
been taken by the British
to supply and the
British Government
and cannot be
given all the assistance
which the President

