

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

29th April 1873.

No. 112. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1873, No. 472 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bapatla, 6th February 1873, No. 175 :—

ABSTRACT.—Submitting report on Petition No. 2,566 of 1872 about right of fishing in Ooputair, in Gudiwada Taluq.

THE Board resolve to submit this case for the orders of Government.

2. The Ooputair fishery was first rented in 1869-70, but after the receipt of G. O., Public Works Department, 18th April 1871, No. 1,082, declaring that the leasing out the right of fishing in tanks and tidal waters belongs to the Revenue Department, Mr. Boswell, the Collector, put the fishery in question up to auction when it was purchased for 750 Rupees by some of the petitioners. In 1872-73 the lease was sold for three years for Rupees 1,500 per annum to a Mahomedan renter.

3. There was no authority for this oppressive interference with the rights which the fishermen had exercised for a long period of years, and the Board recommend that the sum collected from the fishermen themselves under their lease for 1871-72 be refunded and that the lease now subsisting be cancelled, such amount of compensation as the Collector may settle or induce the renter to accept being paid to him.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1873, No. 431.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government desire that they may be furnished by the Collector with information on the following points :—

1. The mileage of the river fished in.
2. The amount which was yearly realized as moturpha on this river.
3. The number of professional fishermen.
4. The lucrativeness of their calling.
5. The payment which the lessee exacts from the fishermen.
6. His method of management.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Memorandum on N^o 985.

The river Uppatair divides the Krishna and Godavari districts and running from the Solair Lake to the Sea is never dry. The fact that the bridge of fishing in this river has been laid out since 1863, shows that the P. & G. have no prescriptive right to fish without payment. The P. & G. have no desire to make a revenue out of fisheries. It has been many centuries since which cannot be depicted from the

The river Uppatair divides the Krishna and Godavari districts and running from the Solair Lake to the Sea is never dry. It has therefore been well stocked with fish and has afforded a means of livelihood to a body of fishermen who pursued their calling unhindered by any restriction, ^{up to 1863} saving payment of ^{up to 1863} Moturpha, until the year 1871 when the Collector of the Krishna district directed that the right of fishing in this river should be put up to auction. This was done. On the first occasion it was sold for one year for Rs. 750 to certain among the fishermen, but on the second occasion it was

was sold for three years to a stranger for \$1500 per annum.

4. The fishermen petitioned the Board, who remark that "there was no authority for this oppressive interference with the rights which the fishermen had exercised for a long period of years" and recommend that the \$750 B. should be returned to the fishermen and the lease now subsisting be cancelled, on payment of such compensation as the renter may be induced to accept.

5. The lease seems to have run for about a year.

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Opuntia Fishing in
Kistna Dist.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th April 1873.

Read the following Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for orders
question of right of petitioners
in No 2566 of 1872 to fish in
Opuntia Waters in Gudi:
woda Taluk, Kistna District
and recommending a refund
of certain sum collected from
them &c.

H.C. 28 March 1873 No 472

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