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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd December 1874.

No. 264. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November 1874, No. 3,420:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Berhampore, 12th October 1874, No. 2,114:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1874, No. 672, I have the honor to report that I have examined samples of oysters found in the Sonnapore backwater and Chilka Canal, but no pearls were discovered in any of them.

2. I enclose, for the Board's information, copy of a letter from Mr. Leggatt to the District Engineer, dated 25th September last, giving his opinion of the oysters that are to be found in the Chilka Canal and Sonnapore backwater.

3. The Ganjam Deputy Tahsildar reports that no oysters were found in the Soro Beemparam swamp.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. LEGGATT, Esq., C. E., Executive Engineer, No. 2 Range, to Major H. SMALLEY, Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, dated Chicacole, 25th September 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Acting Collector's letter, No. 1,841, dated 11th instant, communicated with your Memorandum, No. 1,190, dated 15th idem, requesting me to give you any information I may have received from Mr. Harris on the pearl oysters obtained in the Chilka Canal.

2. All the information I received from Mr. Harris was that on one occasion he got a quantity of oysters from the canal and sent them into Berhampore to his friends, and that in some four or five of them something very small, resembling pearls, were found.

3. When I visited Ganjam, I remained there for three days and got a quantity of oysters from the Chilka Canal, I believe from the very spot Mr. Harris' were found on. I opened them myself, and did not come upon a single pearl.

4. When in Berhampore I purchased oysters said to have been brought from Sonnapore, I found among a lot of about three-hundred, three little obstacles resembling pearls, which I took to you, but I do not believe myself they were actual pearls.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) H. SMALLEY, Major, R.E.,
Officiating District Engineer.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to G. O., dated 11th April 1874, No. 436.

2. The Collector should send specimens of the shells. It will then be easy to ascertain whether the oysters are real pearl oysters or spurious.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 265. Order thereon, 22nd December 1874, No. 1,696.

Miscellaneous.

Record.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) C. C. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Encl. C. A. Turton.

No. 3,420.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th November 1874.

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I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Acting Collector's letter, No. 1,844, dated 11th instant, communicated with your Memorandum, No. 1,190, dated 15th idem, requesting me to give you any information I may have received from Mr. Harris on the pearl oysters obtained in the Chilka canal.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Rad. G. A. Turton.

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No. 3,120.

Oysters—found in Chilka canal and Sonnapore backwater, in Ganjam District.—Collector's report that no pearls have been discovered in—and that no oysters were found in Soro Mendapuram swamp, submitted for information of Government.—Collector to send specimens of shells in order to ascertain whether the oysters are real pearl oysters or spurious.

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