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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14th July 1874.

Read the following:-

No 165.

From
The Honorable D. Arbuthnot,
Collector of Tanjore.

To J. Grove Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Chepauk, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
the report called for by Government
in their Endorsements on petitions Nos
2810 of 1873 and 12 of 1874 herewith re-
turned.

Petitioners complain of the
order passed in 1867 prohibiting fishing
in the river Tenuar within 100 yards
from either side of the masonry work
called the Kachamangalam Kallandai,
except with a fly.

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In the year 1867, the then Superintending Engineer Major Oakes brought to notice that a great deal of damage was caused by the fish Contractors being allowed to fish with large nets near the masonry works in rivers, that fishermen very often drive holes into the piers or abutments to support the fishing mats, that when water stands below the level of the piers or dams, they often remove a plank or two to admit of fish passing through the sluices, and that this is too often connived at by persons appointed by Government to prevent a wastage of water. He further represented in very earnest terms that this practice can be effectually put a stop to only by prohibiting fishing within 100 yards of any masonry work either above or below it except with a fly, and Mr. Morris directed that this condition should be

be inserted in all contracts for fish rents.

The effect of the restriction has been in the case of the masonry dam now in question a falling off in the amount of fish rent as was then anticipated from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 978 as follows.

Fish rent	
April 1278	Rs. 1500.
1279	915.
1280	850.
1281	1011.
1282	966.
1283	978½.

I wrote to the present District Engineer Major Mead asking him to let me know whether he considered the restriction in question absolutely necessary and his reply is as follows:-

"I do not consider it absolutely necessary that fishermen should be prohibited from catching fish within a considerable distance of the masonry works except with a fly. The distance now laid down is 100 yards. I have no objection to its being reduced to 50 but should be

be carry for a less distance to be substituted as I am sure the fishermen will be constantly doing damage to works and even wasting water if allowed to approach nearer, as shutter men will be bribed to open sluices and also stones in the aprons will be removed."

"I was in the District when fishing was allowed at the works and can assure you the damage done was great."

"I forward a copy of the order signed by Captain Mullins, it is you will see merely orders for a temporary state of things before the contracts then existing had lapsed."

The diminution in the fish rent is of course trifling when compared with the safety of the Irrigation Works, and I am therefore of opinion that the restriction should be retained. I do not think that the distance, within which fishing is to be prohibited, should be reduced to 50 yards, as to give practical effect to the restriction, it is necessary that the distance should be considerable.
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In regard to the effect of the restriction on the condition of Petitioners, I beg to state that they earn their livelihood by cultivating lands in the villages of Mahadivapuram and Pampalpuram in the Tanjore Taluk, fishing being only auxiliary occupation and that they have not in any perceptible degree suffered by it. Petitioners appear to have been induced to make their representations by the renters who are of course anxious to have the restriction removed to enable them to make larger profits.

Tanjore Collectors office
Point Calimere,
Tetrapundi Taluk
2nd June 1874 -

I have &c
(Signed) D. Anbuttmott
Collector.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to endorsements on petitions N^o 2810 of 1873 and N^o 12 of 1874.

2. The Board concur with the Collector in thinking that the existing restriction should be maintained.

(True copy & Extract)

C. L. G. L.
Ag. Sub. Secretary.

To the Ag. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with 2 petitions.

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