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Read again G. O., 14th March 1873, No. 313, Revenue Department.

No. 217. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th April 1874, No. 848 :—

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M. RAMASAMY MUDALIAR, Deputy-Collector, Salt and Sea Custom Department, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Mutturaganadapatam, 17th February 1874, No. 38.

I HAVE the honour to furnish the report called for in your letter No. 622, dated 27th March 1873, regarding the fishing referred to in Government Proceedings, No. 313, dated 14th March 1873.

2. Attankarai, the place referred to by Colonel Roberts, is a subordinate port of this district, wherein the Import and Export of goods are permitted. One of the principal articles of Import at this place is salt-fish. It is brought out chiefly from the fisheries of the Island of Rameswaram; the salt fish that is sold and carried off into the interior is not, therefore, the product absolutely of the fishery off Attankarai. The fish caught within five miles of Attankarai is likewise brought to Attankarai, where it is cured and sold by Salt-fish traders, who are distinct from the fishermen. Not only the local Salt-fish traders, but others from the interior, encamp at Attankarai, during the fishing season, and make that place the depot of the salt fish they collect. Hence the extensive traffic in salt-fish referred to by Colonel Roberts, in paragraph 3 of his Report, dated 5th January 1873, No. 4,383, and embodied in the Proceedings above quoted.

3. Upon the receipt of your letter, under reply, with a view to ascertain approximately the quantity of fish caught at the Attankarai fishery, I procured through the Sea Customs Officer of Devipattam a daily Return of the number of boats employed in catching fish in this fishery and the estimated value of the fish brought ashore.

4. A monthly Abstract of these Returns is subjoined for your information. The value given is what the raw-fish when brought ashore, was estimated at, for the purpose of division between the fishermen and the salt-fish traders, who advance money to the fishermen.

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		Rs. A. P.
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Total	800	14,210 8 6

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6. I beg to annex a list of the shoals of fish which make their appearance in this part of the coast between May and September. The local names of the fish are given in Tamil.

7. The specimens collected by me, from evaporation of the arrack, in which they were stored, underwent putrefaction. The jars which contained the specimens, were not well glazed. Accidentally I noticed one of the jars to be cracked and sent a bad smell, on opening the jar I found the specimen within to be putrefied, as were the specimens, without exception, found to be on examination. I will order the specimens again during the next season, and send them up carefully, preserving them in arrack.

8. I deferred the submission of this report, because the specimens called for could not be sent, as, however, a remainder has been received, I submit the report at once, and beg to apologise for the non-transmission of the specimens.

(Emu Copy.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

List of Fishes.

Fish caught at the Attankarai fishery between the months of May and September 1873.	Months in which the Shoal appear.
1. <i>Adathirukai</i>	May to September.
2. <i>Sirupallishirukai</i>	September.
3. <i>Karayathirukai</i>	May, June and August.
4. <i>Manthirukai</i>	June to September.
5. <i>Pulanthirukai</i>	May to September.
6. <i>Kuthippu</i>	May and June.
7. <i>Vengunah</i>	May to August.
8. <i>Karal</i>	May to September.
9. <i>Thattukaral</i>	September.
10. <i>Menakutti Karal</i>	Do.
11. <i>Pottukaral</i>	Do.
12. <i>Kolungaral</i>	Do.
13. <i>Kattah</i>	Do.
14. <i>Thottah</i>	Do.
15. <i>Sudai</i>	Do.
16. <i>Kinnula</i>	Do.
17. <i>Kalva</i>	Do.
18. <i>Moral</i>	Do.
19. <i>Pallamorai</i>	Do.
20. <i>Valai Moral</i>	Do.
21. <i>Parai</i>	Do.
22. <i>Senganiparai</i>	Do.
23. <i>Mottaparai</i>	Do.
24. <i>Kuliparai</i>	Do.
25. <i>Suparai</i>	Do.
26. <i>Neyiparai</i>	Do.
27. <i>Kallanparai</i>	Do.
28. <i>Kannadiyuparai</i>	Do.
29. <i>Sulanparai</i>	Do.
30. <i>Kalai</i>	Do.
31. <i>Kattikalai</i>	Do.
32. <i>Manali</i>	Do.
33. <i>Theriyai</i>	Do.
34. <i>Vela</i>	Do.
35. <i>Keluthi</i>	Do.
36. <i>Nodumangan Keluthi</i>	Do.
37. <i>Manthan Keluthi</i>	Do.
38. <i>Adasal Keluthi</i>	Do.
39. <i>Panyan Keluthi</i>	Do.
40. <i>Kilathi</i>	Do.
41. <i>Oeluvai</i>	Do.
42. <i>Woodlam</i>	Do.
43. <i>Suriya</i>	Do.
44. <i>Pavali</i>	Do.
45. <i>Kudikuthi</i>	Do.
46. <i>Singli</i>	Do.
47. <i>Nethili</i>	Do.
48. <i>Varal</i>	Do.
49. <i>Karuvaval</i>	Do.
50. <i>Soruvaval</i>	Do.
51. <i>Vellavaval</i>	Do.
52. <i>Ulah</i>	Do.
53. <i>Kathalai</i>	Do.
54. <i>Pannah</i>	Do.
55. <i>Surai</i>	Do.
56. <i>Komarayna</i>	Do.

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57. <i>Adathirukai</i>	September.
58. <i>Sirupallishirukai</i>	Do.
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60. <i>Manthirukai</i>	Do.
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62. <i>Kuthippu</i>	May, June and September.
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37. <i>Porbeagle</i>	Norman (dog fish)	September.
38. <i>Grass</i>	Thali	Do.
39. <i>Grass</i>	Kelakan	Do.
40. <i>Grass</i>	Poramoon	Do.
41. <i>Grass</i>	Pandal	Do.
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46. <i>Grass</i>	Kudata	Do.
47. <i>Grass</i>	Ora	Do.
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49. <i>Grass</i>	Vella Ora	Do.
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52. <i>Grass</i>	Mathanom	Do.
53. <i>Grass</i>	Kudalrah	Do.
54. <i>Grass</i>	Soppali	Do.
55. <i>Grass</i>	Uchi	Do.
56. <i>Grass</i>	Techi	Do.
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M. RAMASAMY NUDALIAR,
17th February 1874.

(Signed) M. RAMASAMY NUDALIAR,
Deputy-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. McQUEEN,
Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O., dated 14th March 1873, No. 313.

2. The Board suggest that the papers be communicated to Dr. Day. They agree with the Collector that no special measures need be adopted with reference to the Attankara fishery. The subject of selling salt at a cheap rate for salting fish is separately engaging attention. The Superintendent of the Museum might be requested to identify the fish of which vernacular names are given by the Deputy-Collector.

No. 218.

ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1874, No. 512.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur with the Board in thinking that no special measures are required.

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2. The correspondence will be forwarded to Dr. Day and to the Superintendent of the Government Museum. Dr. Bidie will be asked to name any of the fish of which he desires specimens.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue:
.. the Surgeon F. Day, M.D.
.. the Superintendent of the Government Museum:

Ed. F. R. Bantlema.

No. 848.

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100. கருவாயல்	Do.

List of Fishes—(Concluded)

Fish caught at the Attankarai fishery between the months of May and September 1873.		Months in which the Shool appear.
37. நாய்குடி	Noymean (dog fish)	September.
38. தேளி	Theli	Do.
39. கெலகான்	Kelakan	Do.
40. பெராமீன்	Porameen	Do.
41. பண்டல்	Pandal	Do.
42. லீதி	Leethi	Do.
43. சேங்கனி	Sengani	Do.
44. கோடுவா	Koduva	Do.
45. கெதாபலாயன்	Kedathalayan	Do.
46. குடா	Kudars	Do.
47. ஓரா	Ora	Do.
a குருவி ஓரா	Kuruvu Ora	Do.
b கெள்ள ஓரா	Vella Ora	Do.
c கண்ணா ஓரா	Kannava Ora	Do.
48. சிக்கா	Sikkana	Do.
49. மதனா	Mathanam	Do.
50. கடலா	Kadalarah	Do.
51. செப்பல்	Seppall	Do.
52. உருளா	Urula	Do.
53. தோல்	Tholl	Do.
54. கதல் மீன்	Kadal Meers	Do.
55. கதல் வால்	Kadal Veral	Do.

MUTURAGUNADIPATAM,
17th February 1874.

(Signed) M. RAMASAMY MUDALIAR,
Deputy-Collector.

(True Copy.) (Signed) W. McQUHAR,
Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O., dated 14th March 1873, No. 313.

2. The Board suggest that the papers be communicated to Dr. Day. They agree with the Collector that no special measures need be adopted with reference to the Attankarai fishery. The subject of selling salt at a cheap rate for salting fish is separately engaging attention. The Superintendent of the Museum might be requested to identify the fish of which vernacular names are given by the Deputy-Collector.

(True Copies and Extracts)

Cham
Acting Sub-Secretary.

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

Edw. G. A. Turtan.

Handed and printed by the printer at Attankarai, and is Madras District, Government's letter forwarding copy of the same from Deputy-Collector to the Collector of Madras and Sea Customs in which a detailed information is furnished regarding the and objecting to adoption of any special measures at present for remaining open to the fishery at this port, but suggesting that salt might be sold to them at a cheap rate for salting fish, and to them be communicated to the Deputy and the Superintendent of Museum be requested to identify the fish of which vernacular names are given by Deputy-Collector.

No. 858
A.P.H.L.

PROCESSED 17th April 1874, No. 858.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1874. 29th April

Revenue No 1332

For orders—

Is it necessary that Dr. Bidie should be troubled to identify the fish?

Y.M.

I shall send the report to Dr. Day & also to Dr. Bidie as they know to mention any of which he desires & have news - yes

Revenue Department.

N^o 512

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 27th April 1874

Read again G.O. No^o 11th March 1873, N^o 313. R.O.

Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Objecting to the adoption of any special measures, with suggestion that the papers relating to Fishery and trade in salt fish at Attankulam in Madras District be committed to Dr. Day, and that Supt. of Museum be requested to identify the fish of which vernacular names are given by Dr. Collett.

H.O. No^o 11th April 1874, N^o 848.

1. The Government concur with the Board in thinking that no special measures are required.

2. The correspondence will be forwarded to Dr. Day and to the Superintendent.

C 27th April 1874 R. H. May 1874

The
Superintendent of Govern-
ment Museum. Dr. Bidle
will be asked to name
any of the fish of which
he desires specimens.

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14 to the 22 of June 1874
1. Surgeon F. Day A. B. Dec 1874
2. Surgeon of the first Regiment

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