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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st May 1876.

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Papanasam, 8th April 1876, No. 216 :—

I HAVE the pleasure of enclosing copy of a letter from Captain Phipps, Superintendent of the Pearl Fishery, from which the Board will see that in all probability the fishery will again become valuable in 1880.

2. Captain Phipps thinks that the first year the returns will exceed a lakh of rupees, in which case the outlay incurred in keeping up the establishment will be amply repaid.

3. Captain Phipps proposes to continue his examination of the beds, the final results of which will be reported in due course.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain G. A. PHIPPS, Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 31st March 1876, No. 5.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I yesterday made an examination of the Pearl Banks noted in the margin. The result was, I am happy to say, most satisfactory.

Nagara Par, Oottee Par, Athambadoo Par, Kuthadia Par, and Kolathi Par.

2. The Nagara Par, Oottee Par, Athambadoo Par, Kuthadia Par, being thickly covered with pearl oysters of one year age, quite free from sooram, and the shells looking clean and healthy. I also sent the divers down on the Kolathi Par, and although they were able to bring up clusters of the young shells showing that this Bank is also stocked, and I believe further examination will prove nearly all the Tuticorin Banks to be in the same satisfactory condition. The Jaditalavamore and the divers agree with me in this, and I feel sure that there is no doubt that in the year 1880 there will be a large and profitable pearl fishery in this district, which will yield sufficient to pay all the expenses incurred as establishment, &c., since the year 1862, and also large surplus to Government. Since the last fishery took place, I have often had to report the finding of oysters, but in no case has the appearance of the Banks shown such very favorable prospects as they now do, or enabled me to so confidently look forward to a successful pearl fishery.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board await the further report promised by the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. W H. French.

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