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No. 227. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1876, No. 1,387 :—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichendur, 1st May 1876, No. 270.

In continuation of my letter, No. 216, dated 8th April 1876, I have the honor to report that the subsequent examinations of the Pearl Banks have not been encouraging. Eighteen banks have been examined, but pearl oysters have been found only on five as already reported by me. The five banks are, however, well stocked, and Captain Phipps thinks that the pearl fishery of 1878 will produce 2 lakhs of rupees.

2. I beg to enclose copy of a letter from Captain Phipps, from which the Board will see that the examination of the Pearl Banks cannot be completed this year owing to the time occupied by the expedition to the Laccadive Islands. Looking to the importance of the revenue to be derived from the pearl fisheries, I beg to recommend that Captain Phipps and the Steamer *Margaret Northcote* be retained in Tuticorin the whole of next season.

3. I am told that it has been usual to make the expedition to the Laccadives only once in three years; if this is so, there will be no difficulty, but if it is desired that they should be visited every year, I trust that such arrangements may be made as will not take away the Superintendent of the Pearl Fisheries and the steamer during the season for work connected with the Pearl Banks, *viz.*, November to May.

4. A tin box containing samples of the pearl oysters lately found in large quantities is being forwarded for the inspection of the Board direct from the office of the Superintendent Pearl Fishery.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain G. A. PHIPPS, Superintendent of Pearl Banks, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 26th April 1876, No. 9.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I left this place yesterday morning intending to continue the examination of some of the Pearl Banks off Trichendur and Vamboor. I regret to say that the state of the sea and weather was so much against doing any work satisfactorily that I have been obliged to return. The season is now so far advanced that I fear all further operations must be delayed until after the monsoon.

(True Copy.)

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board believe that the Steamer *Margaret Northcote* will not be required next year for visiting the Laccadives, and recommend that she be held available for pearl fishery purposes for the whole of the next two working seasons.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd June 1876.*

No. 228.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1876, No. 834.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government agree with the Board that the steamer should be retained for pearl fishery purposes alone for the next season at least.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) **D. F. CARMICHAEL,**
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Govt. of 1876 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated June, 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 22nd June 1876, No. 834.

JUNE.

Nos. 227-228.

Steamer "Margaret Northcote." Concurring with the Board that she should be retained for pearl fishery purposes alone for the next season at least.

No. 1,357.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

E. A. Grubert
Acting Sub-Secretary.

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

No 834

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 25TH MAY 1876, No. 1,387.

20th June 1876

Encl.

Received 12. June 1876

MAY.
No. 1,387.

Pearl Banks—in Tanjore, Tinnevely Dis-
trict.—Submitting to Government report on ex-
amination of—, and recommending that Steamer
Margaret Northcott be held available for pearl
fishing purposes for next two working seasons.

With order

1876. 22 June 1876

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