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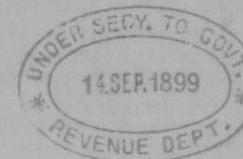
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The Board's estimate of ^{Expenditure} charges for
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To
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The Secy General: *23.9.99*
P.C. Dist. Sect.
Note The results of the year's operations are briefly
reviewed in Board's Resolution: The results
compare as follows with the two previous years:

	Receipts	Charges	Net Profit or Loss
1896-97...	Rs 16474	4595	11879
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Month.	Name of establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.	Name of establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.
October 1898	Peon	Rs. A. P. 4 8 3	From 12th Oct. 1898.	Watcher.	Rs. A. P. 2 4 2	From 18th Oct. 1898.
November	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
December	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
January 1899	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
February	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
March	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
April	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
May	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
June	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
July	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
August	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
September	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
Total		* 53 8 3			* 57 4 2	

* Grand total .. Rs. 110-12-5.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

DETAILS of contingencies of Chank Fishery Department, Tuticorin, for Rs. 127-1-3.

	RS. A. P.
To repairs to the chank godown	66 13 0
" cleaning chank godown and placing fresh sand	1 14 0
" batta to chank peon	1 12 0
" tax on the Chank-fishery office	6 9 0
" coconut-oil for night lamps	12 4 0
" cooly hire for carrying chanks	1 14 0
" trainage on printed forms	0 8 0
" hire for buying chank beds	9 8 0
" cost of books	0 7 0
" service post labels	2 0 0
" repairs to lantern	0 1 6
" water for divers	17 8 0
" cost of bamboo-buoys and ropes	4 5 0
" cost of olay baskets and mats	0 5 9
" hire of counter	1 0 0
" repairs to gauge boards	0 4 0
Total	127 1 3

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

PROBABLE estimate for the temporary establishment, &c, required for conducting chank fishery during the season ending 31st May 1900.

	RS. A. P.
To Ten canoes for eight months, at Rs. 6 each per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	480 0 0
To One gumastah for eight months, at Rs. 10 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	80 0 0
To One counter for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	56 0 0
To one peon for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	56 0 0
To one watcher for twelve months, at Rs. 5 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 30th September 1900	60 0 0
To contingencies, (vide details attached)	299 0 0
" amount to be paid for 300,000 chank shells at Rs. 20 per 1,000	6,000 0 0
Total	7,031 0 0

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

DETAILS of the probable estimate under Contingencies (for Rs. 299).

	RS. A. P.
To coconut-oil for lamps	13 0 0
" ollay baskets for carrying chanks	0 8 0
" bamboo for buoys	8 0 0
" cart-hire for bamboos	0 10 0
" ropes for buoys	3 0 0
" flags for buoys	0 6 0
" cooly hire for carrying chanks	3 0 0
" hire of divers and mandadees for buoying chank beds	10 0 0
" hire of dhonies for loading chanks from islands to mainland.	50 0 0
" water for divers	22 0 0
" pans and pots for divers while staying on island	5 0 0
" cart-hire to the fishery clerk to and from the chank godown	40 0 0
" batta for the clerk and peon while on island	5 0 0
" repairs to the chank godown and wooden watch house	60 0 0
" repairs to lantern	0 8 0
" service labels	5 0 0
" cost of lantern	3 0 0
" advertisement charges	70 0 0
Total	299 0 0

Endorsement by the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated 25th August 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 5-Eng.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, for information, together with the account current of the chank fishery for 1898-99 and the probable estimate for 1899-1900 and other enclosures duly verified.

2. The question of increasing the pay of the chank fishery clerk referred to in paragraph 10 of the Superintendent's report will be separately reported on if found necessary on receipt of further particulars called for from the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, Tuticorin.

RESOLUTION—No. 207, dated 2nd September 1899.

Submitted to Government.

2. The gross receipts from the chank fishery during the past season amounted to Rs. 13,106 and the charges to Rs. 3,519, leaving a net profit to Government of Rs. 9,587 against Rs. 11,138 in 1897-98 and Rs. 11,879 in 1896-97. Of good shells 147,900 and of tight and wormed shells 14,343 were obtained, of which the former realized Rs. 87-15-9 per 1,000 against Rs. 81-8-0 in 1897-98 and the latter Rs. 6-8-0. The prices realized were better than any since 1887-88, but the number of shells fished was the smallest in the past five years.

3. The charges sanctioned by Government for the fishery in 1898-99 were Rs. 6,959 but the actual expenditure amounted to only Rs. 3,519 as above stated. The decrease was mainly due to the smaller outturn.

4. The Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries estimates the cost for the ensuing season at Rs. 7,031 on the expectation of fishing 300,000 good shells. The average of five years being only 187,115 shells, the Board would reduce the estimate to Rs. 5,431 on an estimate of 220,000 good shells. The proposed expenditure can be met from the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,000 for the current year and the provision of Rs. 6,000 to be made in the budget estimate for 1900-1901.

* From 1894 to 1898 + 5 years the no. of chanks, as given in Encl No. 1, page 306
Current is 93,537-76 average is 51,935-76
187,115

* at Rs. 20 per 1,000 = Rs. 4000
Rs. 1031 = other expenditure given in Encl No. 1
Rs. 5431

6 BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), No. 207, 2ND SEPTEMBER 1899.

5. The Board requests that the estimate for the ensuing season may be sanctioned at a very early date. The Superintendent proposes to renew operations about the beginning of October, should the weather prove favourable.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

Government {1899} of Madras. REVENUE.

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1890-91	343,726	79 8 0	19,413 15 0
1891-92	...	45 0 0	...
1892-93	316,354	51 0 0	8,038 5 10
1893-94	86,474	57 8 0	2,824 3 10
1894-95	204,593	62 14 10	8,455 3 5
1895-96	185,641	81 6 8	11,067 14 10
1896-97	209,801	77 6 3	11,878 8 7
1897-98	187,641	81 8 0	11,138 5 2
1898-99	147,900	87 15 9	9,587 7 10
Total ..	..	..	260,626 7 6

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ACCOUNT Current of the Chank Fishery for the season 1898-99.

Charges.	Amount.	Receipts.	Amount.
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
To cash paid for 147,900 chank shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000 ..	2,957 3 7	By sale-proceeds of 147,900 good chank shells sold to M.N.S.M. Badshah Mohi-ud-din, at Rs. 87-15-9 per 1,000 shells ..	13,012 14 4
To cash paid to divers and thodais for preparing ropes and stoves ..	46 8 0	By sale-proceeds of 14,343 tight and wormed shells sold to M.N.S.M. Badshah Mohi-ud-din, at Rs. 6-8-0 per 1,000 shells ..	93 3 8
To cash paid for hire of canoes for fishing chanks ..	277 0 11		
To salary to the temporary establishment from 12th October 1898 to 30th September 1899—vide statement No. 1 attached ..	110 12 5		
To contingencies—vide No. 2 attached ..	127 1 3		
	3,518 10 2		
Net profit to Government ..	9,587 7 10		
Total ..	13,106 2 0	Total ..	13,106 2 0

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

DETAILS of temporary establishment of the Chank Fishery Department, Tuticorin, from 12th October 1898 to 30th September 1899.

Month.	Name of establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.	Name of establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.
October 1898	Peon	Rs. A. P. 4 8 3	From 12th Oct. 1898.	Watcher.	Rs. A. P. 2 4 2	From 18th Oct. 1898.
November	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
December	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
January 1899	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
February	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
March	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
April	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
May	"	7 0 0	"	"	5 0 0	"
June	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
July	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
August	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
September	"	"	"	"	5 0 0	"
Total		* 53 8 3			* 57 4 2	

* Grand total ... Rs. 110-12-5.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

DETAILS of contingencies of Chank Fishery Department, Tuticorin, for Rs. 127-1-3.

	RS.	A.	P.
To repairs to the chank godown	66	13	0
" cleaning chank godown and placing fresh sand	1	14	0
" batta to chank peon	1	12	0
" tax on the Chank-fishery office	6	9	0
" cocoanut-oil for night lamps	12	4	0
" coolly hire for carrying chanks	1	14	0
" trainage on printed forms	0	8	0
" hire for buying chank beds	9	8	0
" cost of books	0	7	0
" service post labels	2	0	0
" repairs to lantern	0	1	6
" water for divers	17	8	0
" cost of bamboo-buoys and ropes	4	5	0
" cost of clay baskets and mats	0	5	9
" hire of counter	1	0	0
" repairs to gauge boards	0	4	0
Total	127	1	3

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

PROBABLE estimate for the temporary establishment, &c, required for conducting chank fishery during the season ending 31st May 1900.

	RS.	A.	P.
To Ten canoes for eight months, at Rs. 6 each per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	480	0	0
To One gumastah for eight months, at Rs. 10 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	80	0	0
To One counter for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	56	0	0
To One peon for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 31st May 1900	56	0	0
To One watcher for twelve months, at Rs. 5 per mensem, from 1st October 1899 to 30th September 1900	60	0	0
To contingencies (vide details attached)	299	0	0
" amount to be paid for 300,000 chank shells at Rs. 20 per 1,000	6,000	0	0
Total	7,031	0	0

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

DETAILS of the probable estimate under Contingencies (for Rs. 299).

	RS.	A.	P.
To cocoanut-oil for lamps	13	0	0
" ollay baskets for carrying chanks	0	8	0
" bamboo for buoys	8	0	0
" cart-hire for bamboos	0	10	0
" ropes for buoys	3	0	0
" flags for buoys	0	6	0
" coolly hire for carrying chanks	3	0	0
" hire of divers and mandadees for buoying chank beds	10	0	0
" hire of dhonies for loading chanks from islands to mainland.	50	0	0
" water for divers	22	0	0
" pans and pots for divers while staying on island	5	0	0
" cart-hire to the fishery clerk to and from the chank godown	40	0	0
" batta for the clerk and peon while on island	5	0	0
" repairs to the chank godown and wooden watch house	60	0	0
" repairs to lantern	0	8	0
" service labels	5	0	0
" cost of lantern	3	0	0
" advertisement charges	70	0	0
Total	299	0	0

Endorsement by the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated 25th August 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 5-Eng.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, for information, together with the account current of the chank fishery for 1898-99 and the probable estimate for 1899-1900 and other enclosures duly verified.

2. The question of increasing the pay of the chank fishery clerk referred to in paragraph 10 of the Superintendent's report will be separately reported on if found necessary on receipt of further particulars called for from the Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, Tuticorin.

Resolution—No. 207, dated 2nd September 1899.

Submitted to Government.

2. The gross receipts from the chank fishery during the past season amounted to Rs. 13,106 and the charges to Rs. 3,519, leaving a net profit to Government of Rs. 9,587 against Rs. 11,138 in 1897-98 and Rs. 11,879 in 1896-97. Of good shells 147,900 and of tight and wormed shells 14,343 were obtained, of which the former realized Rs. 87-15-9 per 1,000 against Rs. 81-8-0 in 1897-98 and the latter Rs. 6-8-0. The prices realized were better than any since 1887-88, but the number of shells fished was the smallest in the past five years.

3. The charges sanctioned by Government for the fishery in 1898-99 were Rs. 6,959 but the actual expenditure amounted to only Rs. 3,519 as above stated. The decrease was mainly due to the smaller outturn.

4. The Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries estimates the cost for the ensuing season at Rs. 7,031 on the expectation of fishing 300,000 good shells. The average of five years being only 187,115 shells, the Board would reduce the estimate to Rs. 5,431 on an estimate of 220,000 good shells. The proposed expenditure can be met from the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,000 for the current year and the provision of Rs. 6,000 to be made in the budget estimate for 1900-1901.

6 No. 641, REVENUE, 22ND SEPTEMBER 1899.

5. The Board requests that the estimate for the ensuing season may be sanctioned at a very early date. The Superintendent proposes to renew operations about the beginning of October, should the weather prove favourable.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

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

ORDER—No. 641, Revenue, dated 22nd September 1899.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The estimated expenditure for working the fishery during the season of 1899-1900, viz., Rs. 5,431 is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
„ the Accountant-General.

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