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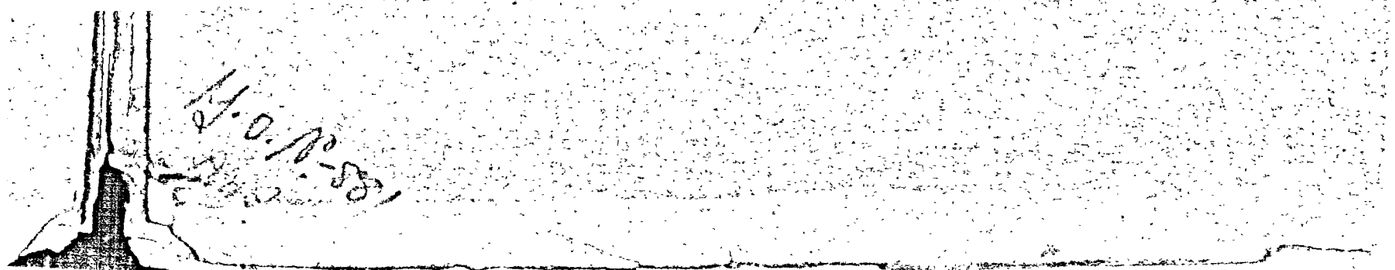
Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 6-4-1867.

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No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th April 1867, No. 2,310.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1867, No. 126 :—

1. In reply to Government Proceedings, No. 510, dated 1st instant, I have the honour to inform you that the aquaria have never been unpacked, but are still in their cases in the Custom House godowns at Tuticorin.

2. In his communication to Government, Captain Phipps conveyed a wrong impression by mentioning that the aquaria were lying unpacked, by which he meant unopened.

3. I have consulted with Captain Phipps on the subject of unpacking the cases and putting up the aquaria in a temporary shed, and I quite agree with him that it will be better to defer any action in the matter until the buildings now in course of construction are completed—

First.—The aquaria must be firmly fixed, and should not be moved after the oysters are once deposited in them.

Second.—The arrangement of light and ventilation is most important, and this cannot be exactly secured in a shed.

Third.—The only place where a shed for the purpose could be erected would be in the Custom House yard, and that would require a great length of hose to reach for pumping in sea-water ; and

Fourth.—Even if the aquaria are unpacked, and put up in a temporary building, we have no oysters of the right sort to put in them ; nor will any be procurable before the permanent building is completed.

4. With reference to the oyster nursery I fear it is a failure ; the oysters placed in it have invariably disappeared, as the rocks get coated with mud and the oysters lose their hold. The nursery (a miniature harbour on a sand bank some two miles from Tuticorin) is too much within the influence of the mud stirred up near the shore, and would be better on one of the islands further out, where the water is deep and clear.

5. I rather think the aquaria should be there too, but I will make a thorough inquiry, and report fully on the matter, on the occasion of my next visit to Tuticorin.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board await Mr. Puckle's further report (which should be submitted without unavoidable delay) on Mr. Markham's suggestions, and on oyster nursery generally.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1867, No. 881.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the promised further report, which should be based on full enquiry.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 881.

Ch. Dept. with Reference to Contract &c. &c. &c.

Quarter Sessions

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