

Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition from the divers of Lutice
Linnemully St., praying that the rate
for fishing charges may be raised
disposed of under para 2 of C petition
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From
The Divers of Tuticorin,
Tinnevely Dt.

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SUBJECT.

Praying that the rate for fish-
ing chanks may be raised
owing to the scarcity of prices
and on account of small in
quantity of chanks now
fished in these years.

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PETITION

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*To His Excellency
The Right Honorable
Governor in Council
Fort St. George
Madras.*

*The humble petition of
the undersigned Divers of
Tinnevely District at Tuticorin
Most submissively sheweth.—*

1. *That the poor petitioners
beg to submit their following
requisition into your Excellency's
benign consideration to be maintained
to their goodness and for which
they crave to be apologised.*

2. *That the rate of Rs. 2 per
100 Chanks paid to the divers of
the past generation by the Government
was met by them to be enough owing
to the cheapness in every kind of articles
of food and to the large quantity of
chanks then fished by them, but the
petitioners find it to be insufficient
for their maintenances on account of
the great scarcity in all respects of
necessaries of life which stands ruling
many years together and of small quantity
of chanks now being fished in these years.*

3. *That there are seven months
in a year in which fishing Chanks is
capable of being acted up, and only 100 to
120 are the working days throughout
these*

these seven months - because it being rainy during the months of November and December, and strong cold wind blowing in the month of January, fishing chanks will have to be deterred on many days and divers are apt to remain in their houses without going to some other work expecting for the approach of a fine clear day to go again for fishing chanks; also their profession is such that they are disqualified to change it for another for an interval.

4. That the petitioners beg your Excellency's attention to the following three years accounts -

I For fishing Chanks in 1896-97 the Government has paid to the petitioners Rs. 4195 for 7 cannoes employed by 49 men on 114 days which is equal to Annas 12 per head per day or Rs. 12.3.8 per head per month upon the calculation for 7 months.

II For fishing Chanks in 1895-96 the Government has paid Rs. 3712 for 6 cannoes employed by 42 men on 128 days that gives Annas 11 per head per day or Rs. 12.10.0 per head per month by calculation for 7 months.

III For fishing Chanks in 1894-95 the Government has paid Rs. 4090 for 6 cannoes employed by 42 men on 107 days that gives Annas 14½ per

per head per day or Rs. 13.14½ per head per month by calculation for 7 months.

5. That at the instance of pearls fished simultaneously at Mannar and Tuticorin in the year 1889, and though all the divers of Madurai District, from the village as Keelagarai &c had been to Mannar, there were not less than 400 divers, of Tinnevely District on 33 boats, for fishing pearls at Tuticorin.

6. That out of the 400 divers there are only 50 men on 6 or 7 cannoes who usually go to fish chanks, as it being for the first cause to insufficient remuneration for their hard work and secondly for their undergoing risk of their lives in it which is not the case in fishing pearls.

7. That although the Government incur into a deal of expenses at Pearl Fishery, the divers are well and properly rewarded with one third share of what they produce.

8. That the petitioners' humble supplication to their immediate direct authority, the Superintendent of Pearl and Chank Fisheries, provided them a uncared for and an unsatisfactory answer.

Therefore the poor petitioners humbly beg Your Excellency will graciously be pleased to enter into detail of their reasons as stated above to pass an order to entitle them either to own half of the share of Chanks they bring out or to be paid with Rs. 3 for every 100 Chanks

in

in liquidation of their hard work
which they submit to the Government.

For which act of great charity
and benevolence

The poor petitioners shall as in
duty bound ever pray

Tuticorin
26th Oct: 97

Pakiam Museranga

Santhia Muskranga

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To

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
COLOMBO.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter, dated 15th October 1897, No. 1876
I am directed to forward herewith, for transmission to the Director of the
Botanical Gardens, Peradenya, a collection of the Proceedings of this Govern-
ment containing orders on Botanical, Agricultural and kindred matters which
have issued or been printed since the date of the letter quoted above.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,



Secretary to Government.

Dated 5th Novr. 1897