

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 839

Dated 5 th October

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording with remarks Board's Place
submit to Govt the report from the Super of
Chauk fisheries for the year 1896-97.

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Pearl Fisheries

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

The Hon. Sir Henry Bliss
K.C.S.R.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

With reference to the Hon: member's query, as to whether any report has of late been received "garding the Pearl Fishery - a much more important matter" than the Chank fisheries, it is submitted that a report on the subject was received from Mr Baker in June last and was recorded under G.O. No 3040 on 15th June 1897. This report which was returned to the Board with the copy of the above^{G.O.} has since been obtained and is submitted herewith for perusal. It will be seen therefrom that the results of Mr Baker's inspection of the bank are encouraging, though he thinks

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thinks that it is likely to
take on their three years before
a successful fishery can be
undertaken. There has ~~not~~
been a fishery since 1891 and
in 1894, the Board ^{from} the
report of the inspecting banks
submitted by Mr. Baker in-
formed Govt. that the chance
of holding a fishery was remote.

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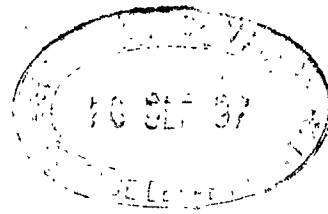
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FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue (1897) Department.



CURRENT No. 83

The Hon. Mr. G. C. L. E.

The Hon. Sir Henry Bliss K. C. L. E.

Order P. S. No. 839 of 5th Oct. 1897
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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,

Madras.

No. 316 Press

Dated

23rd September 1897.

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. with remarks,
report on the working of Chank
Fishery during 1896-97 in the Tin-
nevelly District & requesting that
the estimate of Rs. 6958 for the
working of the fishing during the
ensuing season ending 31-5-98, be
sanctioned.

To

The Board of Rev. L. R.

Acct. General.

Note

The results of the ^{past} years'
operations

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operations are briefly reviewed in the Board's Resolution. The Board has asked for early orders in order that Mr Baker may if necessary commence work in ~~for~~ Oct next the Collector it will however be seen has authorized Mr Baker to do so in anticipation of sanction.

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Probable Estimate for the Temporary Establishments required for conducting Chank Fishery during the season ending 31st May 1898.

12-Canoes for 8-months -	@ - Rs 6/each per month from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898.	576	
1- Gunastah -	Rs 10/-	80	
1- Canoes	@ - Rs 7/-	56	
1- Peon	@ - Rs 4/-	56	
1- Watcher	@ - Rs 5/-	40	
Contingencies		150	
Amount to be paid for 300,000 Chank Shells @ Rs 20/- per 1000/-		6,000	
			Total Rs - 6,958/-

Pearl Fishery Office
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(Copies). J.H. Barker
Superintendent of Chank Fishery

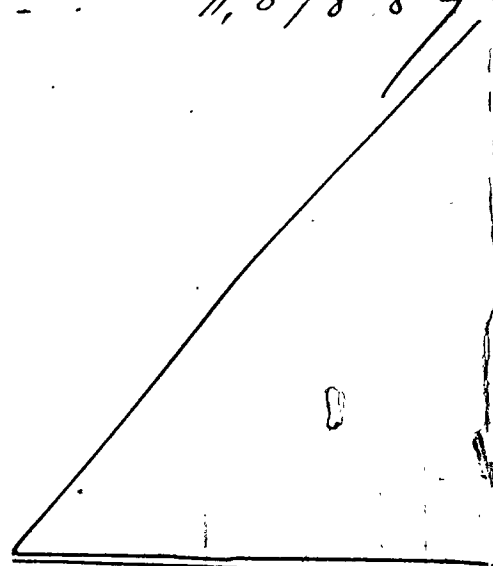
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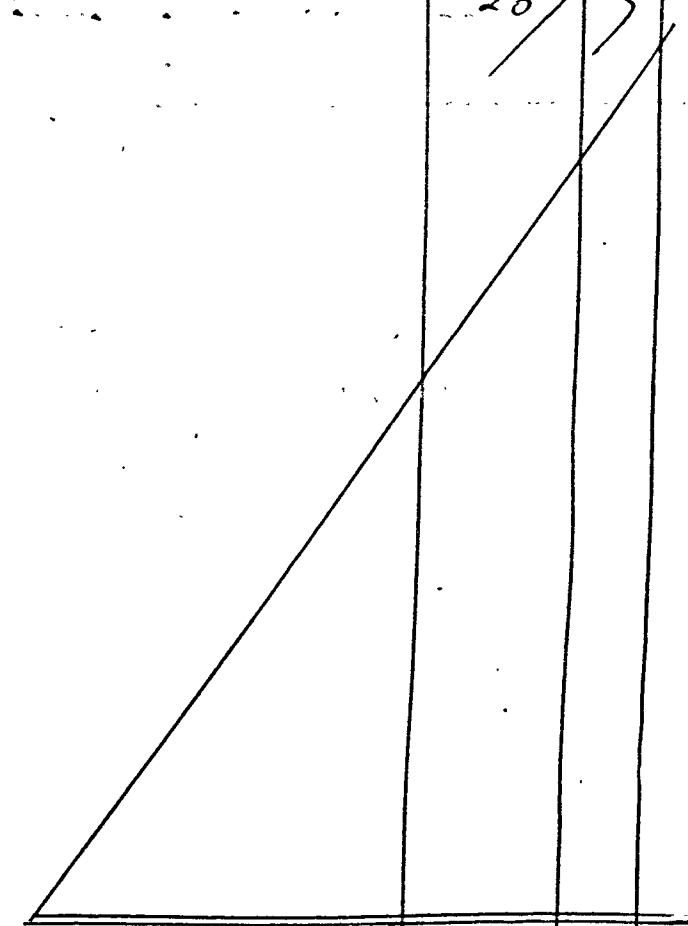
Statement showing the number of Chank shells fished and the net amount realized from 1876-77 to 1896-97.

Years.	Chanks fished.	Rate per 1000.			Net amount realized.			Remarks.
		Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	
1876-77	282,737	71	4		12,066	4	6	✓
1877-78	360,131	91	"	"	22,904	4	7	✓
1878-79	388,064	83	"	"	22,250	4	7	✓
1879-80	123,540	85	10		6,714	13	2	✓
1880-81	105,277	125	8		9,645	8	3	✓
1881-82	303,590	115	2	"	28,450	8	6	✓
1882-83	247,696	116	3	"	22,038	13	7	✓
1883-84	210,005	82	11	"	11,347	1	5	✓
1884-85	—	"	"	"	"	"	"	No fishery
1885-86	332,757	96	"	"	23,970	"	11	✓
1886-87	183,398	85	8	"	10,703	6	11	✓
1887-88	50,558	123	"	"	4,137	12	3	✓
1888-89	26,537	76	6	1	901	14	2	✓
1889-90	55,639	84	6	11	3,091	10	2	✓
1890-91	343,726	79	8	"	19,413	15	"	✓
1891-92	316,354	45	"	"	8,038	5	10	✓
1892-93		51	"	"				
1893-94	86,474	57	8	"	2,824	3	10	✓
1894-95	204,593	62	14	10	8,455	3	5	✓
1895-96	185,641	81	6	3	11,067	14	10	✓
1896-97	209,801	77	6	3	11,878	8	7	✓
Total	"	"	"	"	239,900	10	6	✓

Pearl Fishery Office }
 Tuticorin 3rd Sept: 1897 } (sd) J. H. Baker
 Superintendent Pearl & Chank Fisheries
 (True Copy) *Reelin*
 Secretary

Account Current of the Chank Fishery for the Season 1896-97

Charges	Amount
To Cash paid for 209,801 Chank Shells @ Rs 20/- per 1000/-	4195 2 2
Binners + Thodais for preparing Ropes and Stones	44 8
Hire of Canoes for fishing Chanks	224 6 9
Salary to the Temporary Establishment from 1 st October 1896 to 30 August 1897	80 3 1
Contingencies	57 4 6
	<u>4595 8 6</u>
Net profit to Government	11,878 8 7
	
Total Rupees	16,474 1 1

Receipts	Amount
By sale proceeds of 209,801 good Chank Shells sold to K. R. N. Naraiyan Chetty @ Rs 44-6-3 per 1000/- Shells	16,236 10 1
.. Sale proceeds of 23,744 light and Wormed shells sold to K. R. N. Naraiyan Chetty @ Rs 10/- per 1000/- Shells	237 7 4
	
Total Rupees	16,474 1 1

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(Signed) J. H. Baker
Superintendent, Pearl & Chank Fisheries

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Re. Hon. Cur. Genl 1553/97

(To be returned.)

The details of expenditure under "contingencies", Rs 80-3-1 should be given.

2. A sum of Rs 51-4-6 is shown under charges as having been spent as salary of the temporary establishment. Full details should be given as in the last year.

3. A sum of Rs 150. has been provided under "contingencies" in the probable estimate for the coming chank fishery season. Details of the various items should be given.

(Signed) D. G. Waller
for Collector.

Reply to P.F./141
10-9-97

Details called for in paras 1, 2 and 3 are herewith attached.

(signed) J. H. Baker
Supt. P. Fisheries

(True Copy)
(sd) A. W. B. Higgins.
Collector.

(True Copy.)
R. Allen

Secretary
Board of Revenue (L.R.)

Q. L. L. Lot No. 150-0-1

~~Rs~~	45	-	6
"	35	-	2-7
Total ~~Rs~~	80	-	3-1

(56) J. H. Baker
Superintendent Fisheries.
(True Copy)

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Details of Contingencies of Chank Fishery Dept.
for Rs. 51-4-6.

To Water for Divers and peon.	11	9	
Oil for night lamps	10	4	
Baskets for carrying Chanks.	"	8	
Bamboo and ropes for buoys	5	1	
Cleaning Chank godown	1	"	
Book for keeping Diary	"	12	
Trainage on a parcel of Chank bills	"	4	
Making six gauge boards for Divers	1	7	
Repairs to lamp	"	1	6
Hire of Mandadee for buoying			
Chank beds	6	"	
Tax paid on the building of the Chank Fishery office	6	9	
Padlock for the Chank godown	"	8	
Cooly Hire for carrying Chanks into the godown.	6	14	3
Bath for the Chank Peon while on duty on Islands	"	6	
Total Rs.	51	4	6

Pearl Fishery Office }
Cuticoria, 10th Sept. 1897

(sd) J. H. Baker
Superintendent Pearl Fisheries
(True copy)

Details of the
of the Chank Fishing Dept. for Rs. 150-0-0.

To. Coconut oil for lamps	10	"	"
Bamboo Mats	1	8	"
Clay Baskets	"	4	"
Bamboo for buoys	5	12	"
Ropes for above	2	"	"
Flags for buoys	"	8	"
Cooly hire for carrying chanks	5	"	"
Cart hire for bamboo buoys	1	"	"
Hire of Divers and mandadies	6	"	"
Hire of Dhonies & Canoes for carrying			
Chanks from Islands	15	"	"
Water for Divers	10	"	"
Pots and Pans for Divers	3	"	"
Batta for clerk and Chank Men.	5	"	"
Repairs to Chank godown & watch-house	35	"	"
Cost of ropes & stones for Divers & Dhodais	50	"	"
Total Rs	150	"	"

Pearl Fishing Office }
Luticoria, 10th Sept. 1897

(Sd) J. H. Baker.
Superintendent Pearl F.

(True copy)
Secretary.

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From.

J. H. Baker Esquire

Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries.

To.

The Collector of
Tinnevely.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information that the Bank shells have all been delivered to Kana Roona Naraina Muthu Caropen Chetty, son of K. R. N. Narainan Chetty the purchaser and the sale proceeds realized thereon amounting to Rs 16474-1-1 have been paid into the Local Treasury on the 26th July and 17th August 1897.

2. The actual number of days the Canoe proceeded to sea was 114, in which time 209,801. goods and 23744 light and worned shells were obtained. These were sold by sealed tenders on the 24th July '97 as per Conditions notified on the 27th Mo 1897. Two tenders were received, of which a tender from K. R. N. Narainan Chetty Calcutta offering Rs 77-6-3 per 1000 for large and

shells being the highest, was with your approval accepted.

3. I annex the prices obtained on the Chank shells during past three years—

1894-95	Rs 62-14-10 per 1000/
1895-96	Rs 81-6-3 — do—
1896-97.	Rs 77-6-3 — do—

4. The profit of the year under report as will be seen in the account current is Rs 11,878-8-7 against Rs 11,067-14-10, during previous years. The fall in price, I presume during the year 1896-97 is attributed to famine and other disasters in the N. W. Provinces, which caused the Chank market to be dull.

5. The fishery was commenced on the 18th November 1896 and continued up to 25th May 1897 during which period seven canoes were employed. The amount of cash actually paid to Divers for 209,801 shells at Rs 20/ per 1000 was Rs 4195-2-2 whereas the real value that should have been paid on the above Chank is Rs 4196-4, as the value paid for small quantities of shells below ten in number will at times differ from the value

per 1000, the difference Rs 14-2 will be noticed.

6. The fishery was carried on for ten days off Pinnacoli, Haro Island and Vantheem and the number of good Chanks obtained off these Islands was 54,403.

7. The fishery during the season 1896-97 was interrupted for 19 days owing to cloudy, hazy weather and light and variable winds rendering land marks indistinguishable and therefore the number of Chanks fished was below my estimate.

8. The Chank godown requires little repair and whitewashing and the wooden watch-house roofing requires a fresh covering and tarring and the masonry basement on which the structure stands need some repairs.

9. I herewith enclose an account current also probable estimate for the next season and request the favor of latter being sanctioned at an early date as I would like to renew operations

about

beginning of October if weather
permits.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servant.

(SD) J. H. Baker

Superintendent, Pearl & Chank

Islands.

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Secretary

Ref on Cur Genl Br: $\frac{1553/97}{14-9-97}$.

Submitted (in original) to the Secretary
to the Commissioners of Land Revenue
for information together with enclosures
and copies of this office reference, dated
6-9-97 to the Superintendent and his
reply thereto.

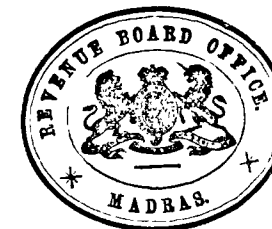
2. It is requested that the budget
estimate for conducting the chank
fishery for the ensuing season may be
sanctioned at a very early date.

I have in anticipation of sanction
asked the Superintendent to begin
fishing operation should the weather
prove favorable.

(sd) A. W. B. Higgins.
Collector.

(True Copy)

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Secretary.
(Board of Revenue, L.R.)



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

No. 316 Press, dated 23rd September 1897.

Read Endorsement of the Collector of Tinnevely, Ref. on Cur. No. 1553, dated 14th September 1897.

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Resolution

Submitted to Government.

2. The gross receipts from the chank fishery during the past season amounted to Rs. 16474-1-1 and the charges to Rs. 4595-8-6, leaving a net profit to Government of Rs. 11,878-8-7 against Rs. 11067-14-10 in 1895-96 and Rs. 8455-3-5 in 1894-95. 209801 good shells and 23,744 tight and wormed ones were extracted of which the former realized Rs. 77-6-3 against Rs. 81-6-3 in 1895-96 and the latter Rs. 10, per lot of 1000 shells. The fall in price under good shells is reported to be due "to famine and other disasters in the North Western Provinces which caused the Chank Market to be dull".

3. The charges sanctioned by Government for the fishery in 1896-97 were Rs. 7210, but the actual expenditure amounted to only Rs. 4595-8-6 as above stated. The decrease was mainly due to the smaller outturn.

4. Mr. Baker estimates the cost for the ensuing season at Rs. 6958. The proposed expenditure can be met from sanctioned estimate of Rs. 5000 for the current year and the budget estimate of Rs. 7000 for 1898-99.

5. Board requests that the above estimate may be sanctioned at a very early date. Mr Baker proposes to start work, if possible, in October and the Collector has instructed him to do so should the weather prove favorable.

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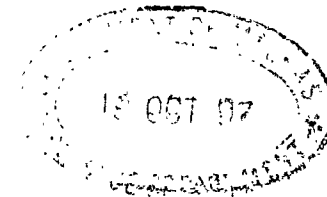
To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
With Copies of Collector's letter and enclosures.
Copy to the Collector of Tinnevely.

Md. R. H.

Revenue (189 /) Department.

CURRENT No.



From *The Board of Rev.*
L. R.

Order

No. 316

Dated 23-7-97

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed October 8th.

Proceedings, No. 316, 23rd September 1897.

SEPTEMBER.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, report on the working of chank fishery during 1896-97 in the Tinnevely district, and requesting that the estimate of Rs. 6,953 for the working of the fishing during the ensuing season ending 31st May 1898 may be sanctioned.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from T. H. BAKER, Esq., Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, Tuticorin, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 3rd September 1897, No. 132—P.F. :—

I have the honour to report, for your information, that the chank shells have all been delivered to Kana Roona Navanna Muthoocaropen Chetty, son of K. R. N. Naraianen Chetty, the purchaser, and the sale-proceeds realized thereon, amounting to Rs. 16,474-1-1, have been paid into the local treasury on the 26th July and 17th August 1897.

2. The actual number of days the canoes proceeded to sea was 114, in which time 209,801 good and 23,744 tight and wormed shells were obtained. These were sold by sealed tenders on the 24th July 1897, as per conditions notified on the 27th May 1897. Two tenders were received, of which a tender from K. R. N. Naraianen Chetty, of Calcutta, offering Rs. 77-6-3 per 1,000 for large and Rs. 10 per 1,000 for tight and wormed shells, being the highest, was, with your approval, accepted.

3. I annex the prices obtained on the chank shells during past three years :—

	RS.	A.	P.
1894-95	62	14	10
1895-96	81	6	3
1896-97	77	6	3

4. The profit of the year under report, as will be seen in the account current, is Rs. 11,878-8-7 against Rs. 11,067-14-10 during previous years. The fall in price, I presume during the year 1896-97, is attributed to famine and other disasters in the North-Western Provinces which caused the chank market to be dull.

5. The fishery was commenced on the 18th November 1896 and continued up to 25th May 1897, during which period seven canoes were employed. The amount of cash actually paid to divers for 209,801 shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000, was Rs. 4,195-2-2; whereas the real value that should have been paid on the above chanks is Rupees 4,196-0-4, as the value paid for small quantities of shells below ten in number will at times differ from the value paid on 100 shells in a lump by one pie or so, the difference, As. 14-2, will be noticed.

6. The fishery was carried on for ten days off Pinnacoi, Hare Island, and Vantheevu, and the number of good chanks obtained off these islands was 54,403.

7. The fishery during the season 1896-97 was interrupted for 69 days owing to cloudy, hazy weather and light and variable winds rendering land-marks indiscernible and therefore the number of chanks fished was below my estimate.

8. The chank godown requires little repair and whitewashing and the wooden watch-house roofing requires a fresh covering and tarring and the masonry basements on which the structure stands need some repairs.

9. I herewith enclose an account current, also probable estimate for the next season, and request the favour of latter being sanctioned at an early date as I would like to renew operation about beginning of October if weather permits.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the number of chank shells fished and the net amount realized from 1876-77 to 1896-97.

Years.	Chanks fished.	Rate per 1,000.	Net amount realized.	Remarks.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
1876-77	282,737	71 4 0	12,066 4 6	
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1881-82	303,590	115 2 0	28,450 8 6	
1882-83	247,696	116 3 0	22,038 13 7	
1883-84	210,005	82 11 0	11,347 1 5	No fishery.
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1891-92	86,474	51 0 0	2,824 3 10	
1892-93	204,593	57 8 0	8,455 3 5	
1893-94	185,641	62 14 10	11,067 14 10	
1894-95	209,801	81 6 3	11,878 8 7	
1895-96		77 6 3		
1896-97			2,39,900 10 6	
Total				

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

PROBABLE estimate for the temporary establishment, &c., required for conducting chank fishery during the season ending 31st May 1898.

	RS.
To twelve canoes for eight months, at Rs. 6 each per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	576
To one gumastah for eight months, at Rs. 10 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	80
To one counter for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	56
To one peon for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	56
To one watcher for eight months, at Rs. 5 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	40
To contingencies	150
Amount to be paid for 300,000 chank shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000	6,000
Total	6,958

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Account current of the chank fishery for the season 1896-97.

Charges.		Amount.		
		RS.	A.	P.
To cash paid for 209,801 chank shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000 ...		4,195	2	2
" divers and thodais for preparing ropes and stones ...		44	8	0
" hire of canoes for fishing chanks ...		224	6	9
" salary to the temporary establishment from 1st October 1896 to 30th August 1897 ...		80	3	1
" contingencies ...		51	4	6
Net profit to Government ...		4,595	8	6
		11,878	8	7
Total ...		16,474	1	1

Receipts.				
		RS.	A.	P.
By sale-proceeds of 209,801 good chank shells sold to K. R. N. Naraiyan Chetty, at Rs. 77-6-3 per 1,000 shells. ...		16,236	10	1
" sale-proceeds of 23,744 tight and wormed shells sold to K. R. N. Naraiyan Chetty, at Rs. 10 per 1,000 shells ...		237	7	0
Total ...		16,474	1	1

Ref. A. on Cur. No. 1553-Genl.

The details of expenditure under "Contingencies," Rs. 80-3-1 should be given.
 2. A sum of Rs. 51-4-6 is shown under *Charges* as having been spent as salary of the temporary establishment. Full details should be given as in the last year.
 3. A sum of Rs. 150 has been provided under "Contingencies" in the probable estimate for the coming chank fishery season. Details of the various items should be given.

(Signed) D. G. WALLER,
for Collector.

No. 141-P.F.

Details called for in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 are herewith attached.

10th September 1897.

(Signed) T. H. BAKER,
Superintendent, Pearl Fisheries.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

DETAILS of temporary establishment of the Chank Fishery Department, Tuticorin, from October 1896 to 30th August 1897 for Rs. 80-3-1.

Month.	Establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.	Month.	Establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.
October 1896 ..	Peon ..	RS. A. P.		October 1896..	Watcher.	RS. A. P.	
November ..	do. ..	3 0 6		November ..	do. ..	..	
December ..	do. ..	7 0 0		December ..	do. ..	..	
January 1897 ..	do. ..	7 0 0		January 1897..	do. ..	..	
February ..	do. ..	7 0 0		February ..	do. ..	1 2 1	
March ..	do. ..	7 0 0		March ..	do. ..	5 0 0	
April ..	do. ..	7 0 0		April ..	do. ..	5 0 0	
May ..	do. ..	7 0 0		May ..	do. ..	5 0 0	
June ..	do. ..	..		June ..	do. ..	4 0 6	
July ..	do. ..	..		July ..	do. ..	5 0 0	
August ..	do. ..	..		August ..	do. ..	5 0 0	
Total ..		45 0 6		Total ..		35 2 7	
				Grand total ..		80 3 1	

BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), No. 316, 23RD SEPTEMBER 1897. 5

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

DETAILS of contingencies of Chank Fishery Department for Rs. 51-4-6.

	RS.	A.	P.
To water for divers and peon ...	11	9	0
" oil for night lamps ...	10	4	3
" baskets for carrying chanks ...	0	8	0
" bamboo and ropes for buoys ...	5	1	6
" cleaning chank godown ...	1	0	0
" book for keeping diary ...	0	12	0
" trainage on a parcel of chank bills ...	0	4	0
" making six gauge boards for divers ...	1	7	0
" repairs to lamp ...	0	1	6
" hire of mandady for buoying chank beds ...	6	0	0
" tax paid on the building of the Chank Fishery office ...	6	9	0
" padlock for the chank godown ...	0	8	0
" cooly-hire for carrying chanks into the godown ...	6	14	3
" batta for the chank peon while on duty on islands ...	0	6	0
Total ...	51	4	6

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

DETAILS of the probable estimate under contingencies of the Chank Fishery Department, for Rs. 150.

	RS.	A.	P.
To coconut oil for lamps ...	10	0	0
" bamboo mats ...	1	8	0
" clay baskets ...	0	4	0
" bamboo for buoys ...	5	12	0
" ropes for above ...	2	0	0
" flags for buoys ...	0	8	0
" cooly-hire for carrying chanks ...	5	0	0
" cart-hire for bamboo buoys ...	1	0	0
" hire of divers and mandadies ...	6	0	0
" hire of dhonies and canoes for carrying chanks from islands ...	15	0	0
" water for divers ...	10	0	0
" pots and pans for divers ...	3	0	0
" batta for clerk and chank peon ...	5	0	0
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Secretary.

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OCTOBER.

Chank Fisheries.

Recording, with remarks, Board's Proceedings submitting to Government the report from the Superintendent of — for the year 1896-97.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 316, dated 23rd September 1897:—

Read—the following letter from T. H. BAKER, Esq., Superintendent of Pearl Fisheries, Tuticorin, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 3rd September 1897, No. 132—P.F.:—

I have the honour to report, for your information, that the chank shells have all been delivered to Kana Roona Navanna Muthoocaropen Chetty, son of K. R. N. Naraianen Chetty, the purchaser, and the sale-proceeds realized thereon, amounting to Rs. 16,474-1-1, have been paid into the local treasury on the 26th July and 17th August 1897.

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3. I annex the prices obtained on the chank shells during past three years:—

						RS.	A.	P.	
1894-95	...	...	...	...	...	62	14	10	per 1,000.
1895-96	...	...	...	...	...	81	6	3	do.
1896-97	...	...	...	...	...	77	6	3	do.

4. The profit of the year under report, as will be seen in the account current, is Rs. 11,067-14-10 against Rs. 11,067-14-10 during previous years. The fall in price, I presume during the year 1896-97, is attributed to famine and other disasters in the North-Western Provinces which caused the chank market to be dull.

5. The fishery was commenced on the 18th November 1896 and continued up to 25th May 1897, during which period seven canoes were employed. The amount of cash actually paid to divers for 209,801 shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000, was Rs. 4,195-2-2; whereas the real value that should have been paid on the above chanks is Rupees 4,196-0-4, as the value paid for small quantities of shells below ten in number will at times differ from the value paid on 100 shells in a lump by one pie or so, the difference, As. 14-2, will be noticed.

6. The fishery was carried on for ten days off Pinnacoil, Hare Island, and Vantheevu, and the number of good chanks obtained off these islands was 54,403.

7. The fishery during the season 1896-97 was interrupted for 69 days owing to cloudy, hazy weather and light and variable winds rendering land-marks indiscernible and therefore the number of chanks fished was below my estimate.

8. The chank godown requires little repair and whitewashing and the wooden watch-house roofing requires a fresh covering and tarring and the masonry basements on which the structure stands need some repairs.

9. I herewith enclose an account current, also probable estimate for the next season, and request the favour of latter being sanctioned at an early date as I would like to renew operation about beginning of October if weather permits.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the number of chank shells fished and the net amount realized from 1876-77 to 1896-97.

Years.	Chanks fished.	Rate per 1,000.	Net amount realized.	Remarks.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
1876-77 ..	282,737	71 4 0	12,066 4 6	
1877-78 ..	360,131	91 0 0	22,904 4 7	
1878-79 ..	388,064	83 0 0	22,250 4 7	
1879-80 ..	123,540	85 10 0	6,714 13 2	
1880-81 ..	105,277	125 8 0	9,645 8 3	
1881-82 ..	303,590	115 2 0	28,450 8 6	
1882-83 ..	247,696	116 3 0	22,038 13 7	
1883-84 ..	210,005	82 11 0	11,347 1 5	No fishery.
1884-85 ..	332,757	96 0 0	23,970 0 11	
1885-86 ..	183,398	85 8 0	10,703 6 11	
1886-87 ..	50,558	123 0 0	4,137 12 3	
1887-88 ..	26,537	76 6 1	901 14 2	
1888-89 ..	55,639	84 6 11	3,091 10 2	
1889-90 ..	343,726	79 8 0	19,413 15 0	
1890-91 ..	316,354	45 0 0	8,038 5 10	
1891-92 ..	86,474	51 0 0	2,824 3 10	
1892-93 ..	204,593	57 8 0	8,455 3 5	
1893-94 ..	185,641	62 14 10	11,067 14 10	
1894-95 ..	209,801	81 6 3	11,878 8 7	
1895-96 ..		77 6 3		
1896-97 ..				
Total ..			2,39,900 10 6	

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

PROBABLE estimate for the temporary establishment, &c., required for conducting chank fishery during the season ending 31st May 1898.

	RS.
To twelve canoes for eight months, at Rs. 6 each per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	576
To one gumastah for eight months, at Rs. 10 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	80
To one counter for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	56
To one peon for eight months, at Rs. 7 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	56
To one watcher for eight months, at Rs. 5 per mensem, from 1st October 1897 to 31st May 1898	40
To contingencies	150
„ amount to be paid for 300,000 chank shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000	6,000
Total	6,958

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ACCOUNT current of the chank fishery for the season 1896-97.

Charges.		Amount.		
		RS.	A.	P.
To cash paid for 209,801 chank shells, at Rs. 20 per 1,000	...	4,195	2	2
" divers and thodais for preparing ropes and stones	...	44	8	0
" hire of canoes for fishing chanks	...	224	6	9
" salary to the temporary establishment from 1st October 1896 to 30th August 1897	...	80	3	1
" contingencies	...	51	4	6
Net profit to Government	...	4,595	8	6
	...	11,878	8	7
Total	...	16,474	1	1

Receipts.				
		RS.	A.	P.
By sale-proceeds of 209,801 good chank shells sold to K. R. N. Naraiyan Chetty, at Rs. 77-6-3 per 1,000 shells.	...	16,236	10	1
" sale-proceeds of 23,744 tight and wormed shells sold to K. R. N. Naraiyan Chetty, at Rs. 10 per 1,000 shells	...	237	7	0
Total	...	16,474	1	1

Ref. A. on Cur. No. 1553-Genl.

The details of expenditure under "Contingencies," Rs. 80-3-1 should be given.

2. A sum of Rs. 51-4-6 is shown under *Charges* as having been spent as salary of the temporary establishment. Full details should be given as in the last year.

3. A sum of Rs. 150 has been provided under "Contingencies" in the probable estimate for the coming chank fishery season. Details of the various items should be given.

(Signed) D. G. WALLER,
for Collector.

No. 141-P.F.

Details called for in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 are herewith attached.

10th September 1897.

(Signed) T. H. BAKER,
Superintendent, Pearl Fisheries.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

DETAILS of temporary establishment of the Chank Fishery Department, Tuticorin, from October 1896 to 30th August 1897 for Rs. 80-3-1.

Month.	Establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.	Month.	Establishment.	Pay.	Remarks.
October 1896	Peon	Rs. A. P.		October 1896	Watcher.	Rs. A. P.	
November	do.	3 0 6		November	do.	..	
December	do.	7 0 0		December	do.	..	
January 1897	do.	7 0 0	Vide Government Order, No. 633, dated 16th November 1896.	January 1897	do.	1 2 1	Vide Government Order, No. 633, dated 16th November 1896.
February	do.	7 0 0		February	do.	5 0 0	
March	do.	7 0 0		March	do.	5 0 0	
April	do.	7 0 0		April	do.	5 0 0	
May	do.	7 0 0		May	do.	4 0 6	
June	do.	..		June	do.	5 0 0	
July	do.	..		July	do.	5 0 0	
August	do.	..		August	do.	5 0 0	
Total	..	45 0 6		Total	..	35 2 7	
				Grand total	..	80 3 1	

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

DETAILS of contingencies of Chank Fishery Department for Rs. 51-4-6.

	RS.	A.	P.
To water for divers and peon	11	9	0
" oil for night lamps	10	4	3
" baskets for carrying chanks	0	8	0
" bamboo and ropes for buoys	5	1	6
" cleaning chank godown	1	0	0
" book for keeping diary	0	12	0
" trainage on a parcel of chank bills	0	4	0
" making six gauge boards for divers	1	7	0
" repairs to lamp	0	1	6
" hire of mandady for buoying chank beds	6	0	0
" tax paid on the building of the Chank Fishery office	6	9	0
" padlock for the chank godown	0	8	0
" cooly-hire for carrying chanks into the godown	6	14	3
" batta for the chank peon while on duty on islands	0	6	0
Total	51	4	6

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

DETAILS of the probable estimate under contingencies of the Chank Fishery Department for Rs. 150.

	RS.	A.	P.
To coconut oil for lamps	10	0	0
" bamboo mats	1	8	0
" clay baskets	0	4	0
" bamboo for buoys	5	12	0
" ropes for above	2	0	0
" flags for buoys	0	8	0
" cooly-hire for carrying chanks	5	0	0
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" hire of divers and mandadies	6	0	0
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Secretary.

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ORDER—No. 839, Revenue, dated 5th October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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