

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 27.

The following is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1888.

PEARL FISHERY OF 1888.

Notice is hereby given that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Silávatturai, in the Island of Ceylon, on or about February 15, 1888. The banks to be fished are the following, viz. :—

First, north part of east side of Cheval, estimated to contain oysters sufficient to employ 100 boats for thirteen days, with average loads of 10,000 oysters each per day.

Second, south part of west side of Cheval, estimated to contain oysters sufficient to employ 100 boats for twenty days, with average loads of 8,000 oysters each per day.

Third, north part of west side of Cheval, estimated to contain oysters sufficient to employ 100 boats for twenty days, with average loads of 10,000 oysters each per day.

Fourth, south part of east side of Cheval, estimated to contain oysters sufficient to employ 100 boats for twenty days' fishing, with average loads of 10,000 oysters each per day. [See statements of valuations below.]

It is therefore recommended that such boat owners and divers as may wish to be employed at the said fishery should be at Silávatturai on or before February 12 next; and it is notified that the first day's fishery will take place on or about February 15, if possible.

The fishery will be conducted on account of Government, and the oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed expedient.

The arrangements of the fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions.

All payments to be made in ready money in Ceylon currency.

Drafts on the banks in Colombo or bills on the Agents of this Government in India, at ten days' sight, will be taken on letters of credit being produced to warrant the drawing of such drafts or bills.

For the convenience of purchasers, the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces will be authorised to receive cash deposits from parties intending to become purchasers, and receipts of these officers will be taken in payment of any sums due on account of the fishery.

No deposit will be received for a less sum than Rs. 250.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, December 3, 1887.

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.—STATEMENT of the Valuation and Produce of 12,053 Oysters taken from the north part of the east side of Cheval in November, 1887.

Description.	Size in Basket.	Number.	Quantity in Chevoe.	Total.		Value.		Total Value.		Per Chevoe.	Per Kalangey.
				K.	M.	K.	M.	Rs.	c.		
1 Anatharey .....	20	1	0 $\frac{34}{320}$	0	0 $\frac{6}{16}$	—	—	3	71 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	10 star pagodas
2 Kalippu .....	—	1	0 $\frac{34}{320}$	0	0 $\frac{6}{16}$	—	—	2	97 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 star pagodas
3 Kodai .....	—	3	—	0	1 $\frac{6}{16}$	0	2 $\frac{2}{16}$	0	24	6 · 93 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 do.
4 Kalippu .....	30	3	0 $\frac{80}{320}$	0	1	0	1	5	25	5 25	6 star pagodas
5 Kalippu .....	50	5	—	0	1	—	—	3	50	—	20 star pagodas
6 Korowal .....	—	10	—	0	2 $\frac{2}{16}$	—	—	5	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	14 do.
7 Peesel .....	—	10	—	0	2 $\frac{10}{16}$	0	5 $\frac{12}{16}$	1	83 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 54 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 do.
8 Kalippu .....	80	9	—	0	1 $\frac{6}{16}$	—	—	3	85	—	16 do.
9 Koroval .....	—	23	—	0	3 $\frac{10}{16}$	—	—	6	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	10 do.
10 Peesel .....	—	18	—	0	3 $\frac{12}{16}$	0	8 $\frac{2}{16}$	2	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 38	4 do.
11 Vadivoe, ex-	100	—	1 $\frac{40}{320}$	0	16	} 2	14	128	291 $\frac{1}{2}$	128 29 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 star pagodas
12 eluding	200	—	0 $\frac{308}{320}$	1	4						
13 Madanku	400	—	0 $\frac{14}{320}$	0	14						
14 Tool .....	600 800 1000	—	2 $\frac{142}{320}$	2	11 $\frac{4}{16}$	2	11 $\frac{4}{16}$	35	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 star pagodas
15 Marise tool .....	—	—	—	2	12 $\frac{8}{16}$	2	12 $\frac{8}{16}$	18	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 star pagodas
16 Shell Pearls .....	—	—	—	—	—	8	141 $\frac{2}{16}$	—	—	217 65	—
						0	2	—	—	0 35	—
						8	161 $\frac{2}{16}$			218 0	

No. 2.—STATEMENT of the Valuation and Produce of Pearls from 12,110 Oysters taken from the south part of the west side of Cheval in November, 1887.

Description.	Size in Basket.	Number.	Quantity in Chevoe.	Total.		Value.		Total Value.		Per Chevoe.	Per Kalangey.		
				K.	M.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.				
1 Kalippu .....	30	2	—	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 star pagodas
2 Koroval .....	50	7	—	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	4	20	—	—	—	16 do.
3 Peesel .....	—	12	—	0	2 $\frac{2}{16}$	0	3 $\frac{10}{16}$	1	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	3 do.
4 Anatharey .....	80	3	0 $\frac{20}{320}$	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	4	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	20 star pagodas	—
5 Kalippu .....	—	9	—	0	1 $\frac{6}{16}$	—	—	4	81	—	—	—	20 star pagodas
6 Koroval .....	—	17	—	0	2 $\frac{9}{16}$	—	—	4	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	10 do.
7 Peesel .....	—	20	—	0	3 $\frac{1}{16}$	0	7 $\frac{9}{16}$	2	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	15	85 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	4 do.
8 Vadivoe, ex- 9 cluding	100 200	— —	1 $\frac{64}{320}$ 0 $\frac{312}{320}$	0 17 1 4	2 15	132 89	132 89	132 89	15 star pagodas	—	—		
10 Madanku	400	—	0 $\frac{14}{320}$	0 14									
11 Tool .....	600 800 1000	—	2 $\frac{170}{320}$	2 12 $\frac{8}{16}$	2 12 $\frac{8}{16}$	36 75	36 75	36 75	—	—	4 star pagodas		
12 Marise tool .....	—	—	—	2 12	2 12	18 20	18 20	18 20	—	—	2 do.		
13 Shell Pearls.....	—	—	—	0 2	8 11 $\frac{7}{16}$ 0 2	—	—	211 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 36 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—		
					8 13 $\frac{7}{16}$			212 0					

No. 3.—STATEMENT of the Valuation and Produce of 12,180 Oysters taken from the north part of the west side of Cheval in November, 1887.

Description.	Size in Basket.	Number.	Quantity in Chevoe.	Total.		Value.		Total Value.		Per Chevoe.	For Kalangey.		
				K.	M.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.				
1 Peesel .....	20	9	—	0	0	0	3 $\frac{10}{16}$	1	90	—	—	3 star pagodas	
2 Kodai .....	—	1	—	0	0 $\frac{6}{16}$	0	4	0	6	1	96	—	1 do.
3 Anatharey .....	30	2	0 $\frac{30}{320}$	0	0 $\frac{8}{16}$	0	0 $\frac{8}{16}$	3	94	3	94	12 star pagodas	—
4 Koroval .....	50	5	—	0	1 $\frac{2}{16}$	—	—	3	15	—	—	—	16 star pagodas
5 Anatharey .....	—	1	0 $\frac{8}{320}$	0	0 $\frac{3}{16}$	—	—	1	31	—	—	15 star pagodas	—
6 Kalippu .....	—	9	—	0	1 $\frac{11}{16}$	—	—	5	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	20 star pagodas
7 Peesel .....	—	12	—	0	2 $\frac{8}{16}$	0	5 $\frac{8}{16}$	1	75	12	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4 do.
8 Anie .....	80	6	0 $\frac{25}{320}$	0	0 $\frac{13}{16}$	—	—	6	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	25 star pagodas	—
9 Kalippu .....	—	15	—	0	2 $\frac{4}{16}$	—	—	7	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	20 star pagodas
10 Koroval .....	—	12	—	0	1 $\frac{2}{16}$	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	10 do.
11 Peesel .....	—	20	—	0	3 $\frac{2}{16}$	0	7 $\frac{15}{16}$	2	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4 do.
12 Vadivoe, ex- 13 cluding	100 200	— —	1 $\frac{72}{320}$ 0 $\frac{294}{320}$	0 17 1 3	2 16	132 89	132 89	132 89	15 star pagodas	—	—		
14 Madanku	400	—	0 $\frac{14}{320}$	0 15 $\frac{8}{16}$									
15 } Tool .....	600	—	2 $\frac{17}{320}$	2 11	2 11	35 70	35 70	35 70	—	—	4 star pagodas		
16 }	800												
17 }	1000												
18 Marise tool .....	—	—	—	2 11	2 11	17 85	17 85	17 85	—	—	2 do.		
19 Shell Pearls.....	—	—	—	0 4	8 15 $\frac{15}{16}$ 0 4	—	—	224 40 0 60	—	—	—		
					8 19 $\frac{5}{16}$			225 0					

No. 4.—STATEMENT of the Valuation and Produce of 12,060 Oysters taken from the south part of the east side of Cheval in November, 1887.

Description.	Size in Basket.	Number.	Quantity in Chevoe.	Total.		Value.		Total Value.		Per Chevoe.	Per Kalangey.
				K.	M.	K.	M.	Rs.	c.		
1 Masakoe .....	26	1	—	0	1 $\frac{3}{16}$	—	—	3	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	16 star pagodas
2 Kalippu .....	—	1	0 $\frac{3}{16}$	0	0 $\frac{1}{16}$	—	—	3	71 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 star pagodas	—
3 Peesel .....	—	1	—	0	0 $\frac{6}{16}$	0	1 $\frac{5}{16}$	0	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 30 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 star pagodas
4 Kalippu .....	30	1	0 $\frac{1}{16}$	0	0 $\frac{4}{16}$	—	—	1	75	—	10 star pagodas
5 Peesel .....	—	3	—	0	1	0	1 $\frac{4}{16}$	0	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 star pagodas
6 Anatharey .....	50	1	0 $\frac{8}{16}$	0	0 $\frac{3}{16}$	—	—	1	40	—	16 star pagodas
7 Koroval .....	—	4	—	0	0 $\frac{1}{16}$	—	—	1	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	12 star pagodas
8 Peesel .....	—	4	—	0	0 $\frac{1}{16}$	—	—	0	61 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	4 do.
9 Kodai .....	—	2	—	0	0 $\frac{2}{16}$	0	2 $\frac{1}{16}$	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 63 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 do.
10 Kalippu .....	80	9	—	0	1 $\frac{6}{16}$	—	—	2	88 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	12 do.
11 Koroval .....	—	4	—	0	0 $\frac{1}{16}$	—	—	1	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	10 do.
12 Peesel .....	—	19	—	0	3	0	5 $\frac{2}{16}$	2	10	6 30	4 do.
13 Vadivoe, ex- 14 cluding 15 Madanku	{ 100 200 400 }	{ 0 $\frac{2}{16}$ 0 $\frac{6}{16}$ 0 $\frac{9}{16}$ }	{ — — — }	{ 0 11 1 1 0 12 }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }
16 Tool .....	{ 600 800 1000 }	{ 1 $\frac{2}{16}$ — — }	{ — — — }	{ 2 10 — — }	{ 2 10 — — }	{ 2 10 — — }	{ 35 0 — — }	{ 35 0 — — }	{ — — — }	{ — — — }	{ 4 star pagodas — — }
17 Marise tool .....	—	—	—	2	7 $\frac{8}{16}$	2	7 $\frac{8}{16}$	16	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 do.
18 Shell Pearls.....	—	—	—	—	—	7	11 $\frac{1}{16}$	—	—	171 70 $\frac{3}{4}$	—
						0	1 $\frac{8}{16}$	—	—	0 29 $\frac{1}{4}$	—
						7	13 $\frac{6}{16}$	—	—	172 0	—

J. DONNAN, Inspector of Pearl Banks.

W. C. TWYNAM, Government Agent, Northern Province.

M. SEEMANPILLAI, Mudaliyar, Adikar of Musalai.

And four others, Pearl Merchants.

Silavatturai, November 28, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 28.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 14th January are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1888.