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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PEARL FISHERY OF 1904.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Marichchikaddi, in the Island of Ceylon, on or about 14th March, 1904.

The banks to be fished are the South-West Cheval Paar, which is estimated to contain 13,000,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 100 boats for thirteen days with average loads of 10,000 each a day; the Mid West Cheval Paar, estimated to contain 6,500,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 100 boats for six and a half days with average loads of 10,000 each a day; the North-West Cheval Paar, estimated to contain 9,000,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 100 boats for nine days with average loads of 10,000 each a day; each boat being fully manned with divers.

2. It is notified that the first day's fishing will take place on the first favourable day after the 13th March. Boat owners and divers should be at Marichchikaddi by March 10.

3. Marichchikaddi is on the mainland, eight miles by sea south of Sillavaturai, and supplies of good water and provisions can be obtained there. Particular attention has been paid to the preservation of the purity of the supply of water.

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

5. The arrangements of the Fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions. Persons attending the Fishery Camp from India will be permitted to travel to Ceylon by either of the following routes—(1) Tuticorin to Colombo, or (2) Paumben to Marichchikaddi—and by no other. Arrangements will be made, as at the last Fishery, for travellers to proceed from Paumben direct to the Camp. The only restriction imposed on travellers by the Paumben route will be inspection by the Medical Officer at Paumben.

6. All payments to be made in ready money in Ceylon currency. Indian currency notes will be accepted on payment of a commission of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on all payments made, whilst 1 per cent. will be charged on notes tendered for change.

7. 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.

8. For the convenience of purchasers, the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces will be authorized 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.

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

10. Communications to the Government Agent, Northern Province, should be addressed to Marichchikaddi, and not to Jaffna.

By His Excellency's command,

EVERARD IM THURN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 3, 1904.