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No. 729. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Communicating correspondence from the Government of India regarding the disposal of questions connected with the grant of licenses for the working of coal-fields. } (Here enter 24th September 1867, No. 2,235.)

No. 730. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1867, No. 3,038.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 72. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th September 1867.

No. 396. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to the Government of India, No. 4,205-4,216 :—

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department, under date Simla, 5th September 1867, No. 61-4,209.

Read a communication from the Public Works Department, No. 503 E, dated the 9th July, forwarding, for information, correspondence with the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, relative to the grant of a license to Messrs. Walker & Co., of Cawnpore, to work certain Coal-fields in the Chindwarra District of those Provinces.

1. REMARKS.—Licenses to search for minerals and to open and work mines have hitherto been dealt with, according to circumstances, in the Home Department or in the Public Works Department. Usually, those cases which have arisen in connection with the working of Railways, or the original establishment of experimental works by the Government, have been dealt with in the Public Works Department; where such cases have not been treated as partaking of the nature of waste land grants—surface rights having been carefully reserved. Other cases (many of them partaking of the nature of waste land grants) have been dealt with in the Home Department.

2. Licenses for working minerals may be considered under three aspects :—*first*, in their connection with landed property and rights in land; *second*, in their financial aspect as respecting the disposal, to the best advantage, of that part of the property of the State which consists in rights in minerals; and, *third*, as means of encouraging commercial enterprise.

3. In the first point of view, such cases clearly appertain to the Home Department; but in the two latter aspects they may more properly be dealt with in the Public Works Department, where the prospects, considered as engineering undertakings, of the schemes presented for decision, and the amount of return they can afford to make to the Government can be better judged of; although, in important cases, it may be desirable also to obtain reports from the Geological Survey under the Home Department.

4. On the whole, it appears to the Governor General in Council that every case of mining licenses should be dealt with in *both* departments, and that the final orders should issue, according to circumstances, in the department which has most concern with the more prominent points of the case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

* Foreign Department.
Financial Department.
Military Department.
† Government of Fort St. George.
" Bombay.
" Bengal.
" North-Western Provinces.
" the Punjab.
‡ Chief Commissioner of Oudh.
" of the Central Provinces.
" of British Burmah.

Ordered that a copy of the above remarks be forwarded to the Public Works Department for information, with reference to the communication therefrom abovementioned; to the Departments* noted in the margin, and to the Local Governments† and Administrations,‡ for information.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th September 1867.

No. 397. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1867, No. 2,235.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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