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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1868.*

No. 260. Read the following letter from Major F. APPLEGATH, Second in command and Wing Officer, 33rd Regiment N. I., to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Vizianagrum, 6th January 1868 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, this day, of Order of Government No. 305, dated 16th December 1867, through the Military Department, and request permission to make the following remarks for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. It is evident that Professor Oldham does not share my views as to the existence of Coal in the Kistna District, and it is not probable that the mere inspection of the country or locality, or conversation with myself, will serve to alter his impression, or establish my opinion.

3. I submit that this can only be done by enabling me to shew the Coal itself, to do this, boring, or at least blasting operations would be necessary. Some years ago when I was successful in finding the Coal (as I considered it to be), I had to blast and dig with Sappers and Coolies (as there were then some Sappers at Bezwarrah). I calculate such operations would cost now about Rupees 150, and authority to use tools, &c., and receive assistance from the Public Works Department, Kistna District at Bezwarrah, would also be necessary.

4. I further request to know whether my personal expenses, in the way of travelling by sea and land and tentage, which would be probably about Rupees 350, and also whether compensation for Wing Commandant allowance will be allowed to me, as I have already had very heavy expenditure in operations connected with this project; and if the Government will kindly accede to my requests, I shall be very happy to accompany Professor Oldham to Juggiapettah. May I ask for a reply by telegram, as time is short.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1868, No. 132.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government will be prepared to sanction such expenditure as may be necessary to enable Major Applegath on the spot to place before the Superintendent of the Geological Survey the evidence on which he assumed the existence of Coal near Juggiapettah, and orders will be issued in the Department Public Works for such assistance from that Department as may be required.

2. The Government will also be prepared to pass to Major Applegath the amount of his expenses, and such sum as may cover the loss of his allowances while absent from his Regiment on this special duty. He will submit a statement of the whole for eventual sanction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To Major F. Applegath.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Collector of Kistna District.
„ the Military Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

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