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No. 590 Read the following letter from W. KING, Esq, Deputy Superintendent, Geological Survey of India, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Yerkaud, Shevaroy Hills, 23rd June 1876, No. 1,276 —

I HAVE the honor to inform you that Mr. Vanstavern has written* to me stating that he had been obliged to cease operations at the Beddadanole field on account of the rains.

* Dated 14th June 1876

2 A depth of 250 feet had been attained in bore-hole (13), but without any further trace of coal

3. My report on the work, as far as it has been carried on, shall be forwarded to you with as little delay as possible.

4 With reference to G O., 5th June 1876, No. 1,390, just received, I have the honor to remark on paragraphs 2 and 3. The nomenclature adopted is very nearly such as Mr. Vanstavern and I had agreed on Where a geologist is not always on the ground, broad distinctions regarding the rocks met with are preferable from an unprofessional worker. The rocks likely to be met with in the Beddadanole ground are merely varieties of sandstone and clay of the *Barakar* division of the coal-bearing formation of India, or of the *gneiss* underlying it. A uniform distinction of color and texture is most desirable, which I fear has not always been the case while Mr Moore was alone, and thus there may be some difficulty in comparing the different bore-sections.

5 As regards the saving of sufficient iron ore for experimental purposes, it may as well be stated at once that no workable ore of iron was met with The clays and sandstones are occasionally ferroginous; and the iron pyrites struck at times for an inch or so in thickness occurs either as a thin seam in the sandstone, or is scattered through the rock for that thickness—the bore-hole being from 3 to 4 inches in diameter—thus necessarily allowing of only a very small quantity of that mineral being brought to the surface.

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ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1876, No. 1,636.

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(True Extract)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
To W. King, Esq
To the Public Department

Exd J W. Fisher
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No 1636 4/28th June 1876.
Dear Sir,
Receipt of your letter
is acknowledged.

James

Mr. King
by Capt. J. C. Burroughs
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