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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rain making Experiments; Authorising visit de Vinton to Conduct some further and directing that an estimate of the cost be submitted for approval

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Letter from the Supt.g. Engr., III Circle, No. 2345 W
dy 19th July 1897.

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Mr. de Winton is authorized to conduct some further rain making experiments. An estimate of the cost should be submitted for approval.

2. The records referred to in paras of his letter will be forwarded to Mr. de Winton on receipt from the Revenue Dept.

26/7/97

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To
The Supt.g. Engr., III Circle
" Examr, P.W. accts.
" Revenue Dept.

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~~H.E. the Governor~~

From W. B. de Winton Esqr
Supty: Engineer, III Circle,
Bellary.

For Orders A.S.H 25.7.97

No. 2345 W.

The undersigned recommends that Mr. de Winton be authorised to conduct some further rain making experiments. The cost will be small, and the experiments may prove successful under present atmospheric conditions in the Ceded districts.

The Revenue Dept. has been asked for the records required by Mr. de Winton, & they will be sent to him on receipt.

Dated 19 July 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Rain making experiments—
Requesting permission to conduct
some — and to send the records
of those made in America.

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Superintending Engineer's Office,
3RD CIRCLE.
Bellary 19th July 1897.

FROM
W. B. deBurton ESQ.,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
IIIRD CIRCLE,
BELLARY.

To
THE Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
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Sir,

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The Meteorological character of the present season, over nearly the whole of this circle, is the presence of high winds and heavy rain clouds, which pass over the country without discharging their contents.

2. I believe that, some years ago, some experiments in attempting to produce rain by the explosion of dynamite, at an elevation in the air, were made by Mr Wolfe Murray, at that time the Collector of Bellary district, which, speaking from memory, failed and were foredoomed to failure, because he conducted them under the

most

most unfavourable conditions possible, when the sky was absolutely devoid of clouds.

3. I believe that experiments of this nature have been made in America with, at any rate, partial success, and I think that the present conditions described above are as favourable as could be desired.

4. I have, therefore, the honour to suggest that I may be authorized to conduct some further experiments of this nature. They would cost but little and might be productive of great good; though of course, if proved successful, and, thereafter, carried out on an extensive scale, the cost of the dynamite would be considerable.

5. If this suggestion is approved, I beg that the records of the previous experiments which, doubtless, include some account of those made in America, may be sent to me for reference.

Requisitioned & Reserved Dept. 23/7/17.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

R. Mechanitis

I.S. Supg Engr III Circle.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
IIIrd Circle,
Bellary.

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