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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th August 1870.

No. 87. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel F. APPLEGATH, 33rd Regiment, Madras Native Infantry, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Vizianagrum, 18th July 1870:—

I have the honour to request you will do me the favour to submit, for the consideration of Government, the following suggestions, which I venture to hope will result in the successful exploration of the fields containing coal in the Kistna District.

2. The scarcity of a substance suitable for fuel in Madras I need not enlarge upon, but it is of the greatest importance to know for a certainty that coal does exist in the Madras Presidency, and I believe in more than one locality, and to have seen it quarried and burnt in large quantities in the above-named district.

3. The great prevalence of water all over those fields renders it advisable to be prepared to bore through one hundred or one hundred and fifty feet of strata that cannot otherwise be pierced, and be provided with a suitable pump to clear out the pits and wells that have been already sunk a few feet, but which were stopped by the influx of water, and to work these machines it is very desirable, should the Government see fit to send me to the Kistna District, that a small Detachment of Sappers and Miners should be allowed to join me at Juggiahpettah, and I would, therefore, request the favour that one section of a Company of Sappers, &c., properly equipped with blasting tools, &c., should be allowed to accompany me; the expenses of their working pay and my travelling expenses are noted in the accompanying memorandum.

4. In my own mind I have no doubt that an organized system of borings in the vicinity of Juggiahpettah would be attended with most important results as regards coal; but, for the present, I have only estimated to carry sufficient boring apparatus (it being very heavy) to bore through the shale and clay beds in which water is so prevalent; at the same time, I believe I have allowed sufficient funds for an efficient boring.

5. It is very desirable that this work should be carried out during the cooler weather, and I shall feel obliged if the Government honour me with their instructions to proceed to the Kistna District; I should much wish to do so by the Burmah Steamer leaving Bimlipatam on or about the 6th October next, by which time all the necessary arrangements can be completed. Of course, I conclude compensation for my present allowances as 2nd in Command and Wing Officer will be granted me during my absence, and special leave obtained from Army Head-quarters.

6. I wish, in conclusion, to bring to remembrance that some years previous to this, at my own expense with the assistance of a few Sappers, I quarried the coal in the above-named district, and took it to Madras, and lodged it for safe keeping in the Government Museum, and its extraordinary disappearance while I was in England has caused me endless trouble and anxiety. As regards my present personal expenses I have placed them on the lowest possible scale, my sole object being to win the coal, being so firmly convinced of the fact of its existence in those parts; I now earnestly desire this attempt to be made having every prospect of success.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th August 1870.

Memorandum of the Expenses that will be incurred by an efficient Exploration of the fields containing Coal in the Kistna and adjoining District.

	RS.
Marching expenses for a Detachment of Sappers and Miners (1 Section) from Secunderabad to Juggiahpettah and back to Secunderabad	83
Carriage of the boring apparatus from Secunderabad to Juggiahpettah and back, including carriage of tents required for the Sappers and myself	360
Working pay to Sappers for fifty-six days, at Rupees 4-12-0 per day	266
Expenses of setting up and working the Boring Machine for fifty-six days, at Rupees 2 per day	112
For the purchase of Gunpowder and slow match for opening quarries	100
My <i>bonâ fide</i> travelling expenses from Vizianagrum to Juggiahpettah	209
My return expenses to Vizianagrum, ...	209
My extra camp expenses, (tentage,) at Rupees 4 per day, for fifty-six days	224
Total	1,563

VIZIANAGRUM,
 18th July 1870.

(Signed) F. APPLGATH, Lieut.-Colonel,
 33rd Regiment, Madras Native Infantry.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1870, No. 1024.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves Colonel Applegath's proposal to search for coal at Juggiahpettah in the Kistna District, and resolves to request His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to authorize Colonel Applegath's proceeding on duty to Juggiahpettah with a Section of Sappers and Miners from Hyderabad, and to the Quarter-Master's Department at that station, in communication with Colonel Applegath, supplying that Officer and the Sappers and Miners with the tents which may be required.

2. The Accountant-General will pass the bills which Colonel Applegath may submit for the expenses indicated in the foregoing memorandum amounting to Rupees 1563, and debit the same to "26, Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Military Department.

To Lieut.-Colonel F. Applegath,

33rd Regiment, M. N. I., Vizianagrum.

To the Accountant-General.

„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

GOVT. of 1870: 30th August.

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To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Ac., Do., Ac.

Dated August, 15th.

Recd. And.

G. O., 15th August 1870, No. 1024.

AUGUST.
Nos. 87-88.

Sanctioning the proposal by Colonel Applegath to search for coal at Juggiahpettah in the Kistna District.

2. The Accountant-
General will pass the bills
which Colonel Applegath
may submit for the expenses
indicated in the foregoing
Memorandum amounting
to Rs 1563, and debit the
same to 26 Miscellaneous.

to
The Military Department.
Lt. Colonel F. Applegath. 33rd
Regt. M. L. V. Bangalore
The Accountant General.
Rev Dept

I think this is well
worthy of a trial. The
cost is trifling - the
value of the Dr. may
if made, be made.

But, I fancy, we
must be prepared
for a contest of with
the Supreme Govt. and
also with the Medical
Dept. L. D. S.

As for whom I spoke of
it is not improbable that Col
Applegath's remarks may
produce important results.

I would sanction all the
measures necessary N. S. A. S.

Memorandum for orders.

Being under instructions I
desired Col Applegath to put
in an official form his
proposal to seek for coal
at Jaggiahpet in the
Kistnah district. The
enclosed is his application
The total estimated cost
of the experiment is stated
in the Memo which
accompanies Col Applegath's
letter. and amounts
to the sum of Rs - 1563 -

to take the company to Main
K. C. the Commander in
Chief sanction to Col
Applegate proceeding
on duty to Jagganpeth
to a section of sappers
& Miners accompanying
Col Applegate, the sappers
to march from Hyderabad
& Jagganpeth.

The necessary funds for
sappers & for Col
Applegate being
furnished from the
Hyderabad Quarter Master
gds dept.

R. C.

Sept 23/8

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Box of 118 300 adms.

To 1000

Mr. William Robertson
per

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