

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd March 1870.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 17. From Colonel G. H. SAXTON, Deputy Superintendent, Topographical Survey, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 28th January 1870, No. 4.

I have the honour to inform you that I have just seen a remarkably fine specimen of an aerolite which fell in this neighbourhood last Sunday, and is now in the possession of the Senior Assistant Collector at this station. I should be much obliged if Government would authorize its being given over to me for the purpose of being sent to the Calcutta Museum of the Asiatic Society, of which I am a member. An account of the circumstances attending its fall would be sent, and would be published in the Society's Journal. The record of the occurrence, and the specimen itself, would thus be suitably placed. My professional position in these provinces, which includes that of Superintendent in the Geological Department, under a special order of the Home Government many years ago, does not seem unsuitable for my request; and, as a very old member of the Asiatic Society, I should be glad if allowed, under sanction of the Madras Government, to place so interesting a specimen in its Museum, which is now under the direct charge of the Government of India.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1870.

No. 18. Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 1st February 1870, No. 95.

I have the honour to report the fall of a meteorite at Nedagolla, a village in the Meranghy Zemindary about five miles from Parvatipur. The Deputy Tahsildar in his report of the matter to the Acting Senior Assistant states that, about 7 P.M. on the night of the 23rd instant, a very bright light was seen in a direction from north to south; that it fell in a paddy-field about thirty yards south of the village, with a report like a cannon; and that immediately afterwards there was a second report. It buried itself a foot and a half in the ground, and was taken out by the villagers and by them placed in the temple where they made poojah to it.

2. The meteorite is now before me. It is of a flattened oblong shape, about seven inches by four, and about two inches thick in its thickest part. Its weight is $18\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. It has the appearance of an irregular lump of lead, but is a pure mass of some harder metal; and, to my mind, its appearance conveys the impression that, at the time of its contact with the earth, it must have been in a state of fusion. I may here observe that at the same time (on the 23rd) a bright and sudden light was noticed by both Mr. Johnson, the Assistant Collector, and myself. The light appeared north to us, which is about the position of Nedagolla.

Submitted for the information of Government.

The stone should be forwarded to the Board's office.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACREGOR,

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd March 1870.*

Transferred to the Public Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 5th April 1869, No. 436.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th February 1870.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1870, No. 259.

In their letter of the 26th May 1869, No. 2443, the Government of India directed that all Indian meteorites should, in future, be transmitted to the Trustees of the Indian Museum, in preference to sending them direct to England. As the wishes of that Government will be equally met by the transfer of the aerolite referred to in the letter above recorded to Colonel Saxton, for transmission to the Calcutta Museum of the Asiatic Society, of which he is a member, the Governor in Council desires that the Senior Assistant to the Collector of Vizagapatam will make over to that officer the aerolite in question.

2. The Government will be glad to receive from Colonel Saxton a copy of the paper which he proposes sending to Calcutta for publication in the Society's Journal, detailing the circumstances attending the fall of the aerolite.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To Colonel G. H. Saxton, Vizagapatam.
To the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.
„ Board of Revenue.

Gobt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

COLONEL G. H. SAXTON,
Vizagapalam.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 3rd March 1870, No. 259.

MARCH.

Nos. 17—19.

Requesting the Senior Assistant to the Collector of Vizagapattam to make over to Colonel Saxton the aerolite that fell in the Vizagapattam District, for transmission to the Calcutta Museum of the Asiatic Society.

No 4. Camp Parvathy, Jan 28 1870
Mysore District
From Col. C. D. Paul
To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George -

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have just seen a remarkably fine specimen of an *Aerobite* which fell in this neighbourhood last Sunday, and is now in the possession of the Senior Officer Collector at this station. I should be much obliged if Government would authorize its being given over to me for the purpose of being sent to the Calcutta Museum of the Asiatic Society, of which I am a Member. An account of the circumstances attending its fall would be sent, and would be published in the Society's journal. The record of the occurrence, and the specimen itself, would thus be suitably placed. My professional position in these Provinces, which includes that of Superintendent in the Geological Department, under a special order of the Home Government many years ago, does not seem unsuitable for any request, and as a very old Member of the Asiatic Society, I should be glad if allowed, under sanction of the Madras Government, to place so interesting a specimen in its Museum, which is now under the direct charge of the Government of India.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant
J. M. Palmer, Jr.
Sept 17 1871

Revenue Department

No. 95

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 10th February 1870

Read the following

Vizagapatam

No. 95

15th February 1870

Read

R. I. Melville Esq.

Offl. Collector

A. Macgregor Esq.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Port Blair, Ceylon

I have the honor to report the fall of
a meteorite at Nedagolla, a Village
in the Mungli Zemindary about five
miles from Parvathipur. The Deputy Taluk-
daran in his report of the matter to the
Acting Senior Assistant states that
about 7 P.M. on the night of the 23rd
saw a very bright light was seen in
a direction from north to south, that it
fell in a paddy field about 30 yards
south of the Village, with a report like

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By order of the
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Vizagapatam
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Common, and that immediately afterwards there was a second report. It buried itself a foot and a half in the ground and was taken up by the villagers and by them placed in the temple where they made prayer to it.

2. The meteorite is now before me. It is of a flattened oblong shape, about 7 inches by 4, and about 2 inches thick in its thickest part. Its weight is 18½ lbs. It has the appearance of an irregular lump of lead, but is a piece of some harder metal, and to my mind its appearance conveys the impression that at the time of its contact with the earth, it must have been in a state of fusion. I may here observe that at the same time on the 23^d a bright and sudden light was noticed by both Mr. Johnson, the Assistant Director, and myself. The light appeared north to us which is about the position of Nedagdia.

I have the honor to be,
Signed / R. J. Melville
Offl. Director.

Submitted for the
information of Government.

The stone should be forwarded
to the Board's office

Almington
Acting Secretary

The Acting Secretary to
Government

Revenue Department.

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Almington

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

letter from
Col. G. H. Saxton, Deputy
Supt. Topographical Survey

(No. 28 of Jan'y 1870 - No. 4)
of 10th Feb 1870

& Pres. of the Bd. of Revenue -
Order thereon 3rd Feb 1870

See then letter of the
26th May 1869 - No. 2448,
the Government of India
directed that all Indian
Antiquities should, in
future, be transmitted
to the Trustees of the
Indian Museum, in
preference to sending
them direct to England.
- to the wishes of that
Government will be
equally met by the trans-
fer of the serwhite
referred to in the letter
above recorded to Col.
Saxton, for transmission

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Presiding Officer
Board of Revenue

Antiquities
of 10th Feb 1870
No. 21 - 1870

No. 255

No. 259

Transferred to the
Public Department

with reference to the
order in that respect

dated 5th April 1870
with reference to the
order in that respect

Antiquities letter
from Col. G. H. Saxton
referred to in the letter
a herewith

Transferred

to the Calcutta Museum
of the Asiatic Society,
by which he is a member,
the Governor in Council
decides that the Senior
Assistant to the Collec-
tor, Vizayapatnam,
will make over to that
officer the ~~herolite~~
in question.

The Government
will be glad to receive
from Col. Searles a
copy of the paper which
he proposes sending
to Calcutta for pub-
lication in the Society's
Journal, detailing
the circumstances
attending the fall of
the herolite.

Colonel G. H. Searles - Secy.
~~Secy.~~ The Secy of the
Board of Revenue

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To

Colonel G. H. Saxton Vizagapatam
F.C.

Recd.
7/12/70

March 3

1870, No. 221570

Nos. 17. 19.

Requesting the Senior Asst. to
the Collector of Vizagapatam
to make over to Col. Saxton
the aerolite that fell in the
Vizagapatam District, for
transmission to the Natural
Museum of the Asiatic
Society.