

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 492

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Dated 23-4-1870

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
23rd April 1870.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 155. From the Curator of the Indian Museum, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calcutta, 30th March 1870, No. 651.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government anent the Parvatipur meteorite.

2. From Colonel G. H. Saxton's letter it appears as if he were under the impression that the Asiatic Society of Bengal had still a Museum, and, from the wording of the Order, No. 259, it seems that the meteorite has been ordered to be transmitted to the Calcutta Museum of the Asiatic Society.

3. The object of my present letter is to direct attention to the fact that the Asiatic Society has no Museum, and that all their Meteorites, Natural History collections, &c., were handed over by the Society to Government, and now constitute part of the Indian Museum, and that they are now solely under the control of the Trustees of this Museum.

4. Under these circumstances, and with the Government of India Order requesting that all Indian meteorites may in future be transmitted to the Trustees of this Museum, I again take the liberty to suggest that it is desirable that this order should be carried out in its integrity.

5. The constant handling and transmission of a meteorite from place to place is apt to injure the crust in cases where the film is loosely attached, and as the characters of this portion of a meteorite are most important, they ought to be carefully preserved.

6. As a portion of the meteorite will be forwarded to London for analysis by Professor Maskelyne, one of our first European authorities on the chemical and intimate structure of these bodies, it does not appear that much will be gained by forwarding the stone to Colonel G. H. Saxton.

7. The delays which have already occurred in the transmission of other meteorites to London from other parts of India have been commented on by Professor Maskelyne, and referred to by the Secretary of State, and it is from a desire to obviate any further grounds of complaint under this head, that I would press the importance of the transmission to this Museum direct of the meteorite from Parvatipur.

8. If the meteorite comes through the Asiatic Society, it may be delayed a whole month in Calcutta before it reaches this Museum, for the regular course it would follow would be this—it would lie over to a meeting of the Society, and, after it had been exhibited to the members, it would be handed over to me by the Secretary of that body; but as there are occasionally no meetings in the hot weather, the stone might be delayed for two or three months before it reached me, and as it has to be photographed and casts taken of it before it is broken up for transmission to London, and other Museums on the Continent of Europe, the specimen for London would in all probability not be ready for despatch till many months had elapsed since the fall of the

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

23rd April 1870.

No. 156. Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1870,
No. 1715.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 3rd March 1870,
No. 259, Public Department.

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

The meteorite has already been received in Madras, and the Board understand that Colonel Saxton may be expected here shortly.

2. It seems, therefore, desirable to retain the meteorite until his arrival, and should Government approve, it might be forwarded to the Museum for inspection, notice being given in the papers.

Order, 20th April 1870, No. 533.

The proposal of the Board is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

No. 156-A.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1870, No. 492.

As the meteorite referred to is at present in the Central Museum at Madras, the Government direct that after a short time is allowed to the public to inspect it, the meteorite be sent *direct* to the Indian Museum, Calcutta, instead of to Colonel Saxton, as originally ordered. The Superintendent of the Madras Central Museum will have the meteorite carefully packed and sent to the address of the Trustees of the Indian Museum.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Curator of the Indian Museum, Calcutta.

„ Superintendent of the Madras Central Museum.

To Colonel G. H. Saxton, Vizagapatam.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1870.*

No. 208. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1870, No. 1,715 :—

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No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1870, No. 533.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Boht. of 1870: 20th April 1870.

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To

THE CURATOR OF THE INDIAN MUSEUM,
Calcutta.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 23rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 23rd April 1870, No. 492.

APRIL.

Nos. 155—156-A.

Directing that the Parvatiur Meteorite be sent direct to the Indian Museum, Calcutta, instead of to Colonel Saxton, as originally ordered.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Read the following letter
from the Curator of the
Indian Museum.

14. E. 30th March 1870 No 657

Read also Rep. of Govt Rev. Dept
of 20th April 1870 No 535.

Order thereon 23rd April 1870 No 492.

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Calcutta, instead ~~of the Madras Central~~
of to Col. Saxon ~~Museum will accordingly~~
as originally ordered ~~have the meteorite~~
carefully packed and
sent to the address of
the Trustees of the
Indian Museum.

To the Curator, Indian Museum
Calcutta

Supdt. Madras Central Museum

Colonel Saxon, Vizag

Board of Revenue, Madras

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April 17/1870.
 Govt. of 1870; Madras.

To
 REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 20th April 1870, No. 533.

APRIL.
 Nos. 208-209.

For the Secretary

*Message that fell in Vizagapatam Dis-
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*I have not an order
 in connection to the
 in the office - the letter
 is enclosed in a box and*

Handwritten signature: H. H. H. H.

Walter M. B.

Govt. of [1870] Madras.

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