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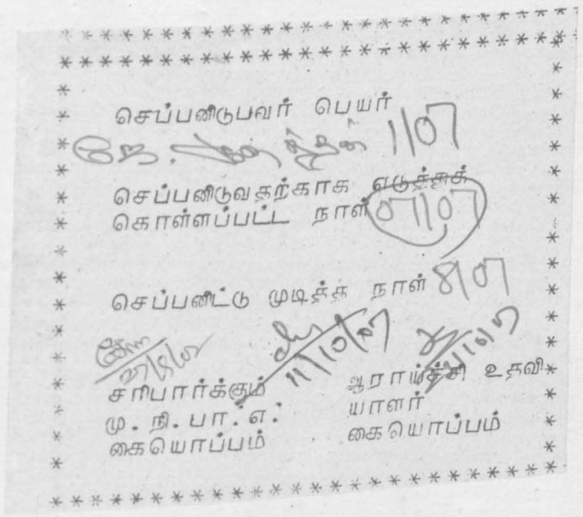
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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st December 1857.

No. 49. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 18th November 1857, No. 4012.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar dated 23d October 1857.*

* *In Consultation 18th November* 1857.

(Here enter No. 107.)

The Board concur with the Acting Collector as to the inexpediency of giving up any portion of the arrears due on the item "Gold washing" in Wynaad.

2. The defaulters are manifestly able to liquidate their balances and withhold payment to obtain remission, and bring about the abandonment of this source of revenue.

3. The Board however require fuller information before they can instruct the Acting Collector as to the course he should pursue for recovery of the arrears. It is not quite clear from his letter whether the tract where the Gold ore occurs belongs to Government and is rented out, or whether the tax is in fact a species of Mohturfa. The Board would also wish to know whether the defaulters have any hereditary or prescriptive claim to a monopoly of the privilege of digging for the ore, and whether puttahs and moochilkas are exchanged between them and Government.

4. The Board apprehend that in the present state of the law distraint of personal property must be the first step, but the receipt of the information now called for will enable them to decide. They would wish however to know more definitely the Acting Collector's objections to distraining the personal property of the defaulters.

5. The Board resolve to communicate the Acting Collector's letter to Government with a recommendation that Mr. Blandford's attention may be drawn to the desirability of an examination of the Hill Tracts where the Gold ore is found,

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 1239; dated 1st December 1857.

1. Before passing orders on this reference, the Government will request the Board to afford more specific information regarding the localities in which gold is found.

2. The Acting Collector speaks in para. 7 of the "proprietors" of the Hills, and before directing that they be professionally examined, the Government consider it desirable that the proprietorship should be known.

3. Mr. Blandford it is remarked is now engaged with his party on the Eastern side of the Peninsula, and Mr. Wall, the Government Mineral viewer, would appear to be the proper officer to make any investigation that may be determined on of the gold producing localities of Malabar.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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Acting Secretary

To, H Forbes Esq
Acting Secretary to Government
Rev. Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 18th Novr 1857.
Rec. 24th Novr

No. 1249.

Acting Collector's Letter
No 1239 dated 7th Octr
Requesting a letter from the Mining Engineer to enable the Collector to enforce the payment of the rent due under the lease of Gold washing privileges, detailing the terms on which the Board have granted further privileges and recommending that Mr Blandford's attention be directed to the Gold ore found in the Hill Tracts.

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No. 1239

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 1st December November 1857.

Read the following

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