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No. 1. Read the following letter from C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George; dated Fort William the 2nd April 1857, No. 461.

SIR,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

I am directed to transmit, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a copy of the papers noted in the margin, shewing that, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Geological Survey, the Government of India has sanctioned the commencement of the Survey of the Madras Presidency simultaneously with that of Bengal, and that the Honorable the Court of Directors have approved of the measure.

Extract paras. 26 to 29 of a Memorandum by Mr. Oldham, dated 30th May 1856.
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27. If the view I have taken above be correct, and that the maps of the Atlas of India should be taken as the permanent records of the geological work, it would seem a necessary consequence that those maps should be made use of to as full an extent as possible, and that the districts of the country for which they exist should be among the earliest visited. Now for the whole of the southern portion of the peninsula and for a considerable part of Bombay, these maps have been published for many years. A continuous geological map of that area could therefore be prepared within a time, limited only by the number of persons employed. The geology of that part of the country, so far as any thing is known of it is inseparably connected with that of Bengal; the rock formations of one pass into the other, and to be properly understood must be examined in connexion, one with the other. Geological boundaries have in fact but little regard to political divisions, and a large part of Madras must be examined before the full knowledge of the structure of Bengal can be obtained, while portions of Bombay must be visited, if we would comprehend the relations of Madras geology.

28. I would venture to suggest, therefore, that the survey should be extended into Madras as soon as possible, this should be done by the addition of three or four Assistants who could be deputed there in charge of a competent and responsible head, under the general superintendence of the head of the survey. An effective addition to the survey for such purpose, would not add to the cost, (inasmuch as the general charges for superintendence, &c., would remain unchanged) more than 1,600 Rupees to 2,000 Rupees per month, depending on the number of Assistants employed.

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8. His Lordship in Council approves of your proposal to extend the survey to Madras as soon as possible; and authorizes you to employ for the purpose three or four additional Assistants, on salaries of Rupees 300 a month and the usual travelling allowance and with the prospect of such increase or promotion as the Hon'ble Court may allow.

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(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 505; dated 27th May 1857.

Rev. Ex. M. C. 3d July 1854, *No.* 775.
" *do. 29th Augt.* " " 1024.
" *do. 25th Novr.* " " 1533.
" *do. 17th Feby.* 1855, *No.* 205.

Ordered that the above letter and its enclosure be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information, with reference to the correspondence that has already passed upon the subject of a Geological examination of the lands of this Presidency, as indicated in the Resolutions of Government of the dates noted in the margin.

Pro. 19th Octr. 1854, No. 490, p. 2.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation 25th November 1854, the Government, in approval of a measure suggested by Dr. Balfour, the officer in charge of the Government Central Museum, and favorably reported upon by the Board of Revenue, authorized one of the Native servants attached to the Museum being deputed to South Arcot to be there employed under Captain Priestley's immediate orders in examining the soils of that district, and they further directed that specimens of the soils should be sent to the Presidency for the purpose of being subjected to an analysis by the Professor of Chemistry. The Government have received no information as to the proceedings adopted in consequence, and they are therefore unable to issue any instructions on the subject in connection with the present communication from the Government of India.

Ordered that the above resolution and letters from the Government of India be communicated to the Public Department, with reference to an Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department dated 26th August 1854, No. 876.

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

No. 161.

FROM

C. BEADON, ESQUIRE,
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Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Revenue Department

No. 505

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 27th May 1857

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India.

Fort William 2nd April 1857 No 1601

Ordered that the above letter and enclosure be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information, with reference to the correspondence noted thereon already forwarded on the subject of a Geological examination of the lands of this Presidency, as indicated

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Rev. G. No. 6. 3d July 1854 No 775
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the Government Central
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reported upon by the
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as to the proceedings
adopted in Consequence
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in Judicial Dept. in that
Department dated 26th
August 1854 & 27th.

H. R.

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No 505

Extract Minutes of Council
27th May 1857

Read the Letter from the Government of India Judicial Dept. dated 26th August 1854 & 27th Dispatch from the Court of Directors Judicial Dept. dated 2nd March 1853 on the subject of the Geological examination of the Coal Districts of Bengal

No 2.