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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 1st to 10th June 1859.

No. 66. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department; dated 6th April 1859, No. 529.

Communicating a Despatch from the Home Government stating that any investigations of the nature of those formerly contemplated in the appointment of a Mineral Viewer, may best be carried out in communication with Mr. Oldham and by means of the Staff which he has at his disposal and that at present the appointment vacated by Mr. Wall the Mineral Viewer cannot be filled up.

(Vide Public Cons. 12th April 1859, Nos. 3-4.)

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1859, No. 770.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Memorandum on Revenue &c. 1858

No. 16 of 1854 dated 9th Nov.

In laying before the late Court of Directors the Consulting Engineer's report on the question of supply of fuel for the purposes of Railways at this Presidency this Government concurred in Colonel Pears proposition that Government should go to the expense of employing some thoroughly qualified person to examine the several localities pronounced by qualified Judges, likely, upon geological grounds, to furnish Coal.

No. 10 of 1855 dated 30th May. para 11.

The Court of Directors in reply stated that they had no objection to this Government selecting a competent officer for this duty and that if one could not be had in India they would send one from England. The Government requested that an officer of this description might be sent out from England, and the Court in their

No. 22 of 1855 dated 24th Dec. para. 23.

Despatch No. 25 of 1856 intimated in reply the appointment of Mr. Wall as Mineral viewer and specified the conditions on which he was engaged.

Mr Wall after having
served for 2 years in this Presidency
intimated in a letter dated 28th August
1858 his desire to resign the service at the
expiration of the second year of his engage-
ment. This Government accepted the
resignation and applied to the Home
Government to send out a successor but
suggested at the same time that —
whoever is selected should be engaged
at least for five years.

Lord Stanley in his
present despatch intimates that
he has perused with interest the several
reports sent from time to time and
observes that he has no reason to doubt
that Mr Wall has done his best to
carry out the object of this appointment,
but that Mr Wall's investigations
have not so far led to any practical
result, or that there was any such
probability of advantage from the
further prosecution of investigations on
so desultory a plan, as to make it ad-
visable to reappoint a mineral viewer
on the footing on which the appointment
had hitherto stood. Lord Stanley
thinks

No 34 of 1858

thinks that any investigations of the
nature of those formerly contemplated
in the appointment of a Mineral
viewer would be best carried out in
communication with Mr Oldham
and by means of the Staff at his
disposal and His Lordship has
resolved in consequence not to fill
up the appointment vacated by —
Mr Wall.

Lord Stanley is, I think, quite
right in
Leith eight — 24,000 Rs entirely thrown away

Papers regarding the appointment of Mr. Wall.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 529.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 6th April 1859.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable LORD STANLEY, Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated East India House, London, 24th February 1859, No. 9.

Public.

MY LORD,

Para. 1. I have had under consideration in Council your letter in this Department, dated 25th October (No. 34) 1858, reporting the resignation of his office by Mr. P. W. Wall, the Mineral Viewer, who was engaged by the Court of Directors for service in your Presidency in October 1856, requesting that the appointment may be immediately filled up, and suggesting that if Mr. Wall's avocations will allow him to return to India, his services may be re-engaged for the purpose.

2. I have perused with interest the Reports from time to time submitted by Mr. Wall, and I see no reason to doubt that he has done his best to carry out the objects of his appointment. I do not find however that his investigations have so far led to any practical result, or that there is any such probability of advantage from the further prosecution of investigations on so desultory a plan as to make it advisable to re-appoint a Mineral Viewer, on the footing on which the appointment has hitherto stood.

3. Since Mr. Wall was first sent out, the operations of the Geological Survey of India have been extended to your Presidency, and Mr. Oldham has organized a small separate Staff for the examination of its Geological and Mineralogical structure. It would seem, therefore, that any investigations of the nature of those formerly contemplated in the appointment of a Mineral Viewer, may best be carried out in communication with Mr. Oldham, and by means of the Staff which he has at his disposal, and I have accordingly resolved, subject to any special grounds which it may be in the power of your Lordship, or of your successor, to submit, not at present to fill up the appointment vacated by Mr. Wall.

Order.—This Despatch will, with reference to the remarks in para. 3, be transferred to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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