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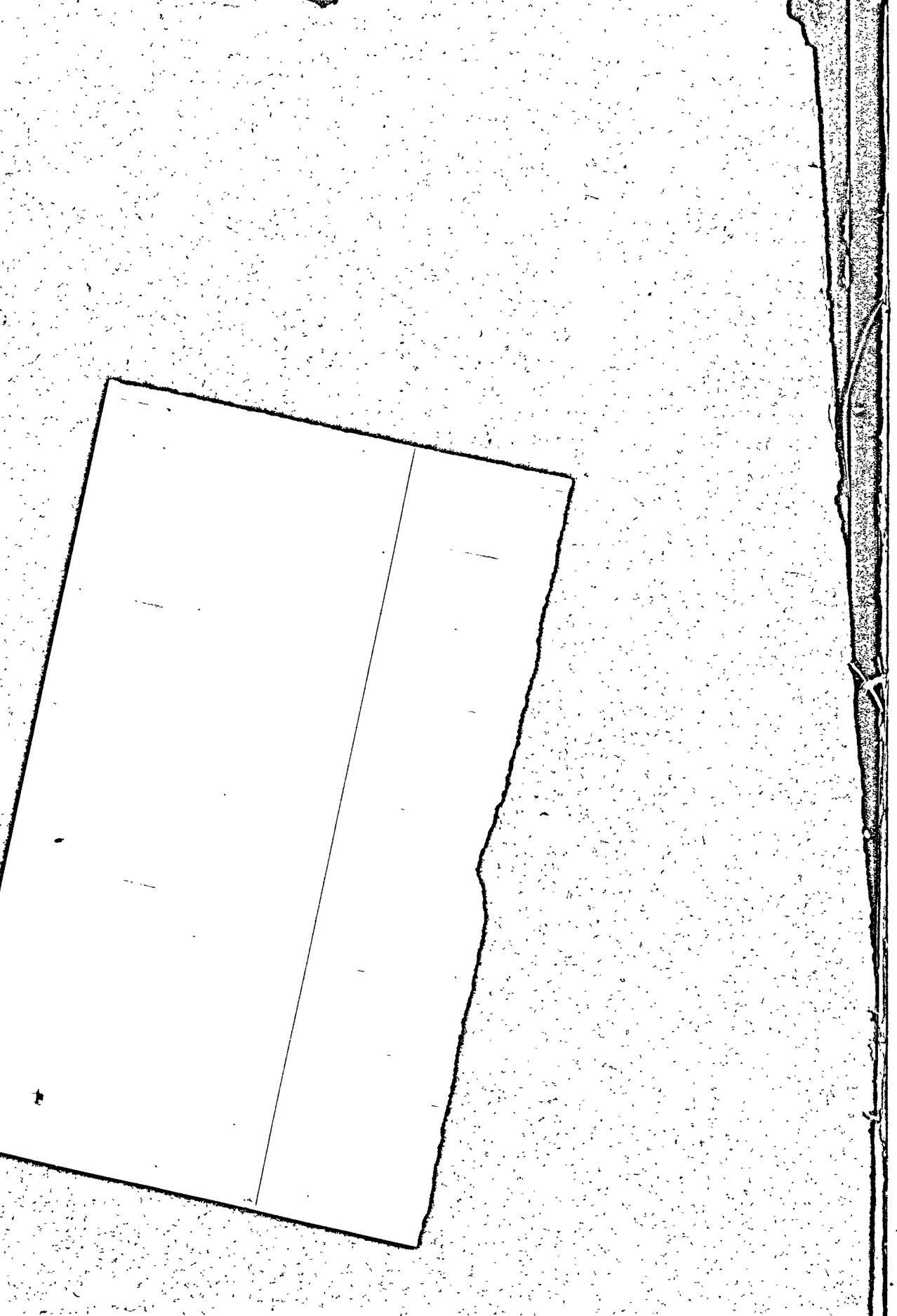
## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1013-1014-1015 Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 14 - 6 - 1864.

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th June* 1864.

No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd May 1864.

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 16th May 1864, No. 72 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration of the Board copy of a communication received from Captain Russell in England, concerning the grant of certain land which he believes to contain lead ore, and which he is desirous of raising a small Company to work.

2. Captain Russell's proposals are vague, but he seems desirous of obtaining a mining grant, with royalty from Government.

3. I have made inquiries concerning the land in question, and find that a portion of it constitutes the Chuckler's Inám of the village of Koilkonda in the Talook of Ramulkota, and the well from which the lead ore was extracted in 1857, is now used for the irrigation of the Inám.

4. The remaining land is probably in the possession of Ryots, and on this point I have called for detailed information.

5. There would be objection to a Company obtaining possession of a Village Service Inám, but any land held on puttah could of course be purchased from the owners.

6. The grant of land for mining purposes is a novelty, and I presume that land could not be so held on payment of the ordinary assessment, as it would be rendered useless for cultivation. The difficulty might be met by the Company redeeming the assessment of the land at twenty-five years' purchase under the Rules.

7. The only information on the subject of the lead ore obtained from this locality to be found in the records of this Office, is a letter from Captain Russell, dated 29th May 1857, forwarding the ore to Madras, and in the Report* by the Assay Master at Madras, dated 21st April 1857, the lead ore exhibited from the Kurnool District, is commented upon.

* No. 196.

8. I have been informed by the Honorable H. D. Phillips, that Captain Russell has addressed him on this subject, and if any instructions that the Board may see fit to issue are communicated to that gentleman, they would be forwarded to Captain Russell.

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1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. The development of the mineral resources of the country is an object of such importance, that every encouragement should be offered to those who are likely to promote it, and the Board see no objection to the concession of what Captain Russell seeks, so far as it is in the power of Government to grant it. If private individuals are required to move from their puttah lands, they must of course be bought out, but full particulars as to the existing occupation must be furnished before any decision is come to on this point. The Board would not recognize rights of occupancy of more recent date than Captain Russell's explorations. When the existence of the lead vein had been ascertained, the land should have been reserved for disposal by Government.

3. As to the Chuckler's Inám there would be no difficulty in granting him an equivalent in land elsewhere.

4. Mr. Minchin must furnish full information as to the land and its present position. He should send up a Survey sketch of the locality. Meanwhile, the Government can determine the conditions on which a grant for mining purposes shall be made. The Board are under the impression that some special rules for such cases were framed in connection with the Coal Mines in Bengal.

5. A long lease of the land on a nominal rent and the reservation of a royalty in the ore raised, appears to the Board a reasonable arrangement.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th June 1864.*

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1864, No. 1,013.

Land Revenue.

1. Resolved that Captain Russell be furnished with copies of the correspondence as marginally* noted, which took place in 1857 and 1858, on the subject of the Lead Mines in the Kurnool District. That Officer will at the same time be requested to state definitely the terms on which he wishes to obtain the land in question meanwhile reference will be made to the Governments of Bengal and Bombay for information as to the terms on which grants of land for mining purposes are there made.

* G. O. 6th May 1857, No. 572, Pub Dept.
G. O. 10th June ,, ,, 762, ,, ,,
G. O. 9th October ,, ,, 1,436, ,, ,,
G. O. 14th July 1858, ,, 890, ,, ,,
} With the papers recorded in these Orders.

2. The Government do not see how, as proposed by the Board in paragraph 2, all rights to the land referred to acquired *bonâ fide* since 1857, the period of Captain Russell's explorations, can be ignored, so far at least as the application of the land to other than mining purposes goes. Before, however, passing orders on this point the Government must be informed what is the exact position of the present holders of the land; how, and when, they acquired it, and to what uses it is put. The Board will be requested to obtain and submit this information together with the Survey sketch of the locality called for by them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Renenue.
„ Captain Russell, through the Honorable H. D. Phillips.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
*14th June* 1864.

No. 1,014.

No. 160.
From

J. D. SIM, ESQ.,
*Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,*

To

*The Secretary to the Government of Bengal.*

SIR,

Land Revenue.

I am directed to require on what terms grants of land believed to contain minerals are made in your Presidency for mining purposes, and what royalty is reserved on the minerals raised.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. S. T, Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
*14th June* 1864.

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From

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*Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,*

To

*The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.*

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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

The Willows
Staines
England
6th May 1864.

To

The Collector of Kurnool

Dear Sir.

Whilst officiating Commissioner I worked on a small scale a pit containing lead ore near a Village (I forget name) situated to the right of the road from Yedonty to Dhoie. I sent reports to Government and several Loads of the Minerals to Madras.

I am in a position to form a small Company to further explore this ground, but require either a Puttah or better still, a mining grant, with royalty from Government.

I should feel extremely thankful, if you will kindly manage this for me as quickly as you can, Considering this as my application for the same.

Should you be able to meet my wishes, would you oblige

Mr

me with copies of any reports in your records.

The mines, if I remember right, was reported upon by myself, Dr. Scott of Madras and a Mineral Viewer who was sent up for that purpose by Lord Harris.

Pray excuse this trouble, the interest I still take in the old province will plead for.

Yours truly
(Signed) J. G. Russell

(True Copy)

(Signed) James Innes Macleod
Collector

(True Copy)

Assistant
Secretary.

23/7/58

Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue to
the Secretary to Govt. N.D dated
23rd May 1864 No.

Rev: 1362/64

Copy of a letter from
Capt.n J. G. Russel to
the Collr. of Hoonsool re-
=garding certain lead mines
in the Hoonsool Dt.n

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6 May 57
10 June do
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The Report on these Lead
Mines not promising,
the Perforation of Stones
being high - side holes
Marginally noted.
Wm Wallace and home
shortly after his last Rt.
Port & there the Mallet
Leems to have departed.
I do not suppose
that put into care to go
into mining operations
& perhaps the best plan
will be to give Capt Reddie
Chiefs of the above Reports &
ask leave him to peruse
his own terms - Reference

being meanwhile made to the other Presidencies for information as to the terms on which mining grants are there made.

I do not see how the Govt. could grant all rights acquired before 1857 can be guaranteed - so far as the application of the land to other than mining purposes goes - if the parties are mining at the

We must accordingly wait for the position of the present holders of the land - and what alterations and what difficulties in the Public Service and in the Revenue may arise from the grant - from the Govt. at Home before we can decide upon the course to be pursued by us in the matter.

We must however point out to you that the Land Department belongs to the Govt. at Home for the present year - & that the Revenue of the Colony here will be affected by any arrangement you may make with the Land holders.

We must also call your attention to the fact that the Land Department must proceed at home in accordance with the Regulations of the Secretary of State - & that it cannot be expected that the Govt. here will make any arrangement with the Land holders which may be at variance with those Regulations

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# Revenue Department

No. 1013.

## Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 14th June 1864.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for consideration and orders letter from the Collector of Kurnool forwarding an application from Captain Russell in England requesting land containing Lead ore.

(Here enter 23rd May 1864)

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G.O. 6 May 1857 No 572 Rev. Dept.
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See the Board of Revenue 24 July/64 Col 1744

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C. Johnson R.S.

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Dated 23rd
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To Bd of Rev. Despatch 15 Dec.
Captain Russell
Thro the Hon'ble H. D. Phillips
Despatch 15

Copy to Govt 15 June

P.D.

To
The Secretary to the Govt of
Bengal.

Sir,

8th June 1814.

I am directed to
enquire on what terms
grants of land believed
to contain Minerals are

made. On your Residency
for mining Mauritius
and what Royalty is
reserved on the Minerals

raised.

I have &c

Jno. Wd. Goldingham
14th June 1814.

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Revenue 18th Dec. No.
Pro: of Govt for June.
No. 1013.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 11th June 64.

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Captn Russell
requested to state the
terms on which he
wishes to obtain land
supposed to contain
lead ores in Kurnool.

Bombay Political Consn

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Dt. 10/5.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay

Sir,

I am directed to enquire on what terms grants of land believed to contain Minerals are made in your Presidency & for mining purposes & what Royalty is reserved on the Minerals raised.

I have &c.
Jas. Wm. Grant
14th June 1864.

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Revenue 1864 Dpt.
Pro: of Govt for June
No. 1014.

To
The Secretary
to the Govt. of Bengal
Dt. 14th June 1864.

From the Senior Secy to the
Govt. of India. dy 16 July 64 No 2045

The Government
of Bengal requested
to inform on what terms
lands containing minerals
in that Presidency -

No 160.

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Revenue 1864 Sept.
Pro: of Govt for June.

No. 1015.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of Bombay.
Dt 14 June 64.

From the Offg Under Secy
to the Govt. of Bombay 16 Sept.
64 C. No. 2526.

The Govt. of Bombay
required to inform the
terms on which lands
containing minerals
are granted in that
Presidency.

No. 161.