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No. 425. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th April-1864 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration of Government that it is expedient to make a thorough trial of the Artesian well system in such parts of the country as in communication with the Geological Survey Department, may be deemed most favorably circumstanced for the purpose.

2. The actual and serious deficiency of water for drinking and domestic purposes becomes painfully conspicuous, in a season of drought such as the present, and so far as the Board can judge, the evil is greatest in localities which hold out fair promise of success to the proposed experiment.

3. They may instance Coimbatore, in the neighbourhood of the Neilgherry range, Bellary not far from the Ramandroog range, and parts of Cuddapah which are generally in sufficient proximity to hilly tracts to indicate *prima facie* that the system might succeed.

4. The Collectors could point out to the Geological Department the exact spots where the want of water is most keenly felt, when in the hot and dry season villagers have daily to travel some miles to obtain drinking water, and not unfrequently have to pay for it to the fortunate possessor of a spring, small tank, or well, and the Board believe that the Geological Surveyors could without much labor determine whether the contour and stratification of the country allowed hope of success for Artesian wells.

5. The Board understand that the necessary apparatus in working order is in the stores of the Department Public Works, at the Presidency, and success would confer such an inestimable benefit on the people, that the expense of the trial is not worthy of consideration if the faintest hope of a favorable result can be entertained.

No. 426. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1864, No. 726.

The Board's letter will be communicated to the Deputy Superintendent of the Geological Survey, with a request that he will inform the Government what localities afford reasonable prospect of success for trial of the Artesian well system.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Deputy Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obedient servant

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Secretary

To,

J. D. Lim Esq^r,

Secretary to Government

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Fort St George

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