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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1866.*

No. 90. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1866, No. 3,087.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tambercheri, Calicut Talook, 17th April 1866, No. 124:—

1. I have the honor to enclose, for such instructions as the Board and Government may see fit to issue, the correspondence noted.

Copy of letter from Messrs. Schmidt and Ryan, dated 14th April 1866.

Do. Collector's reply, dated 17th April 1866, No. 1,276c.

2. It will be seen, that I was asked whether proprietors could dig for gold on their estates, and that I have replied they could; but that I was not in a position to say what course Government would adopt if gold was found.

From Messrs. SCHMIDT AND RYAN, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ootacamund, 14th April 1866.

We shall feel obliged by your kindly informing us if there are any objections to our digging for gold on some of our land in Wynaad, where we have reason to believe that gold can be found. If any license for this purpose is necessary, we beg you will kindly furnish us with one.

From the Collector of Malabar, to Messrs. SCHMIDT AND RYAN, dated Tambercheri, 17th April 1866, No. 1,276c.

1. Adverting to your letter of the 14th instant, I observe that there is no objection to your digging for gold on your own land.

2. I am not in a position to state on what terms Government will deal with gold finders; but I will bring the question before Government.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. It may perhaps be thought advisable to take the opinion of the Government Law Officers as to the right of Government to any royalty in the case of minerals or metals "won" on private lands.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,333.

Miscellaneous.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers it unnecessary to pass any orders at present on the subject referred to in these Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S, T. Augustin.

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14 April 1866

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1st June 1866