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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 30 - 1 - 1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*30th January* 1866.

No. 514. Read the following letter from Major F. APPLEGATH, Staff Corps, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 16th January 1866 :—

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that within the last few days I have received, through the kindness of Professor Oldham, specimens of the rocks that accompany coal in the Damoodah and Adjai coal fields near Ranigunj in Bengal.

2. These specimens, in many instances, are identical with those I have found on the banks of the Kistnah and Palar rivers in the Masulipatam District, within the limits of Government land, though closely adjoining the Nizam's territories.

3. On carefully comparing the specimens from Ranigunj with the map I have prepared of the locality in the Masulipatam District, it is clear to me that I have much under-estimated the extent of the indications; and, provided the coal is good, (and there is every promise of that) they are certainly sufficiently extensive to yield a large revenue both in iron and coal.

4. I need not do more than bring to remembrance the very high price of coal in Madras, the increasing scarcity and dearness of firewood and charcoal, or the enormous rise in the price of all oils suitable for giving light, as an inducement to have a Geological survey of the District, and to open out a few quarries and pits with an efficient boring apparatus, as most important results will assuredly follow such steps. I have estimated the extent of the indications so far as I have been able, to be about 25 square miles, and in all probability when the south bank of the Kistnah are properly surveyed, the indications will prove to be still more extensive.

5. In the event of success attending this investigation, I hope that my varied and continued efforts to bring this subject under notice may meet with a reward commensurate with the importance of the discovery.

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No. 515. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1866, No. 260.

Miscellaneous.

The Government cannot take any action in this matter unless furnished with the specimens alluded to in paragraph 2, as found by Major Applegath, for examination by Mr. Oldham.

(True Extract.)

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

To Major F. Applegath.

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To
J. B. Lin Esquire
Secy to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to bring to
your notice that within the last
few days I have received through
the Hindrao & Dhoopar Collectors
specimens of the rocks that accom-
pany Coal & the Diamond bearing
Coal Fields near Panaji
jury & Bancapur.

2 These specimens in
many instances are identical
with those I have found on
the banks of the Kistnah and
Pedair Rivers & the Masulipa-
tam District within the
limits

of Government land, though closely adjoining the Indian Territories.

3 On carefully comparing the Specimens from Ramjung with the map I have prepared of the locality & the Manchhatoon District; it is clear to me that I have much under estimated the Extent of the Indications, and provided the Coal is good, (as it there is every promise of it) there are certainly sufficient Extensions to yield a large Revenue both in Iron and Coal.

4 I need not do

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The Pet. Cannot take any action in this Matter under powers vested in the Secretary of State for India in Council.

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Dated 16th July
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Under the circumstances stated suggesting that a Geological Survey of the Kistna Dt. may be instituted, and a few Quarries and Pits for Coal may be opened with an efficient boring apparatus - stating also that if success attending this investigation he may be duly rewarded -

No. 260. 22 Decr

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