

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 576

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6-3-1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1866.*

No. 94. Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated the 21st February 1866, No. 1,736 :—

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 8th January 1866, No. 1.

1. I have considered in Council your Despatch dated 13th October (No. 70) 1865, relating to an application by Mr. Henry Lawrence Sterne, for the exclusive right of searching for gold within a limited area ; and while I do not desire to interfere with the arrangements which you have sanctioned in the case of Mr. Sterne, I am desirous that the course which you have taken on this occasion should not form a precedent for further cases.

2. I believe that the true policy of the Government of India in regard to the search for gold is to grant no monopoly, or encouragement, to individuals in any shape ; to seek no royalty or other *direct* revenues for Government ; to be careful in organizing, as soon as may be, something of a Police ; to use that Police no further than by aiding to prevent people from interfering with each other's small "claims," *i. e.*, such ground as each person or party work for themselves ; to pay such Police at *first* by such tax as they can best levy on the diggers—license, for instance, or export duty ; after which the increased wealth of the district will have rendered ordinary taxation available for the purpose.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to
From No. 2,015, dated 28th August 1865. correspondence noted on the margin for
To „ 2,691, „ 11th October „ information.

By Order,
(Signed) W. E. WARD,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1866, No. 576.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

India Office,
London, 8th January 1866.

Public.

No. 1.

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I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. WOOD.

Copy forwarded to the Secy. of State for India with reference to correspondence noted
From No. 158 of 1865 }
To No. 2691 of 1865 } The Margin for information.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 27th February 1866.

By Order,

W. E. Evans

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Dec. 1866 Dep't of State
No. 408 of 1866
28th Sept 1866

Endorsement from
the Under Secy. to
the Govt. of India
Communicated
to the Secy of State

Printed 21st 3rd July
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for clearing for gold.

Sept 4th 1866
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