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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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6th June 1868.*

No. 150. Read the following letter from Messrs. PARRY & Co., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 12th May 1868:—

With reference to your letter, No. 195, dated 23rd January 1868, in reply to Mr. J. Campbell's petition to Government, we have now the honor to hand you the enclosed letter from that gentleman, and shall be glad to take charge of and forward your answer to him.

From Mr. J. Campbell, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated London, 13th March 1868.

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Government reply, No. 195, dated Fort St. George, 23rd January 1868, in answer to my Petition to Government.

2. I have the honor to submit, herewith, certain definite proposals for working a portion of the land for mining. It is difficult for me, at this distance from the spot, to select with any precision the exact locality most desirable to work upon. This difficulty necessitates an application for a wider area than eventually may be required as often there are appearances of copper at a considerable distance from the real future mine to be worked, thus causing great expense to the miner. I presume that the object of the Government is to develop and utilize the natural productions of the country, and to encourage and stimulate new branches of industry and commerce. The object of private persons is to obtain certain remuneration for their labor and risk of capital. The success of the individual attains the object of the Government. I have taken the liberty of making these two remarks to justify any appearance of asking too wide a concession. I feel bound to ask for what I expect will lead to remunerative success, more particularly in an entirely new branch of industry, and that one so dangerous as mining.

3. In calculating the time of the first three years, I would submit that to send out proper miners, and to select the best spots, to commence working, and to determine upon the required machinery, and to get it made and sent out, will consume the best part of the first year. With regard to the quantities of ore to be turned out, I take the quantities mentioned as a minimum in case of unforeseen obstacles, and not to promise too much for the parties who are ready to join with me in forming ourselves into a Company to carry on the works. They are ready to do so upon my shewing them that I have the requisite concession from Government, and upon my shewing them satisfactory results from practical working, instead of reasonable theories. I feel confident I shall be able to do so. Therefore, a few friends with myself, as soon as the lease is granted, will send out proper miners to commence mining, and continue it till the parties here are satisfied. With regard to smelting the ore, I certainly contemplate that operation eventually, although not in the first instance, and I think the future Company will perceive their true interest in it. For smelting, proper furnaces and buildings require to be erected at great expense, both to carry on the operation and for the safety and protection of the property.

4. With regard to the other parts of my proposal, I submit that the Government will consider them as merely essential facilities to lead to ultimate success.

Proposals for working the Copper lands of Nellore.

1. That a concession or lease be granted by Government to John Campbell, his heirs, and assigns, for 21 years of the privilege of working the copper lands in the district of Nellore for the purpose of mining. J. Campbell will undertake to send out skilled miners from Cornwall to select the proper places, and to commence mining, and to determine upon the required machinery necessary to be made and sent out to work with the greatest advantage.

2. John Campbell will undertake to shew, at the expiration of three years (calculating from 12 months after the date of lease) that he has established, and is working the mines for raising copper ore, and to prove by the accounts that he has actually raised therefrom and exported, or has ready for exportation a quantity of copper ore calculated to yield 200 tons of copper metal,

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and at the end of the next two years shall prove by the accounts that he has raised within that period a quantity calculated to yield 500 tons of copper, and at the end of the next five years, that he has raised a quantity calculated to yield 1200 tons of copper, or if he carries on the operation of smelting the produce, as well as mining, that he shall have smelted within the first period 200 tons of copper, within the second period 500 tons of copper, and within the third period 1,200 tons of copper.

3. That the produce of the mines shall be entirely exempt from any duty or import whatever for the period of ten years, and that thereafter the amount of duty or import on such produce, either crude or manufactured, shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value, according to the authorized tariff. Government to have the option to direct the levy of such duty on the raw produce or upon the copper prepared therefrom.

4. The Government do not undertake to oust any occupying ryots for mining operations, any such removal must be matter of private arrangement between the parties.

5. That all machinery whatever, British or foreign, and all timber imported for the purpose of being employed in the mines shall be exempted from duty during the period of this lease.

6. That the Governor in Council will confirm any leases that may be obtained from Zemindars or others of the right of mining for copper ores, provided the terms thereof be conformable to the Government regulations, and to grant a like exemption from duty to the produce thereof, and to the machinery, &c., imported for working them as is mentioned above.

7. That a preference of renewal be granted to the lessee on payment of a moderate fine.

8. On failure of any of the above conditions, the lease shall be null and void if the Governor in Council shall so determine.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1868, No. 1,581.

Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. Campbell will be informed through his Agents, Messrs. Parry & Co., that the Government are not prepared to

grant any exclusive privileges, such as he desires to obtain, over so extended an area as an entire district, but recognizing the difficulty in the way of his defining more narrowly at present the particular locality in which he may desire to work, they will allow him the period of one year, from 1st October 1868, to "prospect" the ground, and if satisfied that he has in that interval taken sufficient steps to examine the locality, they will at its close be prepared to entertain favorably an application in the terms of his letter for the lease of the mining rights over such reasonable area of land at the disposal of Government as he may then be in a position to indicate with precision, on receiving some assurance that the requisite capital to work the concession will be forthcoming.

2. The Government cannot undertake to confirm leases by Zemindars, as desired. Such confirmation would have no legal force, and is in no way necessary to give validity to transactions otherwise within the competency of the parties.

3. There is no Customs Duty leviable on the import of machinery or timber, or on the export of metals.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To Mr. John Campbell, through Messrs. Parry & Co.,
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 1041.

From

Mr. J. S. Campbell

Agent for W. J. Campbell

Dated

12 May

1868

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Campbell now requests to be referred to the 23rd May 68. that he may be granted a lease for 21 years of the "Copper lands" this on the 8th of October. In fact they are a better disposal of Govt. - free from charges in the form of Royalty or the ore raised during the first 10 years - on pay of a royalty not exceeding 10% of the tariff value of the produce in the lease to be paid the necessary machinery & other for prospecting during the currency of the lease (the rules clearly permit) on the payment of a moderate fine.

He proposes to bind himself to show the result of 6 years from the date of the lease that he has established in working the mines & has raised 250 tons.

or hold ready for extraction. One calc. is just 200
tons of Copper. at the end of the next 2 years. a
further quantity of 500 tons - & at the end of the
next 5 years 1200 tons. or if smelting works are
established. that these quantities of Copper have
been smelted. The Govt. is to send no occupant
of land for him. but is to confirm leases obtained
from grantees in conformity with law. on the
same terms as proposed for Govt. land. (If confirmation
may obtain is useless & valueless as the Govt. will
break successions & the frontiers of the leases. but might
be in convenient.)

Except the matter of confirmation. the rest
of the proposals seem to be reasonable enough -
save as regards the extent of the area tho. with
B. this exclusive privilege is sought. on B. point
W. Campbell observes that his distance from the locality
precludes him from defining more narrowly the
locality within B. he is to propose to work.

I think the Govt. might give him time to
“prospect”. say one year. with the promise that
if they are satisfied he is actually taking steps

steps to examine the locality in view of the ^{proposed}
for more definite application at the end of the
time. They will at it when he proposes to enter
favorably an application in the terms of his
letter for the lease of the mining right over
such leasehold area of land at the disposal
of Govt. & in cutting across as boundary then
he is in a position to indicate with precision. on
sufficient assurance that the requisite capital
to work the concession will be forthcoming -

I don't see that Govt. can do more at the
present stage. L.R. 27. Aug/88.

I would adopt the course suggested
by the Rev. Secy.

WDR
I agree with the limitations expressed
above. N.

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Proceedings of the Madras Court
under date the 6th June 1868.

Read the fol-
-lowing letter from
Messrs Barry and Co.

Handing letter
from Mr. J. Campbell
and stating that they
will take charge of
the reply.

(Here enter ^{the} 12th May
1868) -

Mr. Campbell
will be informed thro'
his agents Messrs Barry
& Co that the Court are
not prepared to grant
any exclusive privi-
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desires to obtain, over
so extends an area
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but recognising the
difficulty

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28 May 68 P. 29.

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The Govt can-
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-Licensing as desired.
Such confirmation
would have no legal
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way necessary to give
validity to transac-
-tions otherwise within
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the competency of the
parties.

There is no
Customs duty leviable
on the Import of Ma-
chinery or Timber
or on the Export of
Metal -

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Copy To Mr John Campbell, through Messrs Parry & Co Dec 20 81
14 Coleridge - Opp of Revue

Edw. Ball

Robertson to England
By 5th Canadian M^o 48th 1868

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No of the leaders Court
27th June 1868.

From Misses Barry & Co
4 Sept 1868 C^o 179881.

From Misses Barry & Co
22 Aug 1868 No 268-169

Box No. 391-42

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