

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th February 1868.*

No. 139. Read the following letter from Messrs. DYMES & Co., to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st January 1868 :—

1. Referring to the Order of Government No. 2,729, dated 10th November 1865, we are instructed by Mr. Henry Lawrence Sterne to submit the following facts for your consideration :—

I. That for two years past he has been prospecting for gold on Government waste lands at considerable expense, but unfortunately has not up to the present time been able to point out any block of land on which he was likely to meet with success.

II. That he is anxious to experiment in the beds of rivers, in which, from cursory prospecting and past experience, he is in hopes that gold may be found in payable quantities.

2. He has, therefore, instructed us to request that the subsidiary details of the grant given him may be somewhat modified, and that instead of being permitted to work on four plots of Government waste land not exceeding 500 acres, he may have permission to work in the beds and adjacent banks of such rivers in the Madras Presidency as he may from time to time be able to indicate. His present impression is that there are about eight rivers worth experimenting on, and he trusts that in the event of Government limiting the number of the rivers at his disposal, they will be pleased not to make such limit within that number.

3. He wishes us to assure you, and to guarantee on his behalf, that by working rivers he will in no way interfere or disturb the irrigation of the country, and that in working the adjacent banks, private land shall not be intrenched on, unless bought by him, or with permission given by the land-owner.

4. Mr. Sterne further begs us to submit, for your consideration, that the term of ten years allowed him may commence from the dates on which his selections are made ; he is in hopes that this concession will be allowed him, when it is remembered that his time and money have been unsuccessfully employed for the last two years, and that he can only hope to be able to work with effect during the dry seasons.

Commending this matter to your favorable consideration.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1868, No. 346.

Miscellaneous.

The Government cannot comply with the request contained in the above letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To Messrs. Dymes & Co.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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