

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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<u>352-354</u>		
Dated 28 th October 1879		

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th October 1869.*

Read the following:—

No. 352. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1869,
No. 7,051.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 17th August 1869, No. 249.

SINCE I joined the district I have been endeavouring to induce the natives to investigate the alleged existence of coal as asserted by Colonel Applegath, and holding out to them the certainty of being amply rewarded if they could discover the existence of this mineral in any quantity.

2. One Kodavendi Venkaya, an inhabitant of Dantalapalli, Koppavayi Perganna, in Kambummettu Circar, in the Hyderabad territory, a Comaty by caste, has now brought in some specimens of a mineral which closely resembles coal, and which burns with the same smell. The finder states that he came upon traces about a yard from the surface. The specimens he has brought were taken up at a depth of about half a yard lower down, the lightest and finest specimen being situated the lowest. He indicates the locality of the discovery as being in the Oraganti Circar, about twenty-eight Amadas from Jaggiapetta, and about twelve Amadas from Bhadrachellam. He states that he does not know where Chandna is, but he offers to point out the place where the specimens he has discovered were found if he receives the assurance of being adequately remunerated. He describes the locality as a waste of four Amadas in circumference, among hills and trees, and he states that the mineral exists in large quantities.

3. I have thought it best to report the matter at once, and send specimens by banghy to be tested at Madras. Government may think it advisable to depute a practical Geologist to visit the spot, and to offer the discoverer a handsome reward if he points it out, and the fields be found worth working. His own story is that he has spent Rupees 10,000 in the prosecution of his search, and that he has kept his discovery an entire secret.

P. S.—Dr. Rickard pronounces the mineral to be genuine coal, and has promised to make a chemical analysis. It is possible that the locality indicated by the Comaty is a totally wrong one, simply given to throw off the scent. The coal bed may be much nearer than he describes.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Specimen of Coal.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. As the locality is in the Hyderabad territory the Board have taken no further steps in the matter.

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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G. O. 28th October 1869, No. 2,871

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Coal discovered in Hyderabad Territory.

The specimens submitted by the Collector of Kistna being a species of shale or slate, no orders considered necessary on his letter.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.
28th October 1869.

No. 353. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1869,
No. 7,142.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalagiri, 16th September 1869, No. 221.

Is forwarding translation of a petition, presented to-day by one Kodavendi Venkaya, requesting early disposal of his case regarding the coal discovered by him in the Hyderabad country, which I reported to the Board in my letter No. 249, dated 17th August 1869, I have the honour to inform the Board that the petitioner is in indigent circumstances and a stranger here, and anxious to return to his native village, Dantalapalli of Koppavayi Perganna, Kambummettu Circar. I have asked him to wait for a few days in the hope of receiving the orders of Government in the matter, as in case of his return the clue to the discovery he has made will be lost. I am now proceeding to Jaggiapetta, and trust I may receive early instructions in the matter. The petitioner is afraid that he will be punished by the Nizam's authorities for discovering the existence of coal first to the British authorities.

SUBMITTED to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings of the 22nd September 1869.

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1869, No. 2,871.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government have ascertained that the specimen submitted is a species of shale or slate. No further orders are

therefore necessary on the foregoing papers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th October 1869.

Read the following Lrs.
of the Secy of Revenue.
(H.E. 22nd Sept^r/69 No. 7051)
(— 24th — — — 7142)

The Govt have
ascertained that the
specimen submitted
is a species of shale
or slate. No further
action is therefore
necessary in the
foregoing paper.

W.H.
M.A.

Note for members of Govt.
It is reported by Mr. Brinsford
Anderson of the Railway & another
Ry officer who purchases
the coal for the Ry.

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