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From

A. O. HUME, Esquire, C. B.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Agriculture,

Revenue and Commerce,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Revenue Department

Simla Dated the 2nd October 1872.

Minerals,

Sir,

With reference to entries Nos. 237-39 in the Proceedings of the Madras Government for July last, on the subject of the mineral resources of the Kristna District, I am directed to state that as at present advised, the Governor-General in Council, is disposed to believe that in all cases some royalty, however small, should be levied on minerals or quarries of valuable stone, in order to prevent possible disputes and difficulties hereafter; and that in every case it should be distinctly laid down that in the absence of any special contract between Government and any individual specifying the rate of royalty for a given term, the Government always reserves to itself the right to alter and increase the royalty to

6 months previous notice.—

2.—. I am to add that the Government of India thinks it wise to look forward to the possibility that the mineral resources of the country, at present lying in a dormant state, may at some future time, contribute largely to the finances of the Empire. While therefore the most liberal terms may be made with the pioneers of any mineral enterprise, care should always be taken to preserve the Government lien in its fullest vitality to prevent monopolies growing up, and to avoid any such permanent engagement as might hereafter prove embarrassing.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

R. Strachey

Secretary to the Government of India.

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From
The Govt of India
Dept. of Agri: Rev:
& Commerce

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Stating, with reference to the mineral resources of the Kistna Dt, that the Govt of India, is disposed to believe that in all cases some royalty should be levied on minerals or quarries of valuable stone, in order to prevent possible disputes & difficulties hereafter

W. H. Abbey
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