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Red Stones.

Read the following papers:—

- No. 49. From W. S. WHITEHEAD, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanur, 24th November 1874, No. 76.

It having come to my notice that certain red stones resembling rubies are found in a field within the limits of the village of Kondapoliem in the Taluq of Poloor, I called upon the Tahsildar to inquire into the matter, and submit a report with all available information.

2. In reply, the Tahsildar submits a Memorandum and certain statements taken from the Village Officers, and an Arzi from the Revenue Inspector of the Firka. It appears from these papers that the field in which these stones were found has been under cultivation for the last forty or fifty years, and is now held on putta by one Parasooreman and five others.

3. The stones are more plentiful after heavy rain, and can then be picked up in considerable numbers. They are not of any great intrinsic value, most of them being fragments of larger stones, and some have small holes in them.

4. The inhabitants of the village and in the neighbourhood account for the broken appearance of the stones by declaring that in ancient times there was a town on the spot, and that the jewels belonging to the inhabitants were somehow or other destroyed by fire, and this is not impossible; for, if they were a natural production of the locality, it is likely that the stones would be found scattered over a larger area.

5. As the discovery of these stones possesses some little interest, notwithstanding they are useless as precious stones, I have deemed it right to report the circumstance for the information of Government.

6. A small packet containing some of the stones is herewith sent for inspection.

* With sealed packet.

Referred* to the Officer in charge of
the Museum, for report.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th December 1874.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

- No. 50. From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, Acting Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th January 1875, No. 9.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a packet containing a small tin box within which are some red stones, garnets, and a letter from the Collector of North Arcot to your address referred to me for report.

2. I have carefully examined the stones in question, and compared them with some in our collection, and there can be no doubt that they are the inferior sort of carbuncles, commonly called garnets. This stone is very common throughout the

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South Arcot. At the Madras Exhibition of 1857, garnets, rubies, and very good quality were exhibited from Nellore, Masulipatam, and Bezwa.

3. The Museum is a small tray containing hundreds of small stones from Kondapillay which, it is possible, may be another spelling of Kondapoliem mentioned in Mr. Whiteside's letter. The conchoidal fracture is natural to the small stones which are only fragments of larger ones.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1875, No. 115.
The report of the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, will be communicated to the Collector of North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
.. Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
.. Revenue Department.

Mrd. T. O'Connor.

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Government Central Museum.—Copy of the
Superintendent's letter reporting upon certain red
stones resembling rubies found in the North Arcot
District, communicated to the Collector.

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