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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st May 1875.

No. 368. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1875, No. 736:—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 15th March 1875, No. 76:—

I HAVE the honor to forward an application from Mr. Minchin for certain concessions in regard to gold mining.

2. The area within which he desires the exclusive right of selecting 50 acres after search may be estimated at some 500 acres.

3. There is a conspicuous hill near the high road, where a large quartz reef shows on the surface, and the remains of old workings indicate with certainty that the reef is auriferous. I am not aware that any other reef in Government land is known for certain to be auriferous.

4. I am not prepared to advocate the acceptance of this proposal, and would rather advise that the report of the Superintendent of Geology, after next year's work, should be awaited before deciding to alienate the Government rights.

5. The principle of establishing a share of profits in place of a royalty on ore raised seems objectionable. A royalty goes to cover the increased expenses of Government incident to gold mining, which must be incurred whether the enterprize is finally remunerative or not.

6. Besides, if Government makes itself as it were a shareholder, it may with some justice be called in to participate in losses.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Mr. J. W. MINCHIN, of Devala, Wynaad, to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Devala, 7th February 1875.

I SHALL be obliged by your forwarding to the Government of Madras the following application for land for gold-mining purposes.

2. I have got up a prospecting Company to examine and try the quartz reefs in Wynaad, and we are able to collect a very considerable capital to put up crushing machinery hereafter if we find payable stone.

The terms I am prepared to offer are the following:—

1*st*.—That, for a space of twelve months, I may be at liberty to enter upon a tract of land belonging to the Government, particularly described in the schedule hereunder written, for the purpose of prospecting and examining for gold the quartz reefs running through the said tract of land, driving or sinking shafts, &c., as may be advisable.

2*nd*.—That all the money necessary for this purpose shall be found by me, but that I shall not be required to pay rent or royalty for the said twelve months.

3*rd*.—That, during the said twelve months, I shall be at liberty to select and mark out and survey 50 acres of land out of any part of the land comprised within the boundaries specified in the said schedule, which I shall consider suitable for mining for gold, and that, at the end of the twelve months, a mining lease of the said 50 acres of land shall be granted to me.

4*th*.—That the said lease shall contain the following provisions:—

(*a*.) The lease shall be in duplicate, lease and counterpart.

(*b*.) The lease shall grant to me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, exclusive right to mine in the said 50 acres of land for a term of 50 years.

(*c*.) That I shall pay a royalty of ten per cent on the net profits derived from all ores found in the said land. The royalty to be paid on the first day of each year, the first payment in 1877.

(*d*.) The said lease to contain provision for entry and distress upon said land, in default of payment for 90 days, from date of falling due.

(*e*.) That I shall deliver to the Government samples of all auriferous quartz and metallic ores found by me, when desired.

(*f*.) That I shall furnish returns of all sales of gold and ores found by me, with prices and names of purchasers.

(*g*.) That the Government shall, at all times during the said term, have free access to the books of account kept by me showing the nature of the operations carried on.

(*h*.) That I shall have the right to dam up and divert the water running through the said land.

(*i*.) That I shall be allowed to fell and use any timber growing on the said land.

Schedule above referred to.

All that tract of forest and waste land, situated in the Wynaad, in the Collectorate of Malabar, in the Sub registration District of Goodalore, in the Registration District of Calicut. Bounded on the north by the Charambady District road, on the south by the demarcation stones on the northern boundary of the Glenrock Coffee Estate, on the east side thereof by the demarcation stones on the western boundary of Mr. Alexander Wright's Caroline Estate, on the west side thereof by the eastern boundary of Captain Cox's late application, and all which said tract of forest and waste land contains together in the whole by estimation 300 acres or thereabouts, and is now and has been in the possession of the Government of Madras as Moonaad escheated land.

As quartz mining in India is in its infancy it is impossible to calculate as yet what will be the cost of working. I cannot, therefore, make any offer of royalty except upon the net profits. As I have everything ready to commence work, and have engaged the services of a Mining Engineer, I shall be glad to receive an early answer to this application.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board would recommend that the concession be granted, provided that the parties agree to a royalty upon the quantity of ore raised, and that the 50 acres be selected in one block.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1875, No. 854.

Miscellaneous.

THESE Proceedings are lying over pending the receipt of the Board's reply to G.O., dated 2nd April ultimo, No. 512, on the general question. As some time may elapse before that reply is received, and as the present applicant is understood to represent a responsible body of projectors, the Governor in Council in anticipation of the disposal of the general question is

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pleased to grant permission to Mr. Minchin to prospect as proposed. A definite area will be assigned to him in due course, and there will be every desire to deal liberally with him. The terms of rent and royalty will be determined hereafter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" J. W. Minchin, Esq.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Devala
7th February 1875

To

Athol Macgregor Esqre
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REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR,

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&c,

Dated May 31st.

Read.

Enclosure.

G. O, 31st May 1876, No. 854.

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Nos. 368-369.

Land for gold-washing purposes in Malabar. Granting permission to Mr. Minchin to prospect, &c. proposed in anticipation of the disposal of the general question regarding the Wynaad roads; informing a definite area of — will be assigned to him in due course; that those will be every desire to deal liberally with him; and that the terms of rent and royalty will be determined hereafter.

Vide C No 1135 From Mr Minchin D 13 March/76
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I have &c

(Sgd) John William Minchin.

(True copy)

H Elsmore

Ag Secretary

H Blackett

Attorney at Law

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 24th March 1875. No 96.

Read the following

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

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H Adams
Acting Secretary

To The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department with copy of Enclosure.

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Dear Admiral

Dr. Bunche's
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Board of Governors
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Subject: Transmitting letter from Ferdinand J. Mahlon-Smith
Ferdinand J. Mahlon-Smith to the Secretary General
Citizenship and application for
Membership in the United Nations
Membership for persons
formerly entitled to the
privileges of the convention
regarding the Status of
Refugees -

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Most desirable & Stark
Rays of possible blue
here. Kindly look over
the papers I left on the
Bed & Huddlestone
let me know.
Yours
Yrs Sincerely

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D.T.C. 31/5/15

Ind Copy To C/o Inspector Dec 31 May

do to Mr Murchison Dgd 1st June

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Forwarded Capetown Dec 11 June

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