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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th October 1878, No. 1,730.

Read the following paper :—

No. 286. From C. R. DAWSON, Esq., to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Davallah, South-East Wynad, 22nd October 1878.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,662, dated 12th October 1878, in reply to my letter, dated 10th October 1878, I have the honor to point out that Government appear to have misapprehended the object of my letter. I have no wish to draw off Mr. Brough Smyth from the investigations which he is making under the orders of Government, but in common with others interested in the good mining of this district, I am anxious to obtain, as early as possible, information regarding the results obtained by Mr. Brough Smyth on my properties.

2. The Government are probably aware the greater part of Mr. Brough Smyth's investigations are made on private properties, the owners of which have been giving and are giving Mr. Brough Smyth every aid in their power, supplying him with labor and information and devoting much of their own time to assisting him.

3. In return for this, I beg most respectfully to submit that the proprietors of the estates prospected, or the Planters Association may fairly expect Government to give them the earliest possible information as to the results obtained, as such information would guide our action in any proposals that are made to work the reefs intersecting our estates.

4. If Government can arrange to communicate to us or our Association the reports or substance of the reports sent in periodically by Mr. Brough Smyth, our object will be attained, we believe, without injury to Government or other private interests, and our efforts to aid Mr Brough Smyth will be further stimulated.

5. My proposal in paragraph 2 of my letter to pay for investigation on my private properties referred to the statement of Mr. Smyth that he would with a larger staff be able to simultaneously examine a larger number of reefs than at present. I should be willing to pay for the extra establishment to prospect my properties if due results are communicated to me. Such a course would not interfere with Mr. Smyth's State duties, but would enable him to complete this work more quickly than at present.

6. If Government are willing to communicate the results of Mr. Brough Smyth's general investigations, I would suggest that this letter should be referred to him for report, as to how far my proposals in regard to private properties might be carried out without injury to his State duties.

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1878, No. 1,730.

Miscellaneous.

As soon as assured facts have been ascertained, the Government will take the earliest opportunity of publishing the information which Mr. Brough Smyth may have collected.

2. His Grace in Council takes his opportunity of acknowledging the assistance which Mr. Smyth is receiving from proprietors in the Wynad.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To C. R. Dawson, Esq.
„ H. Brough Smyth, Esq.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Govt. of [1878] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

Mr. C. R. DAWSON, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated October 29th.

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G.O. 30th October 1878, No. 1730.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 286287.

Mining operations in the Wynad.—Stating that as soon as correct facts have been ascertained, the Government will take the earliest opportunity of publishing the information which Mr. Brough Smyth may have collected in connection with the enquiries relating to the mineral resources of the Wynad.

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Revenue Sept.

Davallah
S. Wynaad
22nd Octr

To
The Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1662 dated 5th October 1878 in reply to my letter dated 5th October 1878, I have the honor to point out that Government appear to have misapprehended the object of my letter. I have no wish to cut off Mr Brough Smyth from the investigations which he is making under the orders of Government, but in common with others interested in the good working of this district I am anxious to obtain, as far as possible, correct information regarding the results obtained by Mr Brough Smyth on my properties.

2 The Government are probably aware that the greater part of Mr Brough Smyth's operations are made on private properties, the owners of which have been giving and are giving Mr Brough Smyth every aid in their power by supplying him with labor and implements and devoting much of their own time to assisting him.

3 In return for this I may perhaps be permitted to submit that the Proprietors of the Estates in which Mr Brough Smyth is operating have a claim to the earliest information which he may obtain as to the existence of payable minerals on their properties, and that as the Estates are the property of the Proprietors and not of the Government, I have a claim to be informed of the results of Mr Brough Smyth's operations before any other person, and that I may be permitted to point out that the Government have no claim to receive from Mr Brough Smyth any information which he may obtain as to the existence of payable minerals on my property, and that I am entitled to receive from him all information which he may obtain as to the existence of payable minerals on my property before the Government receive it.

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the assistance which Mr Smyth is receiving from

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fairly expect Government to give them the earliest
possible information as to the results obtained,
as such information would guide our actions
in any proposals that are made to work the
reefs intersecting our Estates.

4 If Government can arrange to communicate to us or our Association the Reports or substance of the Reports sent in periodically by Mr Braysh Smyth our object will be attained we believe without injury to Government, or other private interests, and our efforts to aid Mr Braysh Smyth will be further stimulated.

5 My proposal in para 2 of my letter to pay for investigation on my private properties, I refer, to the statement of Mr Smyth, that he proceed with a larger staff he able to annually examine a large number of reefs that at present I should be willing to pay for the establishment to prospect my properties if the results are communicated to me. Such a course would not interfere with Mr Smyth's State duties [illegible] but would enable him to [illegible] more quickly than at present.

6 If Government do not apply to communicate the [illegible] of Mr Braysh Smyth's [illegible] I shall take this opportunity of acknowledging the assistance which Mr Smyth is receiving from

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 26 October 1878

Read the following
letter from Mr. C. R. Dawson,
dated 22nd October 1878

1. As soon as assured facts have been ascertained the Govt. will take the earliest opportunity of publishing the information which Mr. Forsyth may have collected.

2. His Grace in Council takes this opportunity of acknowledging the assistance which Mr. Forsyth is receiving from

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
C. R. Dawson

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From
C. R. Dawson Esq.
Darjeeling
Dated 22nd October 1878

Rec'd 29th October 1878

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from prospectors in the
Wynaad.

Ordered in Council
25/10/78.

1 Fo. C.O. H. Dawsan Esqr. per Dak Vada
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On the subject of furnishing information collected by Mr Bourchier.