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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1876.*

No. 242. Read the following letter from H. P. HODGSON, Esq., of Coonoor, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Ootacamund, 30th January 1876 :—

HAVING reason to believe that there is gold-bearing quartz to be found on the Nilgiris and Koondahs, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to move Government to grant me exclusive right to prospect for the same for a certain period.

2. Should I prove successful in finding gold, I trust Government will grant me a concession of land for mining purposes.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1876, No. 249.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Hodgson has leave to prospect in the tracts named for the purpose stated. The permission is limited, of

course, to the waste lands, and Government does not pledge itself to exclude others from prospecting at the same time.

2. By the end of next fasli (30th June 1877) Mr. Hodgson will be expected to show a *prima facie* probability of success in his search for gold, on being assured of which His Excellency in Council will be prepared to grant him a lease of such extent of land and on such terms as may then be determined.

3. The Commissioner of the Nilgiris will take care that Mr. Hodgson sinks no shafts in dangerous proximity to any public road or path.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To H. P. Hodgson, Esq.

„ the Board of Revenue.

„ the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Careful consideration

FOR ORDERS.

Dec. 11/2/70

Right to prospect
has been in the
hands of the
Government

I do not say that
the Govt. permit
Mr. H. to prospect
for gold on the waste
lands of the M. Hills
but cannot confer
any exclusive pri-
vilege. The Govt. will
consider his applica-
tion and then make

R. D.

Yes.
That is what we
did in Kistangiri case.
I think it would be as well
to ascertain from S. of T. perhaps
confidentially) what is their policy
about mines. We did set
+ they must have had it
before them in the Mysore
case (Coler).

11/2/70
C. 1672/70
No 1574/70

shall receive a
lease of land for
mining purposes
on such terms &
conditions - and of
such quantity as
may ^{then} be decided
on by Government -
it should be pointed out
that this right cannot
be exclusive in the district
as far as ^{such to} not ^{be} ^{debar}
~~plaster~~ - any existing

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miners or settlers from
prospecting on their
lands or land in their
occupation - ~~on the~~

The lease or grant
of right of prospecting
should contain a
condition as to making
shafts or in dangerous
proximity to any ~~public~~
road or path -

The general question
of the conditions of lease
of mining rights if
sold be found separate.

15. Feb. 1876

Mr. Thompson has come to prospect in the tract
named, for he has been started. The permission is limited
to the west end, & he does not feel at liberty to
include the farm prospecting at the same time.

2. By the end of next year (50th June / 77) Mr. Thompson
is to expect to be in possession of a considerable tract of
land, on being returned of about 10,000 acres. It will be
about 1000 ft. long & 1000 ft. wide & about 1000 ft. deep.

3. The course of the highway will take care that Mr. Thompson shall be
able to, in consequence of the highway being built, make a road
from the end of the tract to the end of the tract.

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23rd July 1896

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St. Louis -

2. *Compos.*

Dated 31st Dec. 31st 1902 { Jan'y 1905.

Applying for the System
inside & outside for help for a certain
Number, on the Village & Township - &c.

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Exc. for orders

24/12-6
K. Frazer

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