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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14th September 1878, No. 1,506.

Read the following paper :—

No. 181. From R. BROUGH SMYTH, Esq., Mining Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Devalah, 2nd September 1878.

Referring to my letter of the 24th July, I now do myself the honor to request that the salary of Mr. Thomas Laing, the practical working quartz-miner, whose services I was authorized to engage, may be paid as early as practicable.

The salary promised to Mr. Laing, subject to the approval of the Government, is one pound sterling per diem; and having regard to the costs of living here, and to the expenses he will have to incur in keeping a pony, I beg to recommend that he be paid in addition the sum of Rs. 3 per diem as an allowance.

It is proper for me to state that Mr. Laing's acquaintance with the working of reefs, and his activity and willingness in performing severe manual labor, will result in a large saving in the cost of getting stone from the veins, &c.; and I anticipate that the moneys I will have to expend during my explorations for the labor of coolies will, in consequence, be very small in amount.

No. 182. Order thereon, 14th September 1878, No. 1,506.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Smyth will be informed that the charges he proposes to incur on account of his Miner Mr. Laing, viz., one pound sterling per diem as salary, and Rs. 3 per diem as an allowance, seem reasonable, and that the Accountant-General has already been instructed* to admit the item in Mr. Smyth's monthly bill. The charges approved will now be intimated to the Accountant-General.

* G.O., 25th July 1878, No. 1,831.

(True Extract.)

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

To R. Brough Smyth, Esq.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

Devalah, 2nd Sept. 1878.

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To C. G. Master Esq
Secretary to the Government
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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R Broughton Maj Genl

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Note

In a note above supplies that I can also supplies as the usual cases occur.

I think that early action is required at Ver. Lang the practical engineer I know the man & hold that he should be retained at any cost at present

Hope to obtain him some assurance

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Dear dear Sir Wm Robinson.

Dr Laing, though unacquainted with the facts, is very uneasy and wishes to return to Australia.

I have had to pay all his expenses since his arrival in India and I give him what he requires, but he is dissatisfied with this arrangement. Which is not surprising.

It is very good of you to enquire about my health: I never felt

of for. Such as we keep
him - & set his mind
at ease.
Ever W. A.
Shall go & Recall
allow - & he will
and assure us
that until matters can
be finally arranged

Yes.

I'm about time he was prompted

stronger, and I care nothing
for the wet - Except as impeiring
my work.

On Monday I was Surveying
from Early in the morning until
3. P.M. I had no breakfast
but I had a good luncheon
about 4 P.M.

The work is rough but I like
it - and the more I see the
better I am satisfied with
the Character of the District

Shakespeare

Lt of R Brough Smyth

No. 3866

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From Mr Brough Smyth

Dated 2 September 1878

FOR ORDERS.

Mr Brough Smyth asks that his practical miner Mr Thomas Lang may be paid his sub lary of one pound a day and 3 Rupees per diem as travelling allowance.

This application is apparently the outcome of the communication which the Honble Sir W. R. Rumsey made to Mr Smyth after last Council when it was settled with reference to certain d.o. correspondence – just up – that Mr Smyth should be asked what he thought Mr Lang wanted.

Mr Smyth's present letter would

Did Mr Smyth state charges in progress Finance acct of this Minor item Enclosed & Ret the Auditor has already been advised Ridout & the item is Mr Smyth's

I guess at the the meaning of the Ret What was the details of I ask the Survey Dept a Mines order calling for Estimate passed for this purpose

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Settled in Council 30/8/78 that Sir W. R. should be asked by S. of S. whether Mr Lang wanted.

simply that some difficulty had been raised as to the payment of Mr Laing's salary. Such is not the case. On the contrary the Accountant General was on the 25th July last furnished with Extract from Sir Andrew Clarke's letter — the only authority on the subject — and was desired to admit the charges which Mr Smyth might incur on this account —

Under the terms of Sir Andrew Clarke's letter Mr S. Smyth is quite at liberty to pay Mr Laing what he (Mr Smyth)

Bill. Has not approved this and is in communication with Govt. JD

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"It may be desirable to bring with you a practical working Quarryminer who has had experience in opening reefs; but such a man should be under personal engagement to you who have no lien whatever on the Govt & will however reimburse to you his expenses."

This seems all that need be explained to Mr. B. (a notice in Indigo routine) & he might add that Mr. Laing on Arrival is proposes arrangement to propose

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thinks reasonable and therefore the object of Mr Smyth's reference on the subject is not clear unless it be that he wishes to have Mr Laing recognized as under an engagement with Government. As this is contrary to Sir A. Clarke's instructions perhaps a reference to the G. of I. will be necessary if it is intended to make any alteration in existing arrangements.

CJ

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FOR ORDERS.

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Under date the 14th September 1878

Read letter from
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*1 G.O. 25th July 1878.
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1 L. O. Brought down to the Engineers
b the Secretary General