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REVENUE DEPRTMENT.

17th September 1878, No. 1,511.

Read the following paper :—

No. 191. From R. BROUGH-SMYTH, Esq., Mining Engineer, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Devalah, 6th September 1878.

I DO myself the honor to submit for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council the second report of my proceedings.

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The survey is plotted as soon as practicable after my return from the field, and the map, when completed, will accompany my final report.

2. I have caused a reef to be opened behind the magazine at the Alpha Mine, and already one small portion of it has been tested; but I shall defer my report on its character until larger samples of it have been treated.

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4. The work of ascertaining the amount of gold in a given quantity of stone is conducted with the utmost care; the like attention is given to the mode of taking stone from the reefs so that each parcel shall represent either a section of the reef or that portion which is supposed to carry the gold; and the records will enable miners and others to judge of the value of the mines.

5. The work in the field has been seriously retarded by the weather. Of the last thirty days, there have been only seven that could be described as moderately fine, twenty-three were characterised by heavy rains and dense fogs.

I am informed that forty-four inches of rain have fallen since the 1st August.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1878, No. 1,511.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be forwarded for the information of the Government of India in continuation of letter, dated 16th August 1878, No. 1,317.

(True Extract.)

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

To R. Brough-Smyth, Esq.

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of India Warrant
REVENUE.
To
Dated September 17th.
Paid
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C.O. 12th September 1878, No. 1,511

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 194-202.

W. Brough-Smyth's Second Report.—Quarterly Reporting progress made in the survey of the reefs and gold workings in the Wynaad forwarded to the Government of India for information.

Devalah, 6th Sep. 1878.

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R Brough Smyth

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From

R. Brough Smyth Esq^re
Mining Eng^r

Dated 6
Rec^d 7 } September 1878

Submitting Second
report of his mining operations in the Wynaad

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Ordered to be forwarded for the information of the Govt. of India in continuation of letter dated 16th August 1878, No 1317.

With Order 17th September 1878

From R. Brough Smyth Esq^re Mining Eng^r to Govt dated 6/9/78

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