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- (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் _____
- (3) ஆதாரக் குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் _____

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No. 845.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 31st March 1879.

Read the following letter from R. S. BENSON, Esq., Acting Commissioner of Nilgiris to J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th February 1879, No. 38 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter, dated 29th November last, from Mr. W. Lousdale applying for permission to prospect for gold within half-a-mile radius of the boundaries of the Gadbrook Estate in South-East Wynad, and to request the Board's orders thereon. I am of opinion that the prospecting operations should be limited to a certain period, at the end of which the applicant should be required to select a stated area for gold mining on the terms Government may fix. The assignment of large area of land for an indefinite time to prospect for gold will be prejudicial to the opening of the country to other investors.

2. The question of the terms on which lands for gold mining should be made over being yet unsettled, I have deemed it expedient to submit Mr. Lousdale's letter for the Board's orders.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. LOUSDALE, Esq., Ootacamund, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated 29th November 1878.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be good enough to ask permission from the Government for me to mine for gold in a quartz reef which runs near to the "Gadbrook" Estate, Nallacotta. I make this application, subject of course to whatever terms may be imposed by the Government. I am not certain yet whether the quartz in question is contained in one or more reefs, and I would therefore beg that I may have the right to mine within half-a-mile radius of the boundaries of the above estate which is the property of Mr. William Hamilton of London and of myself. I further beg the honor of your considering this application of the said Mr. W. Hamilton and myself, I holding his Power of Attorney in the matter of the Gadbrook Estate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. S. BENSON,
Acting Commissioner.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government. The Board are of opinion that Mr. Lousdale may be permitted to prospect on the terms laid down in G.O., dated 31st May 1875, No. 854.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sturrock
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Commissioner of Nilgiris, with copy of G.O., dated 31st May 1875, No. 854.

Ed. A. Grubert.

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No. 846.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 31st March 1879.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, to J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests), dated Ootacamund, 15th February 1879, No. 29:—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,890, of the 28th October 1878, I have the honor to state that Mr. Schmidt now wishes that the whole of the 131.67 acres as described in the plan herewith resubmitted may be made over to him for gold mining, and I see no objection to compliance with his request.

2. As regards the Forest land included in the plan, I beg to enclose copy of a letter, No. 213-313, of the 13th December 1878, from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, stating that he sees no objection to its alienation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Major R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 13th December 1878, No. 213-313.

ENCLOSED a map of an application of Mr. Schmidt. The Superintendent of Dingby Doll Estate, who knows the land well, went over it with me. He is in Mr. Schmidt's employ. I see no objection to the application being granted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

R. W. BARLOW,
Commissioner of Nilgiris.

No. 1,549-A.

THE Conservator has no objection to raise against the alienation of the tract of forest in question.

MADRAS,

27th February 1879.

(Signed)

R. H. BEDDOME, Colonel,
Conservator of Forests.

SUBMITTED to Government with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 28th October 1878, No. 2,890.

2. The Board recommend that the whole area of Acres 131.67 be made over to Mr. Schmidt on the terms specified in G.O., dated 31st May 1875, No. 854.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with plan to be returned, and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 28th October 1878, No. 2,890.

Copy to the Commissioner of Nilgiris.

Encl. A. Grubert.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated 31st March 1879.

Printed April 5th.

Received 11/4/79.

PROCEEDINGS, 31st MARCH 1879, No. 845.

Copy 9/4/79

MARCH 31st

Recd. 11th July, 1879

Gold Mining.—Submitting to Government application from Mr. W. Lowndes for permission to prospect for gold within half-a-mile radius of the boundaries of the (hathook Estate in South-East Wynad in Nilgiri District.

The following is the substance of the letter from Mr. Lowndes, dated 11th July 1879, in which he requests permission to prospect for gold within half-a-mile radius of the boundaries of the (hathook Estate in South-East Wynad in Nilgiri District. He states that he has been informed that the land is not under cultivation and is not used for any other purpose. He also states that he has been informed that the land is not under any other person's claim. He requests that the Government should grant him permission to prospect for gold within the specified area.

7/6/79

J. H. J.

16th July 1879

16th July 1879

No. 2,890.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th October 1878.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiri, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th September 1878, No. 140:—

In G.O., No. 1,820, of the 27th November 1876, the grant of 50 acres of land in South-East Wynad was sanctioned to Mr. W. E. Schmidt of Ootacamund, of which 40 acres were intended for coffee planting and the remaining 10 acres for gold mining on the terms embodied in G.O., No. 851, of 31st May 1875. The survey and demarcation of the land bring the area to 131.67 acres. Mr. Schmidt now asks that the whole block as at present surveyed and demarcated may be made over to him on the same terms on which the 50-acre grant was sanctioned by Government. I beg to recommend the allotment, and to enclose the survey plan of the land for the inspection of the Board and return.

2. I have the honor to request instructions as to whether the terms on which land for gold mining in Wynad have been determined, and if so, what they are, and what form of title-deed, if any, should be issued to Mr. Schmidt for the land now recommended.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Survey Plan.

It is not stated what proportion of the area, 131.67 acres, is to be devoted to coffee and mining, respectively; further more than three-fourths of the land is forest. The Conservator of Forests should be consulted as to the advisability of alienating the block, and information should be furnished on the other point.

2. The Board have not as yet received any instructions as to the terms on which land will be granted for mining purposes, and no title-deed should be issued to Mr. Schmidt pending settlement of the question. The Commissioner will be furnished with copies of G.O.s., dated 28th August 1876, No. 1,179, 3rd February 1877, No. 503, 27th February 1877, No. 846, and 19th March 1877, No. 1,143.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Nilgiri with plan to be returned,
and copies of G.O.s., 23rd August 1876, No. 1,179;
3rd February 1877, No. 503; 27th Feb. 1877,
No. 846; and 19th March 1877, No. 1,143.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated March 31st.

Printed April 5th.

Received 12/4/79

PROCEEDINGS, 31st MARCH 1879, No. 846.

MARCH

No. 846.

Dec 14th 11 July 1879

Gold Mining.—Submitting to Government letter from Commissioner of Nilgiris recommending that the whole area of certain land be made over to Mr. Schmidt for —

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The fortification of the land is projected as to 131.67
and of land affixed for the same purpose of 12
acres within which period has been a specific
application for a title to be made on a definite and
certain basis as a condition of the land being
granted. 7/6/79

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of Mining - This
 Section of the 50
 Area block is being
 run under, consider
 he can claim nothing
 under the G.O. of 31
 May 75. For many
 other claims based
 on similar grounds
 he advanced by Mr.
 Schmidt or others.

This was granted to him -
 Subsequently, in Sept. 20,
 on the real area of the
 approx 50 acres being
 discovered. Mr. Schmidt asked
 to have the whole block
 withdrawn to him on the
 same terms as the 50
 acres grant -
 Out of the 731 acres 600 p
 on soil to be forested -
 18.40 p from the road
 dump - This forest
 for purposes to be used
 for Mr. Schmidt's request
 exceptions against the
 forest - but the 20 acres
 him only some 20 acres.
 It appears true that
 both Mr. Thiruchin & Mr.
 Schmidt's grants have
 really lapsed because
 they have neither selected
 the 50 acres as per order
 taken out a mining
 lease for it within the time.
 I strongly recommend
 therefore that Mr. Thiruchin
 cease to be longer granted
 as a precedent - &
 that Mr. Schmidt's &
 Mr. Ladd's application
 &

4th 31. May 75
 I agree - except that
 I dissent to Mr. Thiruchin's
 that anybody is due to
 prospect unless waste
 lands are designated -
 for these prospects have to
 include turning up the
 soil - R. 2/6
 I agree with Mr. Thiruchin
 except that I dissent in

Do not sign

Board of Revenue,
 MADRAE.

To

The COMMISSIONER of NIGERI.

Dated October 28th.

Printed November 1st.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 28th OCTOBER 1878, No. 2,830.

OCTOBER.
 No. 2,830.

Land - in Nigeri District granted to Mr.
 W. E. Schmidt for coffee planting and gold
 mining, but now discovered to be of larger
 extent than was originally specified. - Request-
 ing further information regarding - and
 directing that no title-deed be issued to Mr.
 Schmidt pending the settlement of the terms
 on which land should be granted for mining
 purposes.

be disposed of -
follows:

W. Schmitz informs
that his original grant
has expired like his
predecessors. but that
Govt. will give him
leave to prospect for 12
months the whole of the
131 acres applied
for by him and then
-ally on his returning
there any of the tract -
if within 12 months
he does not choose within
a specific area,
not larger than 50
acres, within which
to make his possession
right of prospecting
will terminate.
It is proposed to be
allowed to prospect
on the area indicated
by him on the same
terms & provided the
land is not to be
Govt. land.

20/5/79 J.H.S.

FOR ORDERS.

Comd. Mr. J. H. S.
Mr. J. H. S.
Mr. J. H. S.
Mr. J. H. S.

Quite admit that
can stop prospecting.
Govt. wants if it seems
best. J.H.S.

C21-5-79. Rev. 6-79. Rev. 23-6-79.
R4-6-79. Rev. 25-6-79. 29-7-79

Revenue Department.

No 146

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th July 1879.

READ the following Procs.

to the Board of Revenue
Nos 845 and 846 dated
31st March 1879 -

G.O.

In the first of
the above Procs. the
Revenue Board forward
to Govt. a letter from the
Commissioner of the
Nilgiris giving cover
to a letter from Mr. W.
Goswami in which he
asks permission to
mine for gold in a quarry
"out" which runs near
the Gadbrook estate,
and being on certain
whether the quarry in
question is contained
in one or more of the
requests he may be
granted the right to
mine.

Copy to Govt. a trace
in M.S.

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mine" within half a
mile radius of the
boundaries of the
above estate. The Com-
missioner, in forward-
ing the letter inter-
feres to Mr. Lousdale's
application to be one
for permission to
"prospect" for gold within
the specified limits,
and the Board of
Commissioners express their
opinion that Mr.
Lousdale may ac-
cordingly be granted
leave "to prospect" on
the terms laid down
in G.O. of May 31st 1865
No 854-

2. In that G.O. the Com-
missioner disposed of an appli-
cation from Mr. J. W.
Lousdale in which he
asked to be allowed
to enter for the space
of 12 months, upon a

tract of land belonging
to Govt "for the purpose
"of prospecting and
"mining for gold
The Quartz reef running
"through the said tract
"of land; driving and
"sinking shafts &c as
"may be advisable -

During the 12 months
he was to be at liberty
to select, mark out, and
survey, 50 acres out of
any part of the land
specified, which he
might consider suit-
able for mining for
gold, and at the end
of the 12 months was
to be granted "a mining"
"lease of the said 50
"acres of land". The lease
was to be granted sub-
ject to certain con-
ditions which were
specified by Mr. Minchin

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The Govt. granted permission to that gentleman to prospect as proposed, and promised "a definite area" would be assigned to him in due course. The terms of rent and royalty were to be determined afterwards.

3 The Govt. are not aware that Mr. Minchin has ever selected, demarcated, or surveyed the 50 acres as required by the terms of the permission given to him and if he did not do so within the 12 months agreed upon his permission to prospect expired on the 30 May 1876 - No mining lease has since been granted.

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granted to him.
4. In the Second of the Proceedings above read the Board recommended that the whole of an area of 131.67 acres be made over to Mr. W. E. Schmidt on the terms specified in the G.O. of May 31st 1875 above quoted. Mr. Schmidt's original application was made in October 1875 for a piece of land (suggested to be about 50 acres in extent) under the Waste Land Rules. He proposed to devote 40 acres to planting coffee and 10 acres to gold mining. Shortly afterwards he asked permission to hold mining rights in the above land on the same terms as were accorded to Mr. Minchin.

and the Revenue Board, in submitting the papers to Govt, recommended that terms similar to those granted to Mr. Mincheri might be conceded to Mr. Schmidt. In G.O. No 1020 of Novr. 27, 1876 the Govt. approved the Board's recommendation. Mr. Schmidt's concession therefore was only one to prospect over 50 acres for 12 months subject to his demarcating and ^{within that period} surveying a definite portion of it for gold mining, when a lease would be granted to him; but it does not appear that he has conformed to the ^{S.S.} terms of the grant in this respect and in

^{Revision}
in that case it lapsed on the 26th November 1877-

5. In September 1878. the Commissioner of the Nilgiris reported that Mr. Schmidt's land having been surveyed and demarcated (apparently by the Revenue Survey Dept.) its area was found to be 131.67 acres, and that Mr. Schmidt asked ^{that} the whole block so surveyed and demarcated might be made over to him on the same terms on which the 50 acre grant was made. As it appeared, however, that more than three-fourths of the land was forest, the Revenue Board, before submitting the papers to Government, directed the Commissioner to consult the ^{for-}servator
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Conservator of Forests as to the advisability of alienating the blocks and to report how much of the area was to be devoted to coffee and how much to mining. The Deputy Conservator of Forests saw no objection to the application, being granted and Mr Schmidt informed the Commission that he wished to have the whole 131.67 acres made over to him "for gold mining". The Board in sending the correspondence to Govt. ~~has recommended~~ ^{as also stated} that the whole area should be made over to Mr Schmidt under the terms of G.O. No 854 of May 31st 1875.

b. The Governor in Council considers that

No. 3189 & 3190.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

Note

It seems to me that there is a great want of uniformity in the matter. Mr. Minchin asked leave to enter in a tract of land belonging to Govt for the purpose of prospecting for gold during a period of 12 months he then asked to have 50 acres of Govt land granted him for mining lease.

the W. Minchin letter printed in P. L. G. of May 31st 1875 No 854.

the W. Minchin letter in the same P. L. G. of Govt.

The Govt. sanctioned the proposed "prospecting"

with reference to the Hon. Mr. Hudson's remark on the original memo. to the effect that he did not gather that any exclusive right had been given to Mr. Minchin or Mr. Schmidt, I beg to point out that Mr. Minchin who was the first applicant for those concessions (the precedent) asked in 1875 for the exclusive right of selecting 50 acres of land out of an area of about 500 acres within 12 months & to give mining lease for the said 50 acres at the end of the 12 months - This was

in 1875. The Govt.
granted W. Minchin
leave to prospect on
proposed. Whether he
selected the 50 acres
within the limit ^{with} ^{the} ^{land}
whether he got a
mining lease or not
I cannot say but
believe not.

in 1876. Subsequently W. Minchin
applied for a block
of land which he
estimated at 50
acres (but which
really was 131 acres)
& asked the Govt.
under the Land
revenue provisions to
prospect for gold on
about 10 acres of it. After
wards, finding this time
on it: W. Minchin has
allowed to prospect
and paid to take the
land, (that is pre-
sumably the whole
of the 50 acres)
on the same terms as
W. Minchin (i.e.
with exclusive right
to prospect thereon
for 12 months).

2. To obviate delay a
disposal of the general
question of terms for
lease of land for gold
mining. by sending
to this at. I enclose
2:82 1/2 prospect.
In my opinion an
area can prospect
for gold to be then
sanctioned - prospect
being as understood
only the scientific
of the geological cir-
of the country. I am
looking for prospect
Mr. Minchin in my
opinion has never
yet any permission
to work gold bearing
strata in Govt. land
for profit in the way

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

11th July 1879, No. 460.

No. 158. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—
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(True Copy.)

Signed) R. S. BENSON,
Acting Commissioner.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government. The Board are of opinion that
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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
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Conservator of Forests.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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