

Revenue (1897) Department.

ROUTINE SERIES.

G.O., No. 545

DATED 18th March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ref^d by universally members of the
Council of India on Mr. Holmes's ^{gold mining} application
for a declaration of his rights to a Company
to be formed in London.

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Circulated to the Hon^{ble} W. Rose C^{mt}
 with ref^{ce} to H.E. the Governor's suggestion
 that a telegraphic reminder sh^d go to the
 Gov^t of India.

18-3-97
 11/5/97.

Telegraphic reminder
 sh^d be sent.

16/3/97

Telegraphic reminder by telegraph
 saying that a reply is anxiously
 awaited.

11/5 97

Th^o just seen Mr Hamilton Holmes on
 the subject of G.O. N^o 364, 27th July 1896
 and of our letter to the Gov^t of India of
 the 27th July 1896. To this letter there
 has been no reply. Mr Holmes told me
 that the Commission they wish to form
 includes the following gentlemen:—
 The Earl of Hopetoun, The Earl of Kimberley,
 Mr. W. F. Hoare, Mr. Hulse, Mr. Doolittle,
 Mr. Barclay-Thompson, Mr. Gwynne
 and Mr. Bicknell. Some of them are
 known to me and they are men of
 influence and substance. T^o attack a
 letter from Mr. Bicknell which shows
 that our only manner from the Gov^t of
 India is of importance to the prospects
 development of the undertaking.
 I would telegraph to the Gov^t of India
 somewhat as follows:—

Referring to our letter of 27 July 1896
 the Gov^t renews its recommendation
 that Mr. Hamilton Holmes' application

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Revenue Secretariat,

10 March 1897.

My dear Sir,

Your note of yesterday's
date regarding Mr. Hamilton Holmes
proposed interview with His Excellency.

I send you, as requested,
a file of papers, as per list overleaf,
re Kollegal Gold mines.

Yours Sincerely

G. J. S.

Madras, Ch. D.

10th March 1897

Dear Holmes

I came from Bangalore yesterday in order to see His Excellency, but I regret that I am made to wait till Saturday to do so as I should thereby miss the steamer for England by which I have taken a passage.

The question about which I was anxious to see His

Excellency is one that
arises immediately in
the case of the prospecting
license in my name &
which will very shortly
arise in the case of
the adjoining license in
your name, viz. the
transferring of the
mineral rights to a
company.

My block as you know
has been thoroughly
prospected from end to
end, auriferous reefs

have been exposed in
something like twenty
places and a large amount
of general work has been
done. In fact everything
has been done that can
be done under a prospecting
license and I have now
applied for a mining
lease. There is in my
opinion not the least
doubt of the occurrence
of gold in very large
quantities, and all that

is now required to start
a successful industry
involving the employment
of large numbers of
people is the transferring
of the mining lease to
a company possessing
the necessary capital.

On the subject of
any such transfer the
Durban Mining Rules
are very strict in requiring
that the sanction of the
Governor General in Council
be first obtained, so that

my application for leave
to transfer has not only
to pass the Madras
Government but the
Government of India
also. Although I have
no doubt that the
necessary consent would
ultimately be freely given
in a case such as the
present, I am apprehensive
that, among the press of

important business that
now prevails, there may
be very great delay in
my application being
considered and passed
by both Governments.

It was therefore with
the object of endeavouring
to expedite the granting
of my application that
I hoped to have the honour
of seeing His Excellency
the Governor of Madras.
If the necessary consent

could be obtained within
about one month from
the present time it is
very probable that the
necessary capital could
at once be raised & within
a very few months the
mine could be in full
work but if the granting
of the application is
delayed much longer
than that nothing can
be done until the end
of this year or the beginning

I recd.

Should you have an
interview with His
Excellency I trust that
as my attorney you will
place my recs before
him

Yours very truly

J. W. Bakewell

W. T. Hamilton Holmes Esq

...be granted. Company the formed
in London comprises names of men
of influence and means. It is
important in interests of early develop.
ment of undertaking that Company
should be floated before July. This
Government begs for an early reply.

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Recd from G.O. 364-65.
27.7.96

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The following tele-
gram 365 will be despatched
to the Govt of India (Rev. and
Adm. Dept) :-

My letter 365 July
27 regarding ^{our} ~~Holland~~ ^{Gold Mining} ~~Holland~~
application & Company to
be formed comprises men of
influence and means & it is
important in interests of
early development of under-
taking that Company should
be floated before July & this
Govt therefore renews re-
commendation and requests
early orders

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