Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2637-8

DATED 21st June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting ~~Soliciting~~ the Sanction of the Govt. of India to the extension for one year from the 28.2.98 of the prospecting licenses granted to ~~the gentlemen~~ Messrs. Stewart & Hall, Alister Macnab & Archibald Gairdner of the firm of Messrs Hall, Wilson & Co & Mr. W. E. Scott of the firm of Messrs Binney & Co.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 5074

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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras.

Orders

The B.R. is fully
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but with a flapper. As,
the course recommended
by the BR seems to
be clearly the best, a
draft G.O. & Collr to
India are submitted
herewith.

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Hon'ble H. Stokes & Hon'ble Mr.

8/6/98.

I am not dealing with this case as I am
a shareholder in the Godavari Coal Comp.y.
The papers should go to the Hon'ble
Arundel

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To the Hon'ble Mr Arundel

No. 1854

Dated 11th June 1898.

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REVENUE DEPT.

SUBJECT.

Passing orders on letter from the Collector of Godavari submitting proposals for the grant of a mining lease for graphite to the Godavari Coal Company.

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Godavari District Collector's Office
Cocanada. Dated 23-8-1897.

Ref. C. No. 977/Rev 1897.

From

V. A. Brodie Esquire,
Collector,
Godavari District.

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner of
Land Revenue
Through the Conservator of Forests
Northern Circle.

Sir,

In reference to the correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings No. 132 Rev dated 14-1-'97, I have the honour to state that the period of 6 months for which the licenses therein referred to were renewed expired on 12th February 1897. In their letter dy 21-5-97 Messrs Hall Wilson & Co., the local agents of the licensees state that out of the 8 blocks covered by the former licenses, four are not required for them and request that 4 licenses may be issued for blocks A, B, D & G in the names of the marginally noted gentlemen. The blocks retained are reported to have been surveyed and demarcated.

2. The Special Assistant Agent has been called upon to report the exact boundaries of the land-

× Messrs.
(1) Stuart Hall
(2) Alister Macnab
(3) Archibald Gardiner
(4) William Campbell Scott.

kinds; but no reply has yet been received from him in spite of two reminders. My District Forest officer also has expressed his inability to inspect the mines for the present owing to pressure of other work and suggested that licenses might be issued with the conditions already proposed by him (vide this office reference $\frac{3041}{For}$ 7/96 of 24-12-96 read in the Board's Proceedings quoted above).

As the period of 6 months for which the licenses had to be renewed expired on 13-8-97, I do not think it desirable to postpone their renewal until the receipt of the Special Assistant Agent's reply. A draft license is therefore herewith Submitted for the Board's approval without making any alterations in the old boundaries of the blocks. As desired by the Company only 4 licenses will be issued to the gentlemen referred to by them.

3. The surface rent of Rs 640 for the period under reference has already been paid by the Company and the mining operations have been carried on by the licensees as will be seen from the monthly statement of graphite raised by them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.
(Signed) V.A. Brodie.
Collector.

(True Copy)

Assistant Secretary

Endorsement by the Conr of Forests &c

Rep. on Cur. Nos 464.

In forwarding I have the honour to remark that I would not raise any definite objection under the circumstances to the renewal asked for, but it seems a pity that more accurate boundaries should not have been laid down, as there has been ample time for doing so. A paper boundary is likely to lead to much confusion.

(Signed) A.W. Peet.
Conservator.

1st September 1897
Waltair.

(True Copy)

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13 MAY 1898

Assistant Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No. 3455 Misc, dated 14-9-1897.

Copy attached.

Read endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 6th September 1897, Ref. on. Cur. No. 464 on letter from the Collector of Godavari dated 23-8-1897 R.C. No. 9173/25

Resolution:-

The Board resolves to authorize the Collector to renew the licenses for a year from the 12th February last, and approves of the draft prospecting license received with the foregoing letter subject to the following remarks:-

(1) The clauses relating to renewal occurring at page 3 of the draft license should be omitted as the period of renewal now allowed brings to a close the maximum period for which prospecting licenses can be granted under the Govt. of India rules;

× Clause (1) para 32 of the revised P.C. No. 15.

(2) The following addition should be made

W. Swamikannu
Apl. Secretary.

13 MAY 1933

...nexure II appended to his desp.

...sphatic nodules - 5 pc on the market price
the crushed nodules.

...ion - 5 p.c. ad valorem.

The Collector is requested to point out to
e parties concerned that all operations must
solutely cease by 12-2-98 unless a mining
ase has been applied for before that time
d sanction accorded for the commencement
operations thereunder. They should also be
formed that sanction for the commencement
mining operations will not be granted
ntil definite boundaries have been laid
own.

In recommending renewals of prospecting
licenses in future, the Collector should in-
variably report whether he is satisfied that the
licensees were prevented from completing their
search of the blocks by any cause other than
their own default - vide Cl. (1) of para 32 of
the revised S.C. No. 15.

(True extract)
(Signed) R.C.C. Carr
Secretary

To
The Collr of Godavari with
Enclos. returned.

(True Copy)

LDSwamikannu
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
10 MAY 1898
Assistant Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No 431 Mis. dated 12th February 1898.

Read the following Telegram from the Collector of Godavari, dated 11th February 1898:-

Board's Proceedings 3455 Mis. dated fourteenth September 1897 draft mining lease for graphite under preparation but several difficult questions involved please sanction work going on in anticipation of lease subject to lease terms when decided to prevent stoppage of work

Hall Wilson agree hope to submit papers Monday next.

Your message yesterday. Board cannot sanction continuance of work.

To The Collector of Godavari.

(True Copy/Extract)
Sd/ R.C.C. Carr
Secretary

(True Copy)
LDSwamikannu
10 MAY 1898
Apt. Secretary.

True copy of.
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12-2-98.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

No 556-Mis. dated 25th February 1898.

Read — letter from the Collector of Godavari R.C.
No $\frac{3655}{Ver}$ of 97 dated 3rd February 1898.

Resolution:- The Board approves of the forms of account proposed by the Collector for the purpose of fixing royalty in future on graphite exported from the country or locally sold. The Collector is requested to see that the above returns are punctually submitted by the lessee so long as they continue their operations

2. The proposal to fix a lump valuation of Rs 55 per ton of graphite does not commend itself to the Board.

To The Collector of Godavari

(True Extract)
A/S. R.C.C. Carr
Secretary

(True Copy)
L.Lakshmikumma
Apt. Secretary

23 MAY 1898

True Copy of Board's Proceedings

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No.1055 Revenue,Dated 26th April 1898.

Read the following telegram from the Collector of Godavari,dated 22nd April 1898.

In reference 4530 Revenue,dated 14th February 1898 Messrs H.L.Wilson complains that working season is rapidly passing by solicit early orders on their application for mining.

Resolution

The following despatch telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Godavari.

Please permit H.L.Wilson & Co.to resume -- precipite property operations and fell timber pending consideration of your report on the 14th February recently received from Conservator.

(True Copy & Extract)

/signed /Lionel Davidson

Ag.Secretary.

To

The Collector of Godavari

The Conservator of Forests M.C.

(True Copy)

WSwamkannu

10 MAY 1898

Asst Secretary.

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Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),
MADRAS.

To

The Govt. of Bombay,

Proceedings No. 1055 R.S.

Dated 26th April 1898.

Subject.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

No.1854 Mis.,dated 11th May 1898.

Read the following :-

1. Again Board's Proceedings No.1055 Routine,dated 26th April 1898.

2. Also Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests Northern Circle,R.C.No. 1584,dated 31st March 1898,on Letter from the Collector of Godavari,R.C.No.4530/ver of 1897,dated 14th February 1898.

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Resolution

The papers read above relate to the application for the grant to the Godavari Coal Company of a mining lease for graphite in respect of certain land in the Bhadrachalam taluk forming part of the Bolampalli Reserved Forest.

2. The land in question forms part of the 8 sq:miles of land for which prospecting licenses for 6 months were first issued under Government Orders 4559 Misc.,Rev.,- dated 12th November 1895 and 62 Misc.,Rev.,dated 9th January 1896 to 8 gentlemen being partners in the firms of Messrs.-- Binny & Co.,or Messrs.Hall Wilson & Co.(the Agents of the -- Godavari Coal Company Limited),at the rate of 1sq:mile for-- each.The licenses were renewed in Board's Proceedings No.--- 4238 Mis.,dated 18th September 1896 for a further period of 6 months,at the end of which term application was made for the renewal for a further year of the licenses relating to 4 of- the eight blocks in question.The renewal of licenses for the 2nd year ending 12th February 1898 was accordingly sanctioned

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in Board's Proceedings No.5488 Misc.,dated 14th September 1897 in the names of the mentionally noted gentlemen .The Mr.Stuart Hall.
Mr.Alister Lamb.
Mr.Archibald Gardiner
Mr.William Campbell Scott.
permit was made on the conditions (1) that all operations were ~~must~~ to cease absolutely by 12-2-98 unless mining leases had been applied for by that time and sanction accorded for the commencement of operations:and (2) that the concession of using a rough description of boundaries would not be extended to the case of mining leases.Although allowed in that of ~~the~~ prospecting licenses in view of the difficulty of completing the survey of a forest tract with a limited supply of labor.

3. The original application for prospecting licenses was made by four gentlemen being partners of Messrs.Hall Wilson & Co.and was said to have been made on behalf of the Godavari Coal Co.Limited.The application was for a block of 4 sqr: miles but as no larger area than one sqr:mile could be granted for prospecting for "metals" without the special sanction of the Government of India,and as the sanction of --- that Government was also required under the rules for the grant of a license in the name of a Company.Government ordered the issue of 4 separate licenses covering an area of 1 sqr:mile for each applicant.The rate of surface-rent was fixed at 4 annas per acre, ~~and~~ the royalty was to be that fixed for "copper,tin,lead or other metals" in the Government of India rules viz. 2½ per cent on the sale value convertible to an equivalent charge per ton.

4. The licenses last renewed were drawn up in accordance with the instructions in Government Order,No.754 Misc.,dated 20th February 1896 ~~Govt.~~ in which the quantity of graphite removable free of royalty for experimental purposes was fixed at 10 tons and the insertion of a provision corresponding to rule 24 of the 10th October of India's rules was ordered.In Board's Proceedings 2859 Mis. 22-6-96 , 5319 Mis. 12-10-97 and 556 Mis., 25-2-98 ,detailed instructions were issued regarding the mode of levying royalty,and forms of accounts to be furnished by the licensees for the purpose were prescribed on the model of those adopted in the case of mica in Nellore district.The lessees requested that a fixed value of Rs.55 per ton might be adopted so as to relieve them of the difficulty of furnishing detailed accounts.But the Board declined to adopt the suggestion as it was found that there was a considerable increase in the prices realized by the later as compared with the earlier consignments of graphite to England.The term of the prospecting licenses having expired by 12-2-98,the Collector requested sanction to permit the continuance of operations in anticipation of the grant of a mining lease the draft of which was under consideration .The Board however,saw no reason to accept the Collector's recommendation (Board's Proceedings 451 Mis dated 12th February 1898).

5. With his Letter read above,the Collector now submits through the Conservator of Forests Northern Circle an application from Messrs.Hall Wilson & Co.for a mining lease. He states that the survey and demarcation of the land have now been nearly completed .The Company urges that owing to the material character of the place and the inefficiency of labor only a comparatively small area has been prospected and that,with a view to obviate the risk of losing the fruit of their labour by the relinquishment of any portion, they are obliged to apply for a mining lease in respect of the full area of 4 sqr: miles covered by the last renewed prospecting licenses.They accordingly apply for several concessions which are ~~discussed~~ discussed at length by the Collector after an inspection of the locality in company with one of the partners of Messrs.Hall Wilson & Co.

6. The Collector states that Mr.Kipping of the firm of Messrs.Hall Wilson & Co. has personally complained to him of the inconvenience caused by the Board's refusal to renew the prospecting licenses for a third year and represented to him that such a renewal would be preferred to a mining lease.The Collector strongly supports this request.

7. The prospectors have had considerable difficulties to contend with,and it is clearly not worth their while to incur any large expenditure until the value of the graphite had been ascertained by means of trial shipments.The delimitation of the blocks has not been practically completed, but it is desirable that the ~~Land~~ should be thoroughly examined so that the area for which it is desirable to take out mining Leases may be satisfactorily determined . There are no marks in the field and if the work is not carried out by the licensees there is no likelihood of its being done by any one else .For these reasons the Board recommends that -

...ing prospecting licenses may be renewed as a special case for a further year in the names of the several licensees as before and on the same terms. The Board would defer consideration of the terms of a mining lease pending completion of prospecting operations and submission of a fresh application for a mining lease. The licensees have been allowed to resume prospecting operations in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

3. The Board finds from para 3 of the Collector's report -- that a surface rent of annas 8 per acre is levied in respect of -- the area covered by the prospecting licenses. The rate fixed in --- Board's Proceedings No.5288 Misc., dated 24th June 1895, was annas - 4 per acre and it is not known how and when it came to be changed to annas 8. The Collector is requested to report on the point.

P. 4277 30.10.95

(True Extract)

Lionel Davidson

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with Collector's Letter & Enclos. to be retd. & with copies of P.Ps. 5455 14-2-97, 451 Misc. 12-2-98 & 556 Misc 25-2-98, with copy of ——. B.P. 1053 R.S. 26-4-98.

The Collector of Godavari.

Read Ctr No 3576 of 1898.
B.P. (R.R.) No 1254 dt 1.5.98.

G.O. Misc No. 2637 d/ 21st June 98.

The Board's recommendation is approved. and application will be made to the Govt of India for sanction to the renewal for a further period of one year of the prospecting licenses granted to Messrs Hall, Gardiner, Mc.nab and Scott.

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To the Board of Rev.
(Land Rev) with 6 encls.

Letter No. 2638

To the secretary to the Govt of India
Rev: and Agri: Dept

Sir,

I am directed to solicit the sanction of H.E. the Governor General in Council

in the following manner.

In Feby 1896 ~~to the renewal of four licenses to prospect for graphite were granted~~ to Messrs Stuart Hall, Alister Mcrab, & Archibald Gardiner ~~and~~ William of the firm of Messrs Hall Wilson & Co. and Mr William Campbell Scott of the firm of ~~Messrs~~ Binny & Co Madras, ~~these~~ were each ~~four gentlemen were each~~ granted ~~given~~ a license for six months, to prospect for Graphite over an area of one square mile in the Bhadrachellam sub division of the Godavari District. The licenses were renewed first for six months and subsequently for a period of one year and the last extension expired on the 12th February 1898. Owing however, to the malarial character of the tract and the Consequent difficulty in obtaining ~~sufficient~~ labour, the licensees have not yet succeeded in making a thorough exploration

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of the whole area and are not therefore now in a position to determine the exact ~~graphite carrying~~ area for which they should be called upon to apply for a mining lease. ~~As~~ The licenses were, at first, informed by the Board of Revenue that their ~~properties~~ licenses could not be renewed for any further period under rule 16(1) of the Govt of India's mining rules, ~~they have~~, but under this ruling not to ~~obviate~~ the risk of losing the fruit of their past labours, by the relinquishment of any portion of the area included in their licenses, the licensees ~~soon Comply upon with the application~~ applied for the grant of a mining lease in the name of the Godavari Coal Company (Limited), in respect of the entire area of four sq: miles, or ~~area~~, if this were inadmissible for the grant to each of the licensees of a separate lease of one sq: mile. The Collector of Godavari

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licensee ~~of~~ that ~~has keeping~~ one of the licensees, ~~his~~ ~~keeping~~ has personally complained to him of the hardship caused ~~by the refusal to renew~~ to him their prospecting licenses for a third year, and represented to him that ~~such a~~ a renewal would be preferred by them to the immediate taking out of a mining lease for the whole area at the present time.

The Board of Revenue also having regard to the explanation nature of the difficulties which the licensees had to contend against, H.E. in Cn, is of opinion that the special concession may be granted to them by renewing their licenses for a further period of one year ~~& that applicant~~ but that it is desirable that the lands should be thoroughly examined so that the area for which a mining lease is to be taken

I am to state, that His Excy the Governor in Council concurs in the Board's views and has resolved to recommend to the Govt of India the grant of sanction to the renewal of the prospecting licenses for a period of one year from the date of lapsing of the extension last granted.

I am to add that the Board of Revenue has also anticipation of the sanction of H.E. in C to the licensees having been permitted to continue prospecting operations.

I am therefore to solicit the sanction of the G.G. in C to the extension for another year? the prospecting licenses granted to the gentlemen above named

Mr 4/6/78

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Hon. Sir H. Bliss & H.E. the C.C.

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