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Revenue (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 1065-1066

DATED 14th March 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Board's recommendation for the renewal for a further period of one year of the ~~prospecting~~ licenses granted to Messrs. Hall, Gardiner, Wier and Scott to prospect for graphite in the Badoachalam sub-division of the Godavari dt.

Letter.

Requesting the sanction of the Govt. of India to the renewal, &c (as above).

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Revenue (1897) Department.

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From

The Board of Revenue, Land
Revenue, Madras.

Order

To Under Secy.

Please see the drafts below, submitted on the supposition that the Govt. will be pleased to ^{accept} ~~support~~ the Board's recommendation.

No. 667 Misc.

Dated 21st February 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of — Govt. with Board's recommendation — the application of Messrs. Hall, Wilson & Co. requesting the renewal of the prospecting licenses for graphite for the fourth year over certain — areas in Bhadrachalam sub-division of the Gohavari Dt. & stating that — the licenses have been permitted — to continue operations in anticipation of sanction.

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Drafts below for approval

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

No. 667 Misc. Dated: 21st February 1899

Read letter from V.A. Brodie Esq., Collector of Godavari to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, Ref. No. 103-Rev. of '99, dated 7th February 1899, submitting for the orders a letter from Messrs. Hall Wilson & Co. requesting permission for a renewal of their licenses to prospect for graphite in Perakonda.

Resolution

In their letter No. 1831-56-2, dated 8th July 1898, communicated in G.O. No. 3090 Misc., dated 22nd July 1898, the Government of India sanctioned the renewal for the third year of the licenses granted to Messrs. Stuart Hall, Alister Menab and Archibald Gardiner of the Firm of Messrs. Hall, Wilson and Co. and Mr. William Campbell Scott of the firm of Messrs. Binny and Co. to prospect for graphite in the Bhadrachalam sub-division of the Godavari district.

2. With the letter read above, the Collector submits the application of Messrs. Hall, Wilson and Co. requesting the renewal of the licenses for a further period of one year. They state that their enterprise remains very much as it was last year owing to the continued difficulties in procuring labour notwithstanding their most strenuous exertions. On account of the unhealthy climate of the locality they have found it almost impossible to get labourers from the plains and those procured from distant places such as Singareni and Sironcha in the Central Provinces remained for but a few

few weeks and then died on the attack of fever. Of their two European employees, it is stated that one has been invalided home, so broken down by the effects of the climate that he is not likely ever to be able to return to this country, while the other has recently been compelled to take two months' leave in order to recruit his health. Labourers have now been procured at great expense from Mysore and the licensees hope to be able to prevail on them to remain until the enterprise is fairly started.

3. If a renewal of their license for a fourth year cannot be sanctioned as a special case, the licensees request the grant of a mining lease for 4 square miles in the name of the Godavari Coal Company (Limited) subject to the concessions asked for in their letter dated 2nd February 1898 (dealt with in Board's Proceedings No. 1254 Misc. dated 11th May 1898) regarding reduction of surface and dead rents and royalty.

4. The Collector fully endorses the licensees' statements regarding the exceptional difficulties they have had to contend with and the Board strongly recommends that the prospecting licenses may be renewed for the fourth year as requested by the licensees. This course is in the public interests as being calculated to secure the development of a new industry, and as there are no rival prospectors in the field there is no reason why exceptional concessions should not be granted to the present licensees whose own interests form a sure guarantee that the enterprise will be prosecuted with energy. In the present stage of the prospecting operations, the Board considers that it would be both inexpedient and harsh to require the licensees to take out a mining lease and would therefore defer consideration of the terms of any such lease pending completion of prospecting operations and submission of a fresh application for a mining lease.

5. As the licensees promise to abide by any orders that Government may pass on their application and urge that the stoppage of work at this season which is the healthiest in the year would cause them serious and needless loss, the Board has permitted them to continue operations in anticipation of sanction.

6. The following deferred telegram will be despatched to the

Collector:-

Collector:-

"Yours 7th instant, No. 103. Permit operations licensees continue operations pending final orders".

/True Extract/

Lonel Davidson
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Telegram and copy of Proceedings to the Collector of Godavari.

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G.O. Mis. No 1065 of 14th March '99.

The Board's recommenda-
tion is approved, and appli-
cation will be made to the
Govt. of India for sanction
to the renewal for a further
period of one year of the
prospecting licences granted
to Messrs. Hall, Gardiner,
Menab and Scott.

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To the Board of Rev.
(Land Rev.)

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Letter No 1066 of 14th March '99.
To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India, Rev. and
Agricultural Deptt.

Sir,
I am refer to
Adverting to Mr. Macnochie's
letter No 1831-56-2 dated
the 8th July last ^{with} which
he communicated to the Govt.
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the sanction of the Govt. of India to the renewal for the third year of the licenses granted to Messrs. Stuart Hall, Alister Menab, Archibald Gardiner and William Campbell Scott to prospect for graphite in the Bhadrachalam Sub-division of the Godavari district. I am now directed to submit for the orders of His Excellency, the Governor General in Council an application by these ~~above mentioned~~ gentlemen for the ~~renewal~~ extension for a further period of one year of their prospecting licenses.

2. In support of their application, the licensees urge that they made but little ^{progress} ~~headway~~ during the past year in their exploitations owing to the continued difficulties against which they have had to contend ^{in procuring labour} on account of the unhealthy climate of the

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the locality. ^{In this representation} ~~they are supported by the collector~~ ~~that necessary labour, who~~ ~~of the district~~ ~~with standing their most~~ ~~strenuous exertions.~~ They ^{state} ~~add~~ that Labourers have ^{however} ~~now been~~ ^{obtained at considerable} ~~been~~ ^{expense from Mysore, and} ~~that~~ they hope to be able to ^{retain} ~~persist~~ on their ~~foreman~~ until their enterprise is fairly started. The licensees request that, if the renewal of their licenses for another year cannot be sanctioned as a special case, ^{the licensees} ~~they can~~ ^{desire to} be granted a mining lease for ^{the} ~~the extent of~~ four square miles covered by their licenses, in the name of the Godavari Coal Company (Limited) subject to certain concessions regarding the reduction of surface and dead rents and of royalty.

3. The Collector of Godavari fully endorses the licensees' statements regarding the exceptional ~~fact~~ ^{difficulties}

difficulties they have had
to cope with. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
considers that it would
be ~~both~~ inexpedient as
well as hard to require the
licensees to take out a
mining lease in the present
stage of their prospecting
operations, and would
therefore defer consideration
of the terms of any such
lease pending completion
of ~~those~~ ~~prospecting~~ operations
and the ~~submission of~~
~~a fresh application for a~~
~~mining lease~~. Having regard
to the unhealthy climate of the
locality and the difficulties encountered by
the licensees ~~in the labour~~ under
and in view of the fact that
there are no rival prospectors
in the field, His Excellency
the Governor in Council is
of opinion that the
licensees' request for the
extension of their licenses
for another year, is deserving
of

of favourable consideration.
~~As~~ As the licensees have urged
that the stoppage of work
at this season which is the
healthiest in the year would
cause them serious and
needless loss and as they
have promised to abide by
any orders that ~~may~~ ^{may} be
passed on their present
application, they have been
allowed to continue opera-
tions in anticipation of
sanction. ~~I am accordingly~~
~~to request that~~ ^{I am accordingly}
~~the hope that~~, in the cir-
cumstances ~~explained~~
~~above~~, His Excellency the
Governor-General in Council
~~may~~ ^{may} be pleased to ~~accord~~
his sanction ~~to~~ the renewal
of the licenses
for a further period of one
year ~~of the prospecting~~
~~licensees~~.

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