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Medical College—an Endowment.

Accepting the endowment of Rs. 1,148-1-1 made by the students of the Medical College to found two prizes in the name of Dr. Price; sanctioning a grant of Rs. 574 in aid of the endowment; and appointing the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the Medical College as trustees.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 14th May 1897, No. 5263.

The students of the Madras Medical College, being desirous of manifesting their regard for the late Principal, Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. Price, M.D., and of perpetuating his connection with the college, have raised subscriptions amounting to Rs. 1,148-1-1, and propose to found two prizes in his name to be awarded to the best students in medicine—one in the College and the other in the Hospital Assistant department. I beg to request that Government will be pleased to accept the endowment and to sanction a grant of Rs. 574 under chapter IX of the Grant-in-aid Code. The grant will be paid from the current year's budget provision for "furniture and other special grants" under "Grants-in-aid."

2. The amount of subscriptions, together with the Provincial grant, will be handed over to the Accountant-General for investment in Government securities. The interest will be applied to the purpose set forth in the rules, a draft of which will be submitted for approval after the exact amount of interest available is known. The Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the Medical College, for the time being, will be the trustees of the endowment.

3. It seems to me that the time has come when Government should lay down certain definite limits in regard to the payment of grants towards endowments for prizes. The Grant-in-aid Code of 1885 provided for payment of grants for the endowment of professorships, teacherships, scholarships, museums or other definite object approved by Government; but no occasion presented itself for defining the objects for which aid could be given with reference to the concluding words. In 1890, Raja Sir T. Madhava Rau made a donation of Rs. 1,500 for founding three prizes at the College of Engineering, and both Mr. Grigg and myself were in favour of supplementing the above amount by a grant of Rs. 750, but in its order, No. 215, Educational, dated 13th March 1890, Government refused to sanction any contribution towards the endowment. In 1891, the friends of the late Surgeon-Major C.M. McNally raised Rs. 400 to perpetuate his memory by founding a prize in connection with hygiene in the Medical College, and Government sanctioned a grant of Rs. 200 towards the above endowment (G.O., No. 167, Educational, dated 27th February 1891). When the code was revised by me in 1893, I substituted the words "other educational objects" for the words "other definite object approved by Government", thus making no change in the spirit of the provision of the old code in this respect; and, under the revised code, a grant of Rs. 380 was sanctioned by Government (G.O., No. 441, Educational, dated 16th June 1894) towards an endowment of Rs. 761 made by the friends of the late Honorary Surgeon Mohideen Sheriff for a prize in his name in the Medical College. As the practice of raising funds by subscription for founding prizes in colleges and schools to perpetuate the memory of deceased teachers, &c., is becoming quite common in this country, it has to be considered whether Government should sanction grants in all cases, however small the amount of private contribution may be, or whether grant should be limited to cases in which the private contribution is of considerable amount and be subject to a maximum limit. When the code was revised in 1893, grants of a subordinate nature,

such as passage-money grant, honoraria for passing examinations, &c., were discontinued (paragraph 4 of my letter, No. 6528, dated 13th June 1893), with a view to avoid the frittering away of public funds on minor objects; and for this reason I would restrict the payment of a grant towards prize endowments to cases in which the private contribution amounts to a sum not less than Rs. 1,000. The annual allotment in the educational budget for grants for furniture, apparatus and appliances, public and school libraries, maps and diagrams, tools and plant, and models in technical, industrial and art schools, industrial and art exhibitions, endowment of scholarships, &c., is only Rs. 12,000*, and

* This is the sanctioned allotment for 1897-98. it seems, therefore, very necessary to restrict the grant towards prize endowments to a certain maximum, so that the other objects intended to be aided from the above source may not suffer. I would accordingly fix the maximum grant in the case of a prize endowment at Rs. 1,000. If Government approves of the above recommendation, the necessary change will be made in the Grant-in-aid Code.

ORDER—No. 337, Educational, dated 16th June 1897.

The Government accepts with pleasure the endowment of Rs. 1,148-1-1 made by the students of the Medical College to found two prizes in the name of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Price and sanctions a grant of Rs. 574 in aid of the endowment.

2. The Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the Medical College will be appointed trustees of the endowment, and the Accountant-General will be requested to arrange for the investment of the fund in Government securities.

3. The proposals of the Director of Public Instruction in paragraph 3 of his letter to prescribe certain restrictions in regard to the future payment of grant towards prize endowments will be dealt with separately.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Raith.

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be dealt with separately

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The Govt. accepts with pleasure
the endowment of Rs 1148-1-1 made by
the students of the Medical College to
found two prizes in the name of Br. Sen.
Lieut-Col. Price and sanctions a grant
of Rs 574 in aid of the endowment.

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2. The D.P.D. and the Principal of the
Med. College will be appointed trustees
of the endowment and the A.G. will
be requested to arrange for the
investment of the fund in Govt. securities.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to accept the
endowment of Rs. 1148-1-1 made by the
students of the Medical College for
perpetuating the connection with the
college of Dr. Price and to sanction
a grant of Rs. 574, and offering
certain suggestions regarding
payment of grant towards prize
endowments.

3. The proposals of the D.P.D. in para
3 of his letter to ~~the Govt.~~ prescribe certain
restrictions in regard to the future
payment of grant towards prize
endowments ~~on a separate~~ ^{will be dealt with} separately

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The D.P.D.
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