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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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14th June 1861.*

No. 154. Read the following letter from C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India (Financial Department), to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 11th May 1861, No. 5,451.

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 866, dated 17th ultimo, submitting for approval, a statement showing the exemptions which have been allowed by the Government of Madras, under Section 133 of the Income Tax Act, during the first quarter of 1861.

2. This statement includes two institutions, viz., "Taylor's Fund" and "Black Town Girls' Day School," regarding which the Governor General in Council desires me to call for an explanation, as to whether they are purely charitable institutions.

3. The exemptions sanctioned in favor of the other institutions entered in the statement are confirmed.

No. 155. Memorandum from Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. ELPHINSTONE, Acting Paymaster, Presidency, to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd June 1861, No. 397.

The Acting Paymaster has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Memorandum, No. 185, of this day's date, from the Deputy Secretary to Government, and regrets not being able to comply with the request therein contained, as, when he assumed charge of the Pay Office, no papers whatever connected with "Taylor's Fund" were given over to his care by Colonel Macdonald.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 156. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 14th June 1861, No. 1,203.

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11th ultimo, No. 5,451, calling for explanation regarding "Taylor's Fund" and "Black Town Girls' Day School," i.e., whether they are purely charitable institutions.

2. "Taylor's Fund" was established in the middle of 1849, at Poonamallee, by a Committee of Officers interested in the welfare of the widows and orphans of deceased European Pensioners in Southern India, not entitled to Lord Clive's Fund; and was intended to obviate the inevitable distress to which such persons must be subjected on being left without pension of any kind.

3. Subscriptions from Pensioners whose families were to be benefited, added to contributions from the public, soon enabled the Committee to invest Rupees 12,000 in the five per cent. loan, and in 1855, or six years after the foundation of the fund, the interest on this sum, aided by the monthly payments of the Pensioners themselves, afforded means to provide subsistence for thirty-eight widows and about twenty children.

4. At this juncture, the conversion of the five per cent. loan into four per cent., combined with the probability of increased demands on their resources, induced the Committee to apply to Government for aid in the shape of a grant of Rupees 10,000 towards augmenting the fund, and a guarantee of eight per cent. interest on the entire capital which they hoped would soon reach Rupees 25,000. The matter was referred* to the Honorable

* 10th August 1855.

Court, who, however, in their Despatch of 16th April 1856, No. 15, Public Department, declined to accede to either of the requests preferred, but, approving the objects of the institution, authorized this Government to make an annual contribution of

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Rupees 600 towards its funds, as soon as the private annual subscriptions amounted to that sum, and to continue the same so long as the affairs of the fund are properly managed and due efforts made to enlist public sympathy.

5. The last contribution paid under these orders was on 21st July last. The Committee of Management then reported that Rupees 2,397-14-10† had been received on account of subscriptions for the year ending 30th June 1860.

6. The Government Securities belonging to the fund on the 19th February last, when this Government granted exemption from Income Tax, represented a sum total of Rupees 16,500.

7. The "Black Town Girls' Day School" is also a charitable institution. It was established for the purpose of affording the means of education to the children of East Indians in indigent circumstances, and its present income is derived from the subscriptions of friends and from the interest of Rupees 1,500 invested in Government Securities.

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† From Pensioners.....	445	11	2
From the public.....	1,952	3	8
Total...	2,397	14	10

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*R. D.
No 1203*

To

*G. H. Lushington Esq.
Secretary to Government of India
Financial Department
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*From Pensioners 413-11-2
*From the Public 1952-3-8
2,397-11-10

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6. The Govt Securities, belonging to the Fund on the 19th February last when this Govt granted exemption from Income Tax represented a sum total of Rupees 16,500.

7. The "Black Town Girls' Day School" is also a Charitable Institution. It was established for the purpose of affording the means of education to the children of East Indians in indigent circumstances - and its present income is derived from the subscriptions of friends and from the interest of Rs 1500 invested in Govt Securities.

For the Secy: }
14th June 1861 } C. J. W.

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To the Govt. of India

Regarding certain Cha-
ritable Institutions.

Revenue Dept.
Pro: of Govt. for June.

N^o 1203.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India
D^h 14th June 1861.

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Submitting explanation
regarding Taylors Fund and
Black Town Girls Day
School being purely Charitable
institutions.

N^o 154 to 156.