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2. The views of Local Governments and Administrations were invited on the suggestions made by Mr. Fleet, and are contained in the letters read in the preamble. From these letters it appears that the adoption of Mr. Fleet's suggestion regarding the formation of palæographic classes under Sanskrit Professors in Government Colleges is not practicable. The time of the Professors is already fully occupied with their ordinary duties, while it is doubtful whether, if such classes were formed, students would, under present circumstances, be forthcoming to attend them. There is a general agreement, however, that the Universities might with advantage be moved to make Indian palæography an optional subject for the higher degrees; and the

Governor-General in Council would be glad if the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal would move the Universities of their respective provinces to consider what steps should be taken for attaining this object. It is observed that the Government of Madras has already consulted the Syndicate of the Madras University, and that the Government of Bengal proposed to address the Senate of the Calcutta University on the subject. The question whether similar action might not usefully be taken in regard to the Punjab University will doubtless be considered by the Local Government.

3. In order further to encourage the education and training of Natives of India in epigraphy, the Governor-General in Council would suggest that a special prize of Rs. 500 should be offered by the Local Government annually at each University to the student who does best in this subject if he is recommended for it by the examiners. This prize would probably be supplemented by the liberality of private gentlemen interested in the ancient history of their country, if their attention were invited to the subject. His Excellency in Council is also pleased to direct that an annual prize of Rs. 500 be offered for the best collection of inscriptions with a critical essay on them by *bonâ fide* graduates of the Universities under 30 years of age. The essays should be sent to the Epigraphist to the Government of India on or before the 1st April of each year, and the amount of the prize will be charged in the contingent bill of the Epigraphist. The selected essay will be printed at the expense of Government. Lastly, in order to encourage the study of epigraphy among the Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors employed in the Archaeological Survey department, the Governor-General in Council sanctions the grant of a reward of Rs. 500 to any *employé* of that department who qualifies in epigraphy within two years from the date of his appointment to the department.

4. As regards British Burma, the circumstances of which province are peculiar and which does not fall under the scope of the above orders, it will be left to the Chief Commissioner to take such steps as he may deem necessary for encouraging the study of epigraphical research among native students and others.

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(True Extract.)

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ORDER—dated 2nd September 1885, No. 2053, Public.

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Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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