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21st August 1867.*

No. 160. Read the following letter from the President of the Madras Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 16th August 1867.

I beg to forward, in original, a letter to my address from Major Michael, Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, and request the orders of Government in regard to Major Michael's proposal to expend £400 or £500 in the manner explained, as also in respect of his desire to make an application direct to the Secretary of State for additional leave of absence.

From Major J. MICHAEL, Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, to the President of the Madras Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition of 1867; dated Paris, 14th July 1867.

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7. I now venture to suggest that the Government should be moved to allow me to expend a portion of the sum that may be thus recovered, say £400 or £500, in securing for Madras a lasting memento of this great Exposition, in the shape of purchases calculated to improve the arts, manufactures, and taste of the people.

8. The Secretary of State has determined that return presents shall be made to those Chiefs of the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies who have sent large private contributions, and a Committee has been appointed to determine the nature of the presents to be sent. I shall probably be associated with this Committee, and could have the benefit of their counsel in making any purchases for our Presidency; but, at the same time, I should wish to be favored with suggestions and instructions from the Government and Central Committee regarding any objects in particular that might be desired.

9. The date of closing the Exposition does not appear definitely fixed, but it is generally believed that it will be the 31st October. It is, however, certain that after the official closing some law must be allowed to purchasers to remove articles actually sold, and for exhibitors to pack and carry away such as may remain on hand. Judging from the confusion which existed prior to the opening, I anticipate some little difficulty and delay at the closing in seeing to this, checking accounts of sales, and packing and removing those contributions which have to be returned to Madras, &c.; and as, in order to reach India by the 8th December (on which date the leave originally granted to me expires), I should have to leave Paris within about a week of the closing, I beg that I may have the authority of Government for applying to the Secretary of State for an extension of a month or two, if necessary. The Government may depend upon my not taking undue advantage of such authority.

10. May I request that you will let me know, as soon as possible, whether the Rajah of Travancore and His Highness the Nizam's Minister have communicated to you in detail the articles they wish purchased for them.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1867, No. 1029.

Major Michael will be informed that he is permitted by Government to apply to the Secretary of State for an extension of the leave granted to him in G. O., Military Department, No. 53, dated 2nd February 1867.

2. Orders will be issued hereafter regarding the applications contained in the 7th and following paragraphs of Major Michael's letter.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To Major J. Michael, Paris.

To the Madras Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition.

„ Military Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Council

in view to orders
being taken on
Major Michael's
proposal to purchase
certain articles for
the Presidency.

Mr. Lapham is
writing to Major
Michael regarding
purchase of articles
Mr

Paris Universal Exhibition, 1867.

Indian Department,

Paris - 14th July 1867

The Honble H. D. Phillips

President of the Madras Central Committee

for the Paris Exhibition of 1867

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the distribution of Prizes to be given to the

1st prize has been our own been able to obtain a right of

the List of Awards given to Great Britain and her Colonies

and that not officially on the ~~French~~ List published by

the Commission Imperiale in still under process of

connection the extracts which I enclose are however

reliable, and considering the hurried manner in which

the work of the Jurie was conducted, immediately after

the opening of the Exposition and before the Exhibitors

could possibly be properly laid out & classified,

Madras has on the whole obtained a fair share of

Prizes, and I am anxious that those who are interested

in our Contributions should know as soon as possible

that the Presidency can lay claim, wholly or in part

to the following

1. Grand Prize

3. Gold medals

3. Silver do

4. Bronze do

11. Honorable mentions

First Monday 9 November 1884

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The Grand Prix was given to British India generally
for the cultivation of cotton &c. &c. &c.
In the same manner gold medals were awarded
collectively and not individually for Carpets - and Mats,
and for Teas. Silver medals for Silks and for Flour
saps, and arrowroot. And a bronze medal for Rich
Embroidery and lacework for each class.
The system of giving collective awards, which is novel
in some of the exhibitions, I conclude that
it originated partly in the difficulty of awarding the prize felt
in adjudicating on Eastern objects, considered excellent
in their way but difficult to compare with similar
objects of European manufacture.
In the case of the Indian exhibition, the difficulty of production
of silks, embroideries, lace, carpets, teas, cotton &c.
this difficulty has been met by awarding the prize to my
personal knowledge, the names of individual exhibitors
were whenever possible, carefully laid before the jury
they have nevertheless in many instances, made a
general award to the Indian Government.
This system is not confined to India,
manufactures of other countries have been similarly dealt with, where there were

a number of individual exhibitors of the same article.
You will have no doubt observed in the Public newspapers
that the Indian Collection has attracted great attention -
many of the articles for the sale, have already been
sold (by lot of course not removed) at satisfactory prices, by
Mr. Dowdall, who has under the order of the Govt of India,
been entrusted by the Chief Commissioner with the sale of the
exhibition deposits, and I have every hope that a large proportion
of the same will be purchased by the Government -
I have no doubt to suppose that the Government has moved
to allow me to deposit a portion of the collection that may be
thus recovered - say £400 or £500 in securing for Madras
a lasting memento of this great exposition in the shape of
purchases calculated to improve the arts manufacture
and taste of the people.
The Govt of India has determined that return presents shall
be made to those chiefs of the Princely States and Residencies
who have sent large private contributions and a Committee
has been appointed to determine the nature of the presents
these shall be. I shall probably be associated with this
Committee and also have the benefit of their Council
in making any purchases for the Government.

Paris 14th July. 1867.

Extract from the French List of Awards,
not yet officially published -

Grand Prix -

1. British India - Cultivation of Cotton -

Gold Medals -

1. British India - Carpets (including mats.)

2. F. J. V. Minchin - Sugar -

District of Apsara - Cachar -

3. { Dehra Dhoon - Kumaon - }
Punjab & Kisthorey Hills - }

Teas -

Silver Medals -

1. Producers of Indian Silks -

2. Indian Collection Exhibition - Flour Sago - Arrowroot

3. Captain J. Mitchell - Stuffed Fishes.

Bronze Medals -

1. Indian Collection - Rich Embroidery & Laces.

2. Mysore - How Concourse

Shaped in the form of Bronze Medals. } Collection of Woods.

3. Madras Court - Arrowroot & +
starting

5. M^r Farlane - Shervaroy Coffee -

6. Locy - Tinnevely Coffee -

7. Maylor - Mysnad Coffee -

8. Adley & Co - Tinnevely Coffee

9. Captain J. J. -

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and instructions from the Govt and Central Committee regarding
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two if necessary - The Govt may depend upon my

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May I request that you will let me know as soon as
possible whether the Rajah of Travancore & his Highness the

Princ. Minister have communicated to you the list of the
articles they wish purchased for them - I have the honor to be

Yours faithfully,
Michael Mayr

Commissaire de l'Exposition.

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Honorable Mention -

1. H. A. The Rajah of Travancore - Fine gold jewelry.
2. Postoffice Division ? Madras - Medals, etc.
3. M. Deschamps - Furniture.
4. Bangalore Mysore - Women's silver ornaments.
5. Poddaparam, Madras - Fans.
6. Chittaldroop, Mysore - Women's silver ornaments.
7. More, Madras - Fans of palm leaf.
8. Mysore Exhibition - Fans.
9. Exhibition of Arms including Hyderabad - Fans.
10. Madras Presidency - Serenaders (placed in the rank of Hon. Mention) - Collection of Books.
11. J. Hayes - Sugar.

Spencer, D. W.

London, E. C.

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Remo. for orders

They to facilitate the orders
correspondence relating to
Major Michael's application
for an extension of his
leave. I have drafted a
letter to the Secy of the
for approval.
Major Michael gives the
result of the exhibition
as regards prizes and
other distinctions awarded.
As Major Michael has
not obtained the information
officially I conclude that
the Govt. can take no action
on it.

a sum estimated at 400 or 500 £ will be recovered by sale of articles exhibited in the Modern Exhibition Com? and Major Michael asks to be allowed to spend this amount in securing for Museum a lasting memento of this great exhibition, in the shape of purchases exhibited to improve the art manufactures & taste of the people.

Submit that sanction may be given to selection to Secretary of State proposes to make return presents to Chiefs who have been large contributors. Major

2.

What will they be
Where are they to
be put?!!! In Cabinet
Museum? or a separate
Museum?

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Major Michael Yes
Her proposal
see "note" see note
above -

In the Committee
already appointed
Michael's name goes with
a Mr. Dawson
or the more elect.

who will be appointed by
the Secy. of State
no - at all events I
do not know what
to do - then JH

I think it will suffice
to send him a letter - for
himself at least - as
answer shows
he is authorized to address
the Secy of State -
when leave -
WMM

Michael who will be probably
associated with the Committee
appointed to select these
presents. asks for suggestions
and instructions from Govt.
and the Central Com? -
I think the Com? do not
require any suggestions on
this point from the Govt.

As Major Michael
wishes to be informed
as soon as possible about
his leave. I suggest early
instructions. P.M.

letter

Atty. Gen. R. W. B.

By mail July 21st 1867

Sir, I beg to forward in original,
a letter to my address from Major
Michael, Commissioner to the Paris
Exhibition, and in the order
of post in respect of the
proposal to raise
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in respect of the
an application
National Address
above. The

Major Michael,
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For the same thing

J. D. Sullivan

London
16 August 1867

Pres. of the Fair,
London Committee

Public May Dept
 Pres. of Dist.
 From
 President of the Paris
 Exhibition Comtee

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No 1307.

Forwarded for action. Letter
 from Major Michael, com-
 mandant, requesting permission
 to Michael for the Presidency
 of the Committee of the Great
 Exhibition to apply to the
 Government for an extension
 of time.

With an order.

Major Michael will be informed that
 he is permitted by Government to apply to the
 Secretary of State for an extension of the lease
 granted to him on 4th building, Sept 1893
 dated 23rd Feb 1894.
 Also following paragraph of Major Michael's letter:
 "I have the honor to inform you that the
 Government has decided to grant an extension
 of the lease of the 4th building to the
 President of the Paris Exhibition Comtee."
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