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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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No. 206. Read the following letter from the President of the Madras Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition of 1867, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras,—January 1867.

The Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition of 1867 have the honor to state that, in their opinion, their labors and their results, in respect of furthering the objects of the Great Exhibition at Paris, will be fully and properly appreciated only by the presence at the place of the Exhibition of some one having a real interest in what has been done. The Committee do not mean by this opinion in the least to depreciate the probable exertions of Dr. Forbes Watson, to whom it has been intended to depute the duty of setting up and arranging the products of this Presidency after their arrival in Europe, but they think that, in fairness, they are entitled to more than that, and, as has been done in Calcutta and Mysore, that they should have a representative in aid of Dr. Forbes Watson, who will point out how the articles, which have been at such pains selected for the Exhibition, may do most credit to the Madras Presidency.

2. The work of collection has been carried out most economically; the expenditure, including freight and all charges, being by nearly 7000 Rupees less than the amount* voluntarily assigned by Government for their contribution.

* Rupees 15,000.

3. The Committee, therefore, in justice to their exertions, now venture to solicit that Government may be pleased to depute their Secretary, Major Michael, to Paris, for the above stated purpose, with leave of absence for ten months, that is, two months for going and coming, and six months, the duration of the Exhibition. Major Michael would undertake the duty on the sole stipulation that the period of his absence should be treated as public service, himself bearing all the expenses of his journey, and relinquishing half of his Staff salary to his *locum tenens*, but the Committee think that, in fairness to the economy and zeal with which he has cheerfully worked for many months without remuneration, the expenses of his passage to and fro might well be defrayed out of the money saved.

4. In Calcutta, a sum of Rupees 17,000 has, it is understood, been allowed to Mr. Dowleams, who has been sent Home for the sole purpose of officiating as Calcutta Commissioner in Paris; and in respect of the Mysore contributions, an Officer of the Mysore Commission, Major Campbell, now in England, will, the Committee understand, perform a similar duty.

5. The Rajah of Travancore and the Nizam's Minister have both sent well selected and costly collections, and begged that, at the close of the Exhibition, they may be sold to the best advantage, and the proceeds expended in the purchase of models of Machinery and designs calculated to improve the Manufactures and Arts of their Territories. There are many other private contributors throughout the Presidency, whose contributions are to be sold on their behalf or returned to them, and it seems doubtful to the Committee whether these trusts will be executed so well by any one as they would be by their own Secretary, who, besides disposing of everything that has to be sold, both on account of the Madras Government and private contributors, would be able to select for His Highness the Rajah of Travancore and the Nizam's Minister the Machinery and designs most suited to their wants.

Public Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

30th January 1867.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1867, No. 109.

The Governor in Council concurs in the suggestions made in the foregoing letter.

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4. A recommendation will be submitted, through the Military Department, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, that the period of Major Michael's absence may be allowed to count as service.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Madras Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition of 1867.

„ Military Department.
„ Accountant General.

Erd. J. H. Burns.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the ~~Secretary of State~~ Madras Comd Com^{te}
for the Paris Exhibition of 1875
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