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No. 24. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Honorary Interim Secretary, French National Lottery, Calcutta, dated Simla, 23rd October 1871, No. 4852:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th ultimo requesting to be authorized by the Government of India to carry out a scheme of a French National Lottery with the view of raising funds for the relief of the peasantry of France.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that while the Governor-General in Council regrets the inconvenience that may be caused he still adheres to the opinion previously expressed that the matter is one which must be left to the local Governments, to whom application should be made.

No. 4853.

Copy of the above correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Honorary Interim Secretary, French National Lottery, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Calcutta 27th September 1871.

Some time ago a number of French gentlemen and others jointly submitted an application to His Excellency the Viceroy, a copy of which, with its enclosure, is herewith forwarded, requesting the permission of Government for carrying out a scheme of a French National Lottery, the object of which is to raise funds for the relief of the peasantry of France.

2. That application was returned by the Private Secretary with an intimation to the effect that it is a matter to be considered by the local Governments, and one which the Government of India cannot initiate.

3. The Provisional Committee would gladly act upon the suggestion made by Major Burne, but that they fear it would be attended with much difficulty and delay. For the success of the projected French Lottery it would be necessary to advertise it as widely as possible, and a separate application would, therefore, have to be made to each subordinate Government and Administration. It is impossible also to anticipate the result of such application as to how far the replies to them would be consistent with one another.

4. Under these circumstances, the application is respectfully re-submitted for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy, whose permission alone would have force throughout the Empire, whereas that of a subordinate Government would be restricted to its own local jurisdiction.

5. As the matter is urgent the favour of early orders is respectfully solicited.

To

Major O. T. BURNE,

Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy.

We, the undersigned Members of a Provisional Committee for carrying out a comprehensive scheme for the relief of the suffering people of France, have the honour to request that you will do us the favour of laying the accompanying prospectus before His Excellency the Viceroy with a view of obtaining His Excellency's sanction under Section 10 of Act XXVII. of 1870, copy of which is annexed for convenient reference.

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2. We scarcely need to bring to His Excellency's notice that it is impossible to conceive stronger circumstances warranting an exception such as that provided for in the law above quoted than are to be found in the case now respectfully submitted for His Excellency's favourable consideration.

3. It may be stated that the scheme as now laid before His Excellency has the unqualified concurrence and approval of the Consul-General of France in Calcutta, who is the recognized representative of the French nation in British India.

4. It is only necessary to add the explanation that, as the scheme is intended to be put into effect in *all* parts of the country, the authority of the Imperial, rather than of the local, Government would seem to be required, and it is for this reason we have ventured to trouble His Excellency on the subject.

We have the honour to be, &c.,

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CALCUTTA,
29th June 1871.

French National Lottery for the relief of the suffering people of France, by permission of the Government of India, under Section 10 of Act XXVII. of 1870, and with the approval of the Consul-General of France in Calcutta.

At the commencement of the late war between France and Prussia an appeal was made to all Englishmen to subscribe to funds for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiery of both armies, and that appeal was liberally responded to. At the time the appeal was made it was the belief of every one that the campaign would be a brief war between two armies which the first or second really decisive battle would end. It was consequently thought a Fund for the sick and wounded soldiery would be all that would be required. Events, however, belied those expectations; the war was carried to the walls of Paris, and has brought upon the unfortunate peasants of the country all the horrors which ever followed in its train. The people who depend for their subsistence on the grains which they raise and the cattle which they breed have been reduced to the greatest destitution and suffering. The utter wretchedness of their condition will be easily understood by the following summary of the circumstances in which they are placed.

In the sections of country that have been traversed by armies nothing remains of the provisions that had been accumulated in time of peace. The houses, stables, and barns are burned or riddled with cannon shots. The fields and meadows are trampled down by the tread of embattled hosts. Neither cereals nor grass have been harvested. All beasts of burden, all beeves, sheep, and swine have been taken from the French people. Their labourers were either pressed into the French Army as soldiers, or into the German Army as teamsters. There scarcely remains even seed-corn. They are destitute of strength to prepare the trampled ground for seed for next season's harvest; destitute of material to sow; destitute, in many places, of ground to sow upon, as miles upon miles of territory are made inviolable by the plough by reason of the sacred and terrible seed of human corpses with which they have been sown.

After the liberal way in which private subscriptions have poured in to aid the sick and wounded soldiery, it may be doubted whether a further appeal on behalf of the suffering peasantry of France would in these hard times draw a sum adequate to the immediate and pressing wants for which it would be asked. Yet money in large sums is urgently required; and it has been resolved, with the kind permission of the Government of India and with the approval of the Consul-General of France in Calcutta, to put into immediate execution the scheme for a "French National Lottery" for the relief of the suffering people of France.

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The lottery will be carried out on the principles of the late Government Lottery of Calcutta, adapted to present circumstances; and it is hoped that, after the first drawing, a sum of four to five lakhs of Rupees (£40,000 to £50,000, or 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 Francs) will be available for forming the nucleus of the proposed Relief Fund.

The prizes will be fifty in number, in sums varying from one lakh of Rupees to five hundred Rupees, full details of which will be published hereafter.

All moneys realized on account of the French National Lottery will be funded in one of the principal Banks of this city, and for all payments for the purchase of tickets accountable receipts will be granted countersigned by the Manager of such Bank.

The drawings will be held with the greatest publicity, and after due public notice thereof being given; and at such drawings *all* numbers, *all* blanks, and *all* prizes will be drawn and there and then promulgated for general information.

All prizes will be payable on demand by the rightful claimant within ten days after the date of the drawings.

The working of the French National Lottery scheme will be entrusted to a responsible Manager, under the general supervision of an executive committee.

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(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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From

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., C. S. I.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

THE HONORARY INTERIM SECRETARY,
FRENCH NATIONAL LOTTERY,
CALCUTTA.

Home Dept.
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SIMLA, the 23rd October 1871.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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E. C. Bayley

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