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24th November 1871.

No. 94. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Madras Committee for the International Exhibition of 1871, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 4th July 1871:—

I have the honour, by order of the Madras Committee for the International Exhibition of 1871, to report to His Excellency the Governor in Council that, in accordance with the Order of Government, No. 1446, of 9th November 1870, the Committee held a first meeting on the 19th of that month, and their last assembly was on the 18th of March 1871, and on the latter date it was resolved that, owing to the nearness of the time appointed for opening the Exhibition, no further consignments of articles could be despatched.

2. The Committee have since then been endeavouring to collect information as to the articles exhibited, and been engaged in the preparation of the detailed list of consignments despatched. Ten copies of the list have already been forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, and other twenty copies are herewith submitted.

3. I am directed to place on the margin the names of the members of the Madras Committee, and to add that, from the date of the third meeting inclusive, His Excellency Lord Napier, K.T., was present at each of the meetings and aided in the selection of the various articles.

The Hon. W. R. Arbuthnot.
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His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram, K.S.C.I.

4. This is the first occasion on which works representing the fine arts of India have been collected for exhibition; but it has not been possible to forward any specimens of conspicuous merit or importance from this Presidency. In architecture and the forms of sculpture connected with it, there is much in Southern India worthy of attention, and these arts, though little practised, have not died out in native methods from among the native population. But sculpture in forms available for exhibition in England, and painting and engraving, are scarcely practised, and almost exclusively so by persons in the service of native sovereigns or chiefs. The contributions from Madras, in this department, have been, accordingly, restricted to some miniature paintings and to carvings on ivory which it is hoped will be found to contain some features of interest and promise. A few specimens of silver manufactures illustrate the native forms of domestic utensils and possess some merit. It was not thought desirable to multiply specimens of jewellery, which are familiar to the English people, from previous exhibitions. Those which have been sent are intended to represent the condition of this branch of industry in the provinces, and among the native workmen at the Presidency town exclusively employed for the native market.

5. The books, both printed and written, on paper and on palm leaves, with the implements in use in schools, which the Madras Committee have sent to the Exhibition, are considered by the Committee to form a very valuable collection, and fully to illustrate the state of education in the Madras Presidency.

6. The articles of pottery sent are also considered sufficient to illustrate the state of the ceramic art in this Presidency.

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7. The carpets sent from Madras are only ordinary. The comparative poverty of this part of the consignments was, however, anticipated by the Committee, because, according to the custom of the trade, where carpets of a more costly character are required, they must be specially ordered, and time given to complete them, and the period has been too short to allow of this course being followed. One of the best carpets from the most celebrated manufacturing district reached Madras too late for transmission to London.

8. With a view to promote future expositions it was resolved, at the 9th of March meeting, that the Collectors of Districts should be asked to favour the Committee with all available statistical and other information regarding the quantities produced in their respective districts of the articles which they had now contributed, furnishing information also as to the processes of manufacture, the selling prices, the number of persons employed in the manufacture, and the wages of the workmen, as also a list of all other articles, the products of their several districts, that they could have forwarded had time allowed.

9. On these several points the information furnished to the Committee has been very meagre; and I am directed to submit that on this occasion the time allowed to collect and forward articles for the Exhibition, or gather information regarding them, was much too brief, and that, in the opinion of the Committee, at least a clear six months' prior intimation should be obtained in order to admit of the classes of products being duly represented. Had time allowed, Trichinopoly could have sent paintings on ivory copied from photographs. The districts of Kurnool and Nundial at one time manufactured considerable quantities of lacquer work, but in forms only suited for the domestic purposes of the people of the country, and not adapted for European households. The result has been that the manufacture has rapidly declined, and though the lacquer ware articles displayed much taste, they are now only made to order. Also, the finer kinds of pottery are only made on commission. Sheep are reared in the neighbourhood of Ellore, and are shorn twice a year. The wool is spun into thread by the Kurumbar race, and then dyed. The colours employed in this manufacture are white, black, light, and dark shades of blue, light and dark green, yellow, orange, and three kinds of red, but the dyers are unable to detail the proportions of the materials used. The weaving is done by hand, and there are sixteen looms constantly in work in Ellore and Tunglamoody, employing 128 workmen over twelve years of age. Boys are entertained at six years of age and complete their apprenticeship at twelve. At first they are paid two pie a day which is increased periodically by two pie till it reach sixteen pie daily, at which rate of wages they continue to serve till twelve years old. After that age they earn twenty pie or one two-third annas daily. The weavers are all Mahomedans, and work by the piece, but their wages are so low that they frequently engage as day labourers, in dragging canal boats and the like. The coarser rugs sell at from Rupees $1\frac{1}{2}$ to Rupees 4 per yard; a second sort, with finer wools, and better work being Rupees 5 to Rupees 9 a square yard; but Rupees 6 and Rupees $6\frac{1}{2}$ a square yard are the most common rates for the better sorts of carpets. A very few are made at Rupees 7 to Rupees 9 a yard, and large carpets are only made to order. It is estimated that about 1000 square yards of coarser carpets, and 800 square yards of the finer kinds are annually sold, and the manufacture seems to be stationary.

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No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1871, No. 1760.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing report, with its enclosure, be forwarded to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, and to the Central Committee in India for the International Exhibition.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Central Committee in India for the International Exhibition, with the list.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 1761.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit, for the information of the Government of India, copy of a report* from the Madras Committee for the International Exhibition, together with a list of the articles sent by the Committee to the Exhibition of 1871.

* Dated 4th July 1871.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th November 1871.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE COMMITTEE IN INDIA FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

Dated November, 24th.

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1871.

AGRICULTURE, REVENUE, AND
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

From
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Madras
4th July 1877.

Yours Most Obedient Servant
Edward Malpoutr Hon. Secy.
Madras Committee for the
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DEPARTMENT of
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From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
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