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FROM

P. G. MELITUS, Esq.,
Offg. Depy. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

*The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of
Madras.*

Home Department.
Public.

RECEIVED
Simla, the 28 June 1892.

SIR,

IN forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from the Secretaries to the Ninth International Congress of Orientalists to be held in London in September 1892, I am directed to enquire whether *His Excellency the Governor in Council* desires to nominate a representative or representatives to be present at the Congress. I am to suggest that retired officers, or officers on leave or other persons likely to be in England at the time, might suitably be invited to attend as delegates.

2. I am at the same time to request that arrangements may be made for affording to the Congress any further assistance within *the power of the Madras Government.*

3. The Government of India will be glad to learn at an early date the names of the persons whom *His Excellency* would nominate as delegates, so that they may be in a position to address the Secretary of State in sufficient time to admit of the necessary arrangements being made before the Congress is held.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

P. Melitus

Offg. Depy. Secretary to the Government of India.

The Ninth International Congress of Orientalists.

To be held in LONDON, SEPTEMBER 5—12, 1892.

Hon. President—H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., ETC.

President—PROFESSOR MAX MÜLLER, M.A., LL.D., ETC.

President of the Indian Section THE RT. HON. THE LORD REAY, G.C.S.I.,

Royal Asiatic Society,
22, ALBEMARLE STREET, LONDON, W.,
May 14th, 1892.

To

C. J. LYALL ESQ., C.I.E.,

Secretary to Government, Home Department, Calcutta.

SIR,

In forwarding herewith the enclosed papers, we have the honour, by direction of His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, the Hon. President, and the Organizing Committee of this Congress, to request that you will submit the same to your Government, with a view to secure its co-operation. We may state that this co-operation may be extended in the following ways:—

1. By sending one or more Delegates to represent your Government.
2. By forwarding Papers, Old Manuscripts, or the Results of Researches on any subject which might fall within the head of Oriental Learning or Scholarship, to be procured from Official Records, or from Learned Bodies or persons within the jurisdiction of your Government, or that of the adjacent Native States.

We need scarcely point out that the proceedings of the Congress will embrace the treatment of numerous subjects relating to the Philosophy, Religions, Laws and Customs, the Ancient and Modern Languages, the History and Geography of India. The elucidation of these subjects, while throwing further light on the past, will, in a large measure, contribute to the advancement of knowledge regarding that country and its institutions among the nations of the West. With this end specially in view, the Organizing Committee feel themselves justified, from the fact of the present Congress being held in the Metropolis of the British Empire, in giving special prominence to all subjects relating to India. It is mainly in this aspect of the aims and end of the Congress that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to accept the office of Hon. President, and men of high Indian reputation have consented to take a prominent part in its work.

With Professor Max Müller as President, among the heads of Sections and Committees are such eminent names as those of Mr. W. E. Gladstone, Lords Ripon, Northbrook, and Reay, Sir Mountstuart Grant-Duff, Sir George Birdwood, and others equally respected in India. On their behalf, and on behalf of the Organizing Committee, we beg leave to express the hope that your Government will consent to co-operate in either of the ways above suggested in the work of the Congress.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient Servants,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,

C. D. GINSBURG,

RHYS DAVIDS,

E. W. BULLINGER,

M. M. BHOWNUGGREE,

A. A. MACDONELL,

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Regarding the Ninth Inter-
national Congress of Orientalists
to be held in London in Sep/92.

WITH ORDER

Honorable Members.

For orders with refce
to L.S. of 5-7-92, No. 470.

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7/7

8 July

I know of no other officer, nor
any on leave, who could suitably
be nominated as a delegate for
Madras.

100
11 July.

Mr J

No. 515

25 July 92

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To the Secy to the L. of S.
Home Dept

Sir,

With reference to Mr.
Melitus' letter No. 13. Pub.
1645
of 28.6.92, I am directed
to intimate that this
Govt. does not know of
any officer retired on
leave who could suitably
be nominated as a
delegate to the Congress
of Orientalists.

Separate inquiries
are being made at the
direct request of the Secre-
taries to the Congress
in regard to books, papers
&c. that might be of
interest to the Congress
and if there are any they
will be forwarded direct.

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of India that the Govt
does not know of
any officer retired or
on leave who could
suitably be nominated
as a delegate from
members to the Com-
-gress of Orientalists.
& that if there are
any books papers
or that might be
of interest to the Com-
-gress they will be
forwarded direct.