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24th *November* 1860.

No. 435. Read the following letter from Reverend DAVID SIMPSON, Secretary, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th November 1860.

SIR,

1. I am desired by the Madras Diocesan Committee of the S. P. C. K., to lay before the Government a request that the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge may, as a purely charitable and religious Society, be exempted from the payment of the Income Tax.

2. The Society by means of its Depository provides religious and educational books, for the use principally of Mission Schools, at the lowest possible rate. The books are charged at such prices as only just to cover the expenses of Librarian's salary, &c., &c. There are no *profits* whatever properly so called, for if there should be at the end of the year any small balance to credit accruing from the sale of old stock, &c., it is applied to making grants to Soldiers' Libraries, Schools and Missions.

3. The Society's *Press* was established for the purpose of printing the Bible, Prayer Book, and other religious works, in the vernaculars of South India, and distributing them extensively. Some years since it was largely aided from England, but now it is *comparatively* self-dependent, and the necessary funds for paying wages and the purchase of material for its religious works are obtained by doing occasional work for the public. What is received from this source, however, is not nearly sufficient to support the Press, which is assisted by special grants from the Parent Society for special publications and by the Subscriptions and Donations.

4. The *Subscriptions and Donations* to the Society are applied altogether for printing the Scriptures and other works at the Press, to making grants of books to Missions and Schools, and to supporting Native Christian Girls' Boarding Schools, in which it supports more than 100 scholars.

5. One portion of the Society's funds is derived from interest on Government Securities (Rupees 1,897) annually; and another from grants from Home for the *Press*, and for special Missionary purposes, to the amount of about 5,500 Rupees annually.

6. Under these circumstances, the Committee trusts the Government will exempt the Society from the payment of Income Tax.

No. 436. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1860, No. 2,235.

Under Section 133 of Act XXXII of 1860, the Governor in Council is pleased to exempt from the operation of the Income Tax the several sources of income derived by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Madras, as detailed in the foregoing letter.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Revenue 1860 Dept.

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№ 2585

From the Secretary Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge –

Dated 10th
Rec'd 13th } November 1860

Requests that the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge may be exempted from the Income Tax –

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Under Sect.n 133 of Act xxiii of 1860, the Govt. in Cn.l is pleased to exempt from the operation of the Income Tax the several sources of income derived by the Soc.y for Promoting Christian Knowledge – as does per statement in the foregoing Letter. —

C J Macleod

For Sec.y Govt.
24 Nov.r 1860.

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