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No. 306. Read the following letter from A. EDEN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bengal (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bhaugulpore, 1st October 1863, No. 871 T :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,735, dated the 21st ultimo, forwarding an application from the Committee appointed at Madras to aid in promoting the objects of the Bengal Agricultural Exhibition, for a grant of Rupees 2,000, and in reply to request that it may be explained to the Committee that no funds have been placed at the disposal of this Government for the purpose of meeting to any extent the expenses of bringing or sending animals or other articles to the Exhibition. The sum of Rupees 10,000 advanced to the Central Committee in Calcutta was simply for the purpose of erecting accommodation on the show ground, printing and disseminating prize lists, and meeting other necessary expenses of the undertaking, and no part of this sum will be applied to relieve exhibitors from any expense to which they may be put in sending cattle, produce, or machinery to the show.

2. The only inducement which this Government has it in its power to offer to intending exhibitors beyond the advantage they may derive from bringing their agricultural products into comparison with those of other parts of India, and from promoting a trade in cattle and other articles, consists in the prizes offered for the best specimens. It is also expected that in most instances the sale of articles exhibited will yield a profit which will quite cover the cost of sending them, especially as one of the Steam Companies agrees to carry them at reduced charges.

See letter A annexed.

3. If in the opinion of the Government of Madras it is necessary that exhibitors should be assisted with money, it occurs to the Lieutenant Governor that, having in view the great practical advantages likely to be obtained from periodical agricultural exhibitions and the mutual benefit the different Presidencies will derive from an occasional interchange of the specimen of the progress they are making in agriculture and the breeding of cattle, the funds necessary may possibly be supplied from local sources, or by private subscription as has been done in Burmah and elsewhere. This is the principle adopted in England in connection with the Industrial Exhibitions of 1851 and 1862.

4. Any moderate expense, however, which the Madras Committee may incur in translating or printing prize lists and notices in any of the languages of the Madras Presidency (if such should be deemed necessary by the Madras Committee) will be defrayed by this Government.

5. It is not the wish of this Government that any articles of produce should be purchased at its expense by the Madras Committee, the object being to rely as much as possible on private enterprize, and to limit the action of the local Government to the general arrangements required to facilitate exhibition and comparison, and to the award of prizes to the most successful exhibitors.

6. In conclusion I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor, you will be so good as to convey the acknowledgments of the Lieutenant Governor to the gentlemen who have so kindly undertaken to form a Committee for promoting the objects of the exhibition.

From Messrs. MACKINNON MACKENZIE & Co., Managing Agents British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), to J. A. CRAWFORD, Esq., Honorary Secretary Agricultural Show, dated Calcutta, 3rd June 1863, A.

SIR,

1. We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2nd instant, inquiring whether it is in our power as Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, to grant free carriage to such live stock, implements and samples of produce, &c., which may be sent up for exhibition at the Agricultural Show commencing 18th January 1864.

2. In reply we beg to state that we shall be glad to provide for the free conveyance of implements and samples of produce, &c., to the extent of 25 tons, say twenty-five tons measurement, by each of the four vessels arriving from Moulmein and the intermediate ports, and by each of the two vessels arriving from Madras and intermediate ports, immediately before the opening of the Show. By every one of same vessels we shall provide free passage of twenty head of cattle.

3. It will be for the Committee to allot the space thus set at its disposal in such proportions as it may see fit to the various places at which the vessels of the Company touch, and any suggestions which you may make, whereby we can assist in the furtherance of the objects which the Committee have in view, will have our best attention.

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1863, No. 1,929.

1. Ordered that a copy of this letter be furnished to the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Committee for the Bengal Agricultural Exhibition in continuation of the Proceedings of Government dated 10th October 1863, No. 1,860.

2. Ordered also that the Acting Accountant General be requested to place one thousand Rupees at the disposal of the Committee from the unexpended portion of the sum entered in the Budget for "Cotton Experiments" under F X "Civil Contingencies, Special and Temporary."

(True Extract.)

(Signed), J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Committee for the Bengal Agricultural Exhibition.
„ Acting Accountant General.
„ Acting Civil Paymaster.

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No. 306 & 307.

With reference to the application for a grant of 2000 Rs for promoting the [illegible] objects of the Bengal Exhibition intimating that no funds have been placed at the disposal of the Bengal Govt for the purpose of meeting the expenses of bringing or sending animals or other articles to the Exhibition.—
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Ordered that a copy of this letter be furnished to the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Committee for the Bengal Agricultural Exhibition, in continuation of the Proceedings of Govt dated 10 October 1863, No. 1860.
2 Ordered also that the Acting Accountant General be requested to place one thousand Rupees at the disposal of the Committee from the unexpended portion of the sum entered in the Budget for "Cotton Experiments" under F. X "Civil Contingencies, Special and Temporary".

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