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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. ~~449~~ 419. Press Mis.—

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Dated 27. 2 — ~~19~~ 1863

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February* 1863.

No. 392. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department, dated 19th February 1863, No. 59:—

Passing orders on letter from the Director of Public Instruction, requesting sanction for the acceptance of the sum of Rupees 1,000 subscribed by certain members of the Native community at Combaconum for the purpose of founding an annual gold medal in testimony of their regard for Mr. G. T. Beauchamp, late Civil and Session Judge of Tanjore. } (Vide Educational Proceedings, 19th February 1863, Nos. 47, 48.)

No. 393. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1863, No. 419.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information. The Government observe that the interest accruing on the endowment is not liable to the Income Tax.

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

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

### *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq., Director of Public Instruction; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th February 1863, No. 260.

I have the pleasure of stating for the information of Government that certain of the merchants and other inhabitants of Combaconum have subscribed the sum of Rupees 1,000, with the view of founding a gold medal at the Combaconum Provincial School in honor of Mr. G. T. Beauchamp, late Civil and Session Judge of Tanjore.

2. The subscribers having communicated with Mr. Beauchamp, to ascertain his views as to the description of proficiency for which the medal should be awarded, now request in conformity with that gentleman's wishes that it may be given to the student who shall stand first at the annual examination in all subjects taken together.

3. I have the honor to solicit that Government will authorize the acceptance of the sum subscribed, and its investment by the Accountant General in either 4 per cent. or 5 per cent. paper as that Officer may consider most desirable. I beg also to suggest that the Mint Master may be instructed to have a gold medal struck annually at the Mint free of charge, and of such value as may be covered by the interest of the endowment. It has hitherto been customary to remit the Income Tax in cases similiar to the present; I therefore request that this course may be followed in regard to the Beauchamp endowment.

4. The only points with reference to the award of the medal on which I think it necessary to dwell are,—(1) that it should in my opinion be permissible to the Director of Public Instruction to withhold the medal, in case the absolute merit of the best scholar should appear to him insufficient to justify the award; and (2) that it should be allowable to the same Officer to combine with the results of the annual examination those of the Matriculation of other University examinations, and even to substitute the latter for the former in cases were he might think it fitting so to do. The advisibility of the first measure is apparent and needs no comment: and in the case of the latter, I would remark the importance to education in general of making all institutions enter a common arena and measure their strength against one another.

5. In conclusion I beg to suggest that, if Government be pleased to accept the offer now made by the inhabitants of Combaconum, they will direct a notification of the fact to be inserted in the Official Gazette, couched in such terms as may testify to the public the view they take of the liberality of the subscribers.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1863, No. 59.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has much pleasure in sanctioning the acceptance of the sum of Rupees 1,000, subscribed by certain members of the Native community at Combaconum, for the purpose of founding an annual gold medal, in testimony of their regard for Mr. G. T. Beauchamp, late Civil and Session Judge of Tanjore.

2. The medal, it is observed, is to be given to the student who shall stand first at the annual examination of the Combaconum Provincial School; but the Governor in Council fully concurs in the propriety of Mr. Powell's suggestion, that it should be withheld in any year, when the proficiency of the best scholar shall appear to the Director insufficient to warrant the award.

3. Mr. Powell also proposes that the results of the Matriculation and other University examinations, should be taken into consideration in determining the relative merits of the best students. His Excellency in Council sees no objection to this measure, but he considers that the founders of the prize should be consulted as to its expediency. Mr. Powell is requested to ascertain the views of the contributors during his approaching visit to Combaconum. He will then draw up and submit a notice, for publication in the Gazette, setting forth the rules by which the award of the medal will be decided.

4. Meanwhile, the Mint Master will be requested to have a gold medal struck annually, on the application of the Director, free of charge. A design will be furnished by the Director after communication with the contributors.

5. The Accountant General will vest in Government securities the sum of Rupees (1,000) one thousand, so soon as the amount is paid into the Tanjore Treasury; and the value of the medal will be determined by the sum which may be realized as interest on the investment.

6. The question of remitting the Income Tax on the Beauchamp endowment will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

F. J. Saunders

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Mint Master.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Rv. 419.

Communicated to the Bd. of Revr. for information. The Govt. observe that the interest accruing on the Endowment is not liable to the Income Tax.

Fort St. George
27th July 1868.

3. The Bd. of Revr.
1 — „ Accountant Genl.
1 — „ Colr. & Deputy

with Proc. dated 27th July 1868

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Copying Order on Letter
from the Dy. Pub. Instruction
requesting Sanction for the
acceptance of the Deed of
Pl. 100 subscribed by certain
members of the native com-
munity at Combaconum
for the purpose of founding
an annual Gold medal in
testimony of their regard
for Mr G. T. Beauchamp
late Civil & Sessions Judge
of Tanjore
So With Order

No. 392 & 393.

Exd. T. McMootry.