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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 336. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1866, No. 1,585 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 16th February 1866, No. 59 :—

1. In accordance with the Board's Proceedings noted, I have the honor to submit a detailed list of prizes to be given at the Industrial Exhibition to be held at Calicut in February 1867. The list has been prepared in consultation with several residents and merchants of this place, and I would beg the Board's sanction to its immediate publication.

1st February 1866, No. 762.

2. I would request that a Central Committee* at Calicut be formally nominated. The Committee would then formally request the assistance of others throughout the District and elsewhere; and should the offer of farther special prizes appear feasible and desirable, in the course of its deliberations, it will issue the necessary notices. The Committee will also issue such farther notices as may be necessary, as time advances, regarding the transmission of subjects for exhibition, and points of detail connected with the arrangements.

* It might include
Mr. H. D. Cooke, Civil Judge.
" G. A. Ballard, Collector.
" R. E. Pearse, Civil Surgeon.
" R. H. Pierce (of Pierce, Leslie & Co.)
" W. Maylor.
" C. Ranga Charlu.
" K. Shekara Kurup.
" D. Manockji.
" Choi Kutti Muppan.
" Manju Kamati, with power to add to their numbers.

3. The Board will perceive, that the present list differs considerably from that previously sent in. This mainly arises from the whole sum of Rupees 5,000, sanctioned by Government for the purposes of the exhibition, having now been devoted entirely towards prizes; and the Board, I am sure, will learn with pleasure that this course is rendered practicable by a few of the residents of Calicut having practically evinced their interest in the Exhibition scheme, by guaranteeing a fund to meet the expenses of the building for the reception of articles for exhibition; the provision of furniture; and the entertainment of clerks, servants, &c.

4. Rupees 2,000 has thus been guaranteed in eighty shares of Rupees 25 each, and I have no doubt a farther sum will be forthcoming if necessary.

The main conditions are—

1*st*.—That a commission of 2½ per cent., on articles sold in the exhibition, be paid to the guarantee fund.

2*nd*.—That, after the close of the exhibition, the materials of the building be disposed of, and the assets carried to the guarantee fund.

3*rd*.—That a free season ticket be allowed on each share taken up.

4*th*.—That, after the close of the exhibition, the whole guarantee fund assets be applied ratably, to re-imburse shareholders for actual expenses; and that should any surplus outstand it be devoted to such public purpose as a general meeting of the shareholders may then determine.

5. With reference to Section 3rd above, I must observe, that, after considerable deliberation, I am quite of opinion that, for certain stated periods during the time the exhibition is open, admission should only be allowed by ticket.

This will secure the place being tolerably clear for some hours of each day, thus giving opportunity to certain higher castes to visit the exhibition, who would be shy of doing so if it was open at all times to all comers; and, also, affording quieter periods for the attendance of such as wish to make intelligent studies of the objects exhibited.

6. On the other hand, if payment for admission was made universal, it would undoubtedly give rise to absurd misconceptions as to the real object of the undertaking, and also deter a mass of people from visiting the exhibition at all.

While admission is free for a great part of the day, misconception can hardly arise; whilst by admitting only on payment for a few stated hours, the great advantages above said are secured.

Season Ticket (single)... ... ... Rupees 2
Do. ,, (double)... ... ... ,, 3
Family Ticket 8 Annas additional for each number over two.

7. Tickets may be issued on the terms noted.

I must observe that it has been decided, that the proceeds of the sale of tickets shall not go to the guarantee fund above said.

They will be available for extra prizes, perhaps to purchase articles intended for exhibition, or such other ends as the General Committee may determine.

It is impossible as yet to say what funds may be expected to accrue from this source. It is not expected they will be very large.

8. I cannot yet tell what contributions we may except from other Districts and places. But I should be glad to have a point settled which may have an important bearing on this part of the question.

For the Calcutta Exhibition of 1864, I see that free passage was given by several Steam and Railway Companies for live-stock, implements, produce, &c., intended for exhibition, and though, of course, the Calicut Exhibition cannot be on any thing like the scale of a Calcutta one, yet, I think, the exhibition of articles from Madras, and the east especially, may be materially affected by free carriage being accorded, or withheld, by the Railway. At any rate, I think it would be sound policy, on the part of the Railway, to try the experiment, which will not, under any circumstances, probably, call for any unreasonable sacrifice, and may give a sensible stimulus to the trade of places, whose inter-communication it is vitally to the Railway's interests to foster.

The Coasting Steam Companies have been addressed on this subject.

I have not addressed the Railway authorities, as the sanction of Government may be necessary in its case.

9. I also hope that Government may be pleased to send, for exhibition, specimens of any improved agricultural or other machinery or implements that may have been obtained in connection with the despatch of the Secretary of State for India, dated 16th January 1864, No. 4, or subsequently.

Forbes's Lever Cotton Press.
A Brick-making Machine.
A Tile do. do.
Wooden Beam Plough (sub-soil body).
Grubber.
American Swivel Plough.
Harrow.
Chain Harrow.
Horse Hoe.
Scythe.
American Wooden Horse Rake.
Large Hand Rake.
Threshing Machine.
Rice-hulling do.
Winnowing do.
Chaff Cutter.
Small do.

I would especially desire that the articles noted may be exhibited if possible.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21*st March* 1866.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of Prizes proposed to be given at the Agricultural Exhibition to be held at Calicut in the beginning of 1867.

1. The Board resolve to recommend the Collector's proposals for the sanction of Government. The interest that has already been manifested in the project, warrants sanguine expectations of a highly successful result.

2. The Government will observe from the Prize List that the "District" prizes are open to South Canara, Travancore, and Cochin produce. Under these circumstances, the Board think that North Canara should be placed on the same footing, unless the Collector can shew good reason against the arrangement.

3. The Government are aware that the Board have long ago distributed the agricultural implements, and that the bulk of these are at the Oossoor and Sydapet farms. Those required might be sent thence for the Exhibition, and the Collector could make the arrangement in communication with the Officer in charge.

No. 337.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1866, No. 691.

1. The Governor in Council approves the list of prizes which has been drawn up by the Collector, and agrees with the Board in anticipating that the project will be successful.

2. The question as to whether North Canara produce should be allowed to compete for the District prizes will be left entirely to the discretion of the Collector; but the Government are of opinion that the competition should be widened as far as it can be without weakening the interest which will be taken in the exhibition by the people of Malabar.

3. The Remount Agent at Oossoor and the Farm Committee at Sydapet will arrange with the Collector for the transmission of such agricultural implements as can be spared and are likely to excite interest.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Gover...nt.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Remount Agent at Oossoor.
,, the Farm Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For Orkney.

This seems to be the most promising scheme yet received. The only suggestion I would make is that the restriction to purchase in case of the "District" is carried too far. For instance in Wet & Dry Fraud the competition should be general.

Hero but I have very little faith in local Authorities & consequently would be postponed till

[illegible] under the control of the competition relates to this matter the same interest as shall be vested in

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No. 336.

Recommending for sanction proposals of Collector of Malabar in regard to Industrial Exhibition to be held at Calicut in February 1867.

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b The Secretary and General √
1 The Remount Agent at Calicut √
b The Farm Committee √

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Dt 21st March 1866

From the Collector of
Malabar Dt 4th January 1866

List of prizes drawn up by the Coll.r of Malabar for the Industrial exhibition approved.—

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