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Medals.

Read the following paper:—

No. 207. *Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.*

Judicial, No. 6.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON, *14th June* 1877.

MY LORD DUKE,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 22nd September, No. 11 of 1876, in which it is requested that a die might be prepared for a medal to be presented to Captain Eastall, has been considered by me in Council.

2. As it was also intimated that medals would be struck from the die for presentation to those who might perform similar acts of gallantry, to that by which Captain Eastall had distinguished himself, and as some doubts were entertained as to the propriety of such a course, it was determined to refer the subject to the consideration of the Government of India.

3. I now forward a copy of the reply received from the Government of India, India Public letter, No. 25 of 1877, dated 3rd May. which is in accordance with my own opinion on the subject. I shall be glad therefore if your Excellency in Council will reconsider the question, so as to avoid any appearance of establishing an order.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, 3rd May 1877, No. 25.

MY LORD MARQUIS,—We have the honor to acknowledge the Earl of Carnarvon's Despatch, No. 3 (Judicial), dated the 25th January last, relative to the request preferred by the Madras Government for the preparation of a die for a medal to be presented to those who evince gallantry in saving life. His Lordship wishes to be furnished with our opinion on the application, and observes that if the preparation of such a die is right for the Government of Madras, it is right for all India.

2. We do not consider that any such measure is generally required in India. The Government of Madras can hardly establish any order, nor can they guarantee that their medals shall be always given according to an uniform standard of merit. Still less will the standard be uniform if the other Local Governments imitate the example of Madras in this matter.

3. On the other hand there are established orders in England and elsewhere with traditions and an agency capable of maintaining an uniform standard, such as, in England, the Royal Humane Society, the Albert Order, and the like. As these orders are open to the world and confer a recognised distinction, and as we are aware that the gallant conduct of Captain Eastall has been communicated by your Lordship to the Royal Humane Society, we are not disposed to recommend that any new medals should be struck for India, or that local distinctions should be encouraged.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1877, No. 2021.

Copy of the above despatch, and of its enclosure, will be furnished to the Inspector-General of Police, with reference to G.O., dated 22nd September 1876, No. 1945, for communication to Captain Eastall.

2. Under the views expressed by the Secretary of State and the Government of India, the intention on the part of this Government of presenting Captain Eastall with a gold medal for saving life will have to be abandoned. His gallant conduct has, however, been already brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society, with whose honorary medal Captain Eastall has been publicly presented, as directed by G.O., dated 29th March 1876, No. 594.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

Assistant Secy. to Govt.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Vizagapatam.
" Accountant-General.
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.

Rxd. J. Wright.

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To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

&c., &c., &c.

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Madras. The intention on the part of Government to present Captain Eastall with a gold medal for saving life, abandoned; and copy of despatch from Secretary of State on the subject furnished to the Inspector-General of Police for communication to Captain Eastall.

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