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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Declining to make a contribution towards the purchase of certain ----- of distinguished personages in Muhammadan History.

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The Honorable
The Madras Legislative Council
Bangalore
14th May 1919.

SECRETARY
18 MAY 1919
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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I beg to bring to notice that there have come to Bangalore a set of seven pictures in repousse on copper sheets of the following distinguished personages in the Mohammedan History of India - (1) Jehangir (2) Nur Jahan (3) Wahid Ali (4) Nawab Shuja Ali Daula Bahadur (5) Mir Jadaat Ali (6) Nawab Safdar Jung Bahadur & (7) Mir Momin Malik. The pictures are life size & in Haldi dress & the size of each is $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3$. In the material the mountings on the pictures are in gold.

3. All these pictures are rare specimens of Indian Craft in metal of the Ancient India.

4. It is the intention of the Government to send them to England & America for sale, but it seems a pity to let them go out of India. I have addressed

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Victoria Memorial Exhibition in
Calcutta has this excellently the Viceroy
has been pleased to express his
appreciation of my efforts. I have
also approached the Ruler of Native
States.

It is just possible that I may
not succeed in finding a purchaser
in which case I think of appealing
to the local governments of India
for a contribution towards purchase
& preservation of these objects d'art
in the Victoria Memorial Museum.

The price asked by the owner
is 70,000, but may be reduced by
15 or 20,000.

Will you be pleased to let
me know if the Govt of Madras are
disposed to make a contribution
towards the pictures. — of course
if the proposal meets with approval
a committee of experts will inspect
and appraise the pictures.

I am
Yours sincerely,
B. Subbarau
R. Subbarau

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Pictures of distinguished personages
in the Mohammedan history.

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Financial Dept V
CN. 2456 B] From Mr. P. Subba Rao, Bangalore
Dated 14.5.19.

A draft memo: of acknowledgments
is submitted for approval.

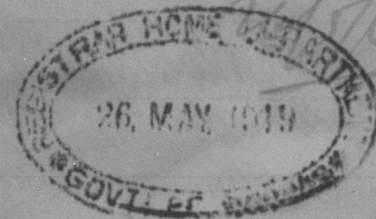
2. The current may be transferred
to Home (Educn) for disposal.
(vide para. 5 of the letter).

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21.5.19.

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To Home Educn

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Home (Education) Department.

Mr. Subba Rao of Bangalore enquires whether this Government would be prepared to make a contribution towards the purchase of seven pictures of distinguished personages in Muhammadan History, which are rare specimens of Indian craft, and their preservation in the Victoria Memorial Museum. The pictures are estimated by him at about Rs. 50,000. He also intends appealing to other local Governments for a contribution. Without actual inspection of the pictures by Government experts in Arts, it is not possible to say whether they are worth purchase and preservation in a Museum. Further in the event of the pictures being rare specimens of Indian craft, it does not seem necessary for this Government to make any contribution towards their purchase with a view

* There is no Museum by this name. There is "Victoria & Albert Museum" in Bombay (Municipal). Perhaps the Mysore Govt Museum at Bangalore bears this name.

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to their preservation in the Victoria Memorial Museum, which presumably belongs to the Mysore State. If the pictures are really rare specimens of Indian craft, they may be purchased by this Government and preserved in the Government Museum, Madras. In any case it does not seem necessary for the Government to make a contribution towards the purchase of the pictures referred to. If before giving any definite reply to Mr. Subba Rao, it is considered desirable to have an idea as to the real worth of the pictures, Mr. Velayuda Achari, acting Superintendent of the School of Arts, may be asked to go to Bangalore and inspect the pictures.

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5.6.19.

May we refer the letter to the Honble the Resident in Mysore for favour of his remarks? *Prima facie* there seems to be little justification for the local foot. to make any contribution. It appears to be a fitting object for the Imperial foot. to patronize. The outcome of the appeal to H.E. the Viceroy is not clear.

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We may decline straight away.
If the pictures are worth anything.
India will purchase

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A draft order is submitted for approval

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1652, dated 191

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 2456B From the Mr. B. Subba Rao, No. _____, dated 14 - 5 - 1919
1045B Bangalore

ORDER.

Miss

No. 75-8, dated 16-6. 1919

With reference to his letter
of 14.5.19, Mr R. B. Subba Rao
is informed that the Govt are
unable to make a contribution towards
the purchase of the pictures of
~~the~~^{the} ~~Vishnu Purana~~, referred
to therein, ~~with a view to their~~
~~preservation in the Victoria~~
~~Museum.~~

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MURRY B. Subba Rao
'The Homestead', Bangalore

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