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MS. SERIES.

G.O. No.

865-Edn.

Dated

24-4-1946

[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum - Government - Teakwood barricade around a bronze image of
Dancing Siva - Expenditure - Sanctioned.

Back Papers.

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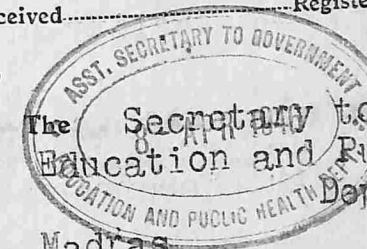
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From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
Ph.D.,
Designation Superintendent,
Station Government Museum,
MADRAS.

Department

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To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

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Enclosures:

No. 662-1/46 dated 6th April 1946.

Sir,

With a view to exhibit the bronze image of Dancing Siva from Tiruvelangadu without visitors' view being obstructed by reflections in the glass, and also to make it possible to see the back of the image it is proposed to remove the image from the glass show case and to exhibit on a pedestal-like support. But, in order to prevent visitors from touching the image, it is necessary to have a barricade around the exhibit. An estimate of Rs. 153-11-0 (Rs. One hundred and fifty three and annas eleven only) for a teakwood barricade was obtained from a reliable contractor who has been giving us complete satisfaction for over 20 years for

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the quality of his work.

In the above circumstances I have the honour to request that necessary sanction may be accorded for carrying out the above work and to the incurring of the expenditure thereon.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent.

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2nd Order 865 Edmt dated 24-4-46
Museum. Govt. Teakwood and
barricade around a bronze image of Dhanu
Siva - Expenditure sanctioned -
Sanction is accorded for setting
up a teakwood barricade around a
bronze image of Dhanu Siva and to
incur an expenditure not exceeding
Rs 153-11-0 (Rupees one hundred and fifty
three and ams eleven only) on this account.
The S.G.M. is requested to submit
a report as soon as the work is carried
out. The expre should be met from the
provision in the Annual Est. of Expre.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Government of Madras.
Abstract.

Museum - Government - Teakwood barricade around a bronze image of Dancing Siva - Expenditure - sanctioned -

Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.No. MS.865 Edn., dated 24th April 1946.

Read the following:-

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, No. 862-1/46, dated 6-4-1946.

ORDER:-

Sanction is accorded to the proposal of the Superintendent, Government Museum for the construction of a teakwood pedestal and teakwood barricade for the better displaying of the bronze image of Natarajan from Tiruvelangadu and to incur an expenditure not exceeding Rs.153-11-0 (Rupees one hundred and fifty three and annas eleven only) on this account.

2. The expenditure should be met from the provision in the Annual Estimate of Expenditure for 1946-47 under '36.a. Scientific Departments - A. Museums - 3. other charges - Authorised - Furniture and fittings'.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar,
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.
" Accountant-General (through Finance Department.)

(True Copy)
Forwarded/By Order.

TDG.

Superintendent.

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Madras Governor's Camp,
(Ootacamund),
23rd November 1945.

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Dear Sir Thomas,

I do not know whether the "bronzes" have yet been brought back to the Madras Museum, but if they have not already been arranged for exhibition, may I suggest that all the Natarajas should be placed in the middle of the room or at least well away from the wall so that they can be examined from all angles. Previously, they were against a wall and this made an all round inspection impossible. There may of course be real objections as regards lack of space etc., so please do not bother to reply.

Yours sincerely

24 NOV 1945
(E.C. Allardice)
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir Thomas Austin, K.C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Adviser to H.E. the Governor.

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Adviser's Memo in p.1 ante.
20 NOV 1945
The bronzes of the
Madras Museum have been brought
back in pursuance of G.O.
at (U). The file may now be
circulated to A2

27/11/45
27.11.45
In view of the
suggestion made by PSS.
should be ~~sent~~ communicated



The SGM.

28/11/45

Yes - let A2
if final arrangement
has been made. I shall
inspect them. 28.11.45

Telephonic Message by post dated 27-11-45. 29

From The Personal Assistant to the Superinten-
dent, Govt. Museum, Madras
To The Superintendent, A. Section, Edn & P.H.
Deptt.

Reference your telephonic message dated
26-11-45. All the bronzes and other valuables
stored at Anantapur, Cuddapah and Salem have been
brought back to Madras Museum as permitted by
Government in G.O.No.Mis.1145 Edn.dated 27th
July 1945.

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From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
Ph.D.,
Designation Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Station Madras.

Received..... Registered.....
To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.



No. 2085-1/45 dated 8th December 1945.

Sub: Government Museum- Bronzes - Arrangements-
Report called for -

Reference Government Memorandum No. 53660 A/45-1
Edn., dated the 3rd December 1945. All the bronzes
have been brought back to the Museum and they have been
arranged in their respective places as they were before
the war.

In the existing cases, even if they are
moved away from the wall, it will not be possible to
view the bronzes from all sides, as the back of the
cases is of wood. Glass panes of good quality and
the large size are difficult to procure now, but as soon
as they are available in the market, arrangements will
be made to see if the suggestion made by the Private
Secretary to His Excellency the Governor improves the
exhibition of the bronzes.

Artificial lighting has been observed to

enhance the aesthetic effect of this class of exhibits and I have proposed to the Chief Engineer, to have the Siva idols verandah provided with electric lights next year.

It may be of interest in this connection to invite Government's attention to the fact that some decades ago, the bronzes were exhibited on pedestals without any coverings, as they are now exhibited in Trivandrum, but this method of display was given up in favour of the present system, as the exposure was found to affect the bronzes adversely.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent. 8.12.45

Submitted for perusal for order.
like the file may lie over till 15-1-46.

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Edn. and P.H. Dept.

D.O. No. 53660A/45-2 dated 13/12/45.

Dear Dr. Aiyappan,

Museum - Bronzes - Arrangements.

Ref:- Correspondence resting with your letter No.2085-1/45, dated 6-12-45.

I am to inform you that Sir Thomas Austin proposes to inspect the Museum on Tuesday, the 18th instant - 10 A.M.

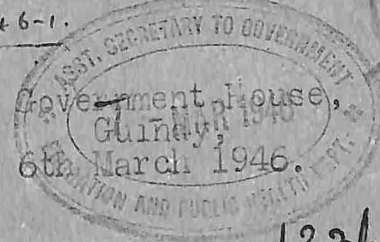
Yrs. sincerely,

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Dr.A.Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
S.G.M.

13.12.45

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No. 1469/46-1.



V. W.
Dear Mr. Brown.

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His Excellency visited the Madras Museum yesterday and was disappointed at the exhibiting and lighting of the Natarajas. He has asked me to enquire whether there are any proposals pending in the Secretariat for improving their exhibition and lighting. His Excellency considered that in any case the question might be taken up of exhibiting the best one or two Natarajas in the middle of a room, without a glass case but protected by railings.

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Deal with
Mr. at once
7.3.46
E.P.M.

(E.C. ALLARDICE),
Asst. Private Secretary
to H.E. the Governor.

J.B. Brown Esq., CSI., CIE., ICS.,
Adviser to H.E. the Governor,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

E. P. H. (C2)

D.O 13362 C2/46-1 Edm., dated 11-3-46

Dear Dr. Aiyappan,

I shall be
intend visiting the Govt. Museum on Friday,
15.3.46, at 4 P.M. along with Mr. T. N. Ramachandra
Superintendent of Archaeology, Southern circle.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. S.

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Dr. A. Aiyappan,
M.A. Ph.D.,
S. G. M. Madras

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E & P. H. (C.A.)

D.O. 13362 C2/46-2 Edn., dated 30-3-46

Dear Dr. Aiyappan,

again I shall be visiting the
Museum, on Sunday, the 7th April 1946
at 11 A.M., with reference to knowledge of his bronzes.

Yours sincerely,

30.3.46

To Dr. A. Aiyappan,
M.A., Ph.D.,
S. G. M., Madras

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OFFICE OF THE

Q.F. 304

Date 194. Hours Minutes

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

From

The S. G. M.

To

The Dy. Secretary,
E & P. H.

The dancing Siva of
Tiruvallagadu has been put
in double case and it is
now possible to view it from
all sides.

I am getting better
shaded printed.

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C. No. 53650.

Sub. Government Museum. Branges - Arrangements

p. 5 CF (Issued as Memo. 53660A/45-1 km. 3. 12. 45 to the S. G. m.)

(C. No. 56021) pp 7-8 CF from the S. G. m. NO. 2085-1/45 of 8. 12. 45

please see A's minute on p. 2 of the

S. G. m.'s report on pp. 7-8 CF. for orders as to

circulation.

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20 After nine, please with the file contains the minutes
of the 8th Museum Committee.

13/12/45

[Issued as D.O. No 53660 A/4.5-2 S 13.12.45 S.S. (gr)]

A above The file is linked.

13.12.45 A₂ may like to see the minutes of the
Museum Arrangement Sub-Committee at 33.35 of
of the l.f. below. The next mtg. has been tentatively
fixed for 12th Jan: (after ~~the 12th Jan~~ ^{Vide last item and 33 of l.f.} ~~the 12th Jan~~ ^{arrangements})

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Museum Inspection

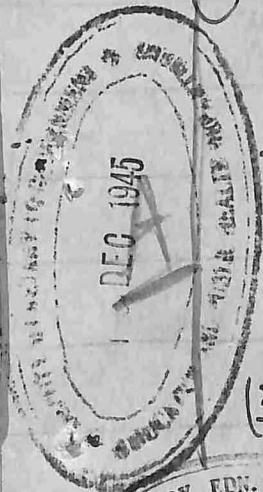
(1) The point raised by P.S.S. has been already
noted by the Committee. The benches will be
displaced to better advantage as soon as floor
can be got. The room is lit by electricity.

(2) The Museum people should have a distinctive
uniform to enable them to do their duties properly.
They are now given only a white coat, which quickly
gets soiled. Ask Supt. for suggestions - so as
to involve least expense.

(3) It would be good to send a young Museum Officer
to England for 2 or 3 months - Supt. recommended.

S/S

18/12/45



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In p. 3 ante. A draft memo to the S.G.M. is submitted.

below.
17/12/45
20/12/45

(Issued as Memo. 53660 A/45-3 dated 20.12.45 to the S.G.M.) - P. 11 CF.
From the S.G.M. No. 2123-1/45 of 7.1.46. (PP. 13-14 CF.)
The draft memorandum in p. 14 CF is for approval.
The question of deputation of a curator
is dealt with separately.
in U.K., it is being dealt with in a separate file.]
Removed for separate action

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(Issued as Lett. No. 53660 A/45-4 of 18.1.46 to the Supdt. of Sty.) - P. 14 CF.
From the Supdt. of Sty. No. B.5. 164/46 of 19.1.46) PP. 15-16 CF.
The report of Supdt. of Sty. may be awaited.
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C.No. 13362, From the Asst. P.S.G., D.O. No. 1469/46-1 dated

6-3-46.
Deal with this at once. J.B. 17.3.46

The question of exhibition of the Natarajas in the Government Museum, Madras, was raised by the P.S.G., in his D.O. of 23-11-45 at p. 1 c.f. He suggested that all the Natarajas should be placed in the middle of the room or at least well away from the wall so that they can be examined from all angles. The S.G.M., to whom the suggestion was communicated, reported that all the bronzes brought back to the Museum had been arranged in their respective places as they were before the war - please see his report at pp. 7-8 c.f. He also reported that some decades ago the bronzes were exhibited on pedestals without any covering but that this method of display was given up as exposure was found to affect the bronzes adversely. Sir Thomas Austin, the late Adviser to H.E., inspected the Museum on 18-12-45 and went into the question. He recorded the following minute:-

"(1) The point raised by P.S.G. has been already noted by the Committee. The bronzes will be displayed to better advantage as soon as glass can be got and the room is lit by electricity."

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In 1945 the Govt. appointed a Committee with Mr. Coorey (then Deputy Secretary, E & P.H.) as Chairman to investigate the present arrangements and accommodation provided in the Museum Buildings and suggest improvements. This Committee has made the following recommendation regarding the exhibition of bronzes:-

"(2) The Committee recommends that the west wing of the first floor of the Front Buildings may be reserved for bronzes, after lighting is improved in certain parts in which it is now unsatisfactory, and removing some of the cases so as to permit all the sides of the images being viewed by visitors."

This and other recommendations of the Committee are being dealt with separately.

The present suggestion in A.P.S.G.'s D.O. is that the best one or two Natarajas should be exhibited in the middle of a room without a glass case but protected by railings.

For orders whether the S.G.M. should be asked to carry out the suggestion.

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The Superintendent of Lab. it is not
deniable to expose the ratonias in cases unprotected

I shall visit to Museum again on a holiday,
and note further on the question.

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Sunday the 2th at 11 A.M.

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[Issued as D.O. No. 13362-2 d 30.3.46]

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The A.P.S.P can be informed that steps have been taken to comply with His wishes.

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From Section 25/2/46
to no 13362-4 Dated 4-4-46
Government Museum, Broussens
in connection with the above matter.
One of the Nafaryas, in the best, has been
judicially exhibited in the tent of the
bronzes room. There are suitable
available for the other Nafaryas. The
S.S. or has been asked to get a case
specially made for the purpose. Steps
have been taken to enable
the S.S. to be used, and to make with the
S.S. as a whole, to enable to engage of attention.
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The suggestion in the A.P.S. S.O. was that two
 but one or two of them should be exhibited in the middle
 of a room in a glass case but protected
 by railings. The S.O. has been arranged to
 exhibit the bronze image of Nataraja in the
 from Trivandrum in the gallery of one of the bronze rooms
 support with a barricade round the image
 Sachin has been accorded for this purpose.
 Gov. No. 865 S.M. of 24.4.46, for the construction of
 the teakwood barricade at a cost of Rs. 153-11-0
 Rs. 153-11-0 for the teakwood barricade and pedestal.
 No further action seems necessary. The
 papers may be added to Gov. No. 865 S.M.
 of 24.4.46 (e) in the linked file.
 Bb. 5.5.46

C.F. 32.
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 From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
 Ph.D.,
 Designation Superintendent,
 Station Government Museum,
 Madras.
 12 MAY 1946
 Received.....Registered.....
 To The Secretary to Government,
 Education and Public Health
 Department,
 Madras.

Enclosures: No. 818-1/46 dated 11th May 1946.
 Sir,
 Sub: Museum - Government - Teakwood barricade
 around a bronze image of Nataraja - Expenditure

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 p3.

With reference to G.O. No. Ms. 865 Edn., dated
 24-4-46 according sanction for the construction of a
 teakwood pedestal and teakwood barricade and to incur an
 expenditure not exceeding Rs. 153-11-0 thereon, I have the
 honour to state that the amount of Rs. 153-11-0 quoted in
 my letter No. 662-1/46 dated 6-4-46 is for the construction
 of a teakwood barricade alone. As regards the pedestal,
 Government will be addressed again for sanction after
 my visit to Trivandrum. I have the honour to request
 that Government will be pleased to amend the G.O. under
 reference accordingly.

I have the honour to
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant
 A. Aiyappan
 Superintendent

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Read again G.O. No. 865 En, dt 24.4.1946
Cno. 25267 from S.G.M., No. 818/46 dt 11.5.46

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Memo. 25267-202
21/5/46
Museum - Govt. Teakwood bannier
around a bronze image of Nataraja. Expenditure
in the first sentence of G.O. 865 En,
dated 24.4.1946, "teakwood pedestal" 2

The following amendment
must be made
in G.O. 865 En, dt
24.4.46:-

To
The S.G.M.
- A.G. T. Finance

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