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Ms. **SERIES.**

G.O. NO. 3845 Edn.,

Dated 15-12-1949.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Museums-Government Museum, Madras-Purchase of two Ancient paintings for the Museum-Sanctioned.

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From
Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Egmore, MADRAS-8.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS-9.

No. 2278/49-2 Ar.

Dated the 14th November 1949.

Sir,

Subject: Exhibits - Museum Exhibits - Copies of ancient wall paintings by Mr. Kulkarni and Mr. Ramamurthi - Sanction requested for purchase.

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I have the honour to inform Government that copies of the following paintings at Bagh and Panamalai have been offered for sale at the prices shown against each:

		Rs	-as	-ps
1	A copy of Bagh painting styled "Sorrow" by Mr. Kulkarni.	200	- 0 -	0
2	A copy of mural painting styled "Dakshayani" in Panamalai Temple by Mr. Ramamurthi.	250	- 0 -	0

2. These are important for the following reasons :-

No. 1. The original belongs to about the 4th or 5th century A.D. This not only reveals the characteristics of the art of the period but also shows some aspects of the social life of the age. It is said that this school of painting has contributed much to the development of the school of painting at Ajanta of later date. This is corroborated by a comparison of the features of the works of the two schools. Later than the Ajanta paintings are the Pallava paintings of the south, and still later are those of the Cholas. As these also continue the tradition of the older schools which existed in the region to the south of the Vindhya, the development of this art through the ages can be more adequately and fully demonstrated by bringing together copies of paintings of each school. We have already in our collection some copies of the Ajanta frescoes. This copy of the Bagh painting will naturally begin the series.

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No. 2. This is a copy of an original painting in the Siva temple at Panamalai. The existence of the original painting was only recently known and the painting seems to be contemporary with the temple which belongs to about the end of the 9th or the beginning of the 10th century A.D. This therefore, is representative of the art of the later Pallava period and will form an important addition to the collection of copies of ancient wall paintings such as those from Bagh and Ajanta.

3. I therefore request Government to accord necessary sanction for the purchase of these two copies of unique ancient paintings.

4. The actual expenditure under 'Specimens' has already exceeded the Budget provision of Rs 1,200/- for 1949-'50 by Rs 800/- and the Revised Estimate for 1949-'50 under this head has been proposed as Rs 2,200/-. As the present purchase is not covered by the Revised Estimate and as I do not anticipate any savings under any sub-head of appropriation for the current financial year, necessary provision of funds will be applied for when I apply for additional appropriation of funds in February 1950. The ^{two} ~~ten~~ copies now offered are excellent and if they are not purchased now, we may find it very difficult and also more costly to secure them later. Hence the urgency for effecting the purchase now.

Yours faithfully,

A. Arigatten

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Museums — Govt. Museum, Madras
— Purchase of two ancient
paintings for the Museum — sanctioned

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Ref. from the S. G. M., No.
2278/49-2A.V., dated, 14-11-49.

Order 3845 Edn., dated, 15-12-49
M/s

Sanction is accorded
to the purchase of the two
Ancient paintings mentioned in
the S. G. M.'s letter cited, at a
cost not exceeding Rs. 450/- (Rupees
four hundred and fifty only) for
the Govt. Museum, Madras. The
A. G. is requested to admit the
expenditure

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Expenditure in audit pending
provision of funds.

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To

The S.G.M.
The A.G. (Hos' Fin.)

If the sanction is
accorded, he will
apply for additional
funds in Feb 50
if the expenditure
cannot be met
by reappropriation
of funds.

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J.P.H. W.O. No.
91759-1 C₂ Edu.
29-11-49.

The letter from the Superintendent, Govt. Museum
an p.p. 1-2 c.f. and the note of Ex.P.H. above may
be perused. The budget provision for the purchase of

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1-2 c.f. No. 91759. From the S.G.M., No. 2278/49-2 A.M., dated,
14-11-49.

Govt. Museum, Madras —
Purchase of certain ancient
paintings in for the Museum — Proposal.

The S.G.M. in his letter
cited proposed to purchase
2 ancient paintings for the
Museum at a total cost of
Rs. 450/- He has explained the
necessity for the purchase of
those paintings. In the circumstances
stated by him this dept. may support
his proposal for the purchase
of the paintings in question. But in
para. 4 of his letter, the S.G.M.
states that there is no provision
in the budget for the purchase of
the paintings and that he will
apply for the necessary provision
of funds for the purpose when he
will apply for additional appropriation
of funds in February 1950. In the
circumstances of in. will please
advise on the financial procedure
to be followed in the matter.
May be sent to Fin. M.O. for
remarks on the above points.

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specimens for the Fort Museum for 1949-50 is only Rs 1200/- The Supt has stated that the actual expense under this item has already exceeded the budget provision by Rs 800/- and the R.E. has been proposed as Rs 2200/- He has also stated that he does not anticipate any savings under any other sub-head of appropriation. In view of this and also of the fact that the R.E. present purchase is not covered by the R.E. proposed, it does not seem desirable to incur any addl. exp. on this account. Finance may therefore advise against the proposal.

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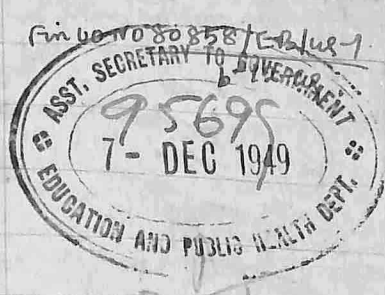
In the circumstances stated at 'A' on p. 2 c.f., Fin. may agree to the purchase of the two paintings at a total cost of Rs. 450. The Supt. Govt. Museum has stated that he will apply for the addl. appropriation of funds in Feb. 1950. When sanctioning the exp., E.P.H. may be requested to add a sentence in the order ~~authorizing~~ requesting the A.C. to admit the exp. in audit pending provision of funds.

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P.S.

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E. S. H.
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A draft order is submitted for approval.

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