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[Despatch Abstract.]

Museums — Govt. Museum, Madras
Acquisition in of temple cars
Sanctioned.



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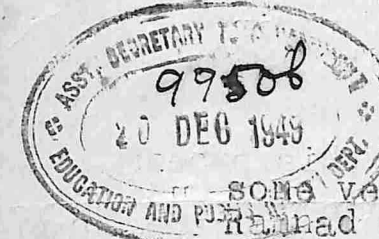
From Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D., Superintendent, Government Museum, Egmore, MADRAS-8. To The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, MADRAS-9.

No. 166/49-12 Ar.

Dated the 20th December 1949

Sir,

Subject: Wood Carvings from Temple cars - Acquisition of



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With reference to my proposal to acquire some very valuable wood carvings from two temple cars in the Ramnad district, I have the honour to furnish below full details regarding the charges to be incurred for dismantling and refitting them here in the Museum.

2. The cars belong to the two temples at Rajasingamangalam and Thiruvadanai which are managed by the Rajah of Ramnad. The question of acquiring the cars was under consideration from 1946 and the Raja of Ramnad has now presented them with the approval of the Hindu Religious Endowment Board. The carvings are of exquisite workmanship and are assigned to the 18th century. They represent a distinctive type of wood carvings which are not available for the public in any institution. The carvings themselves are products of a particular school of Art of that locality which is ^{scarcely} ~~separately~~ represented in our collection.

3. I have to point out in this connection that South Indian wood carvings definitely form an important branch of South Indian Art, just like the South Indian Bronzes, stone sculptures and paintings. The carvings in question represent rare Mythological scenes not met within the other branches of art, and as such, form a very good material for comparative study. We have at present only a small collection of wood carvings many of which are of recent date. The addition of these carvings will therefore greatly enrich our gallery of wood carvings. I am particularly anxious that these works of art are preserved for posterity. Otherwise the two cars are sure to be destroyed by decay or used as firewood, as has happened in many instances in South India. As the two cars are at present left uncared for and unprotected, it is imperative that these should be removed to Madras without further delay.

4. I may mention in this connection that the carvings from the cars may be valued approximately over Rs 2,000/- at the least and may fetch considerably more from art connoisseurs.

5. The estimate of charge for bringing the two dismantled cars by goods train and refixing them up has been worked out as follows :-

Part I

1. Dismantling the 2 cars (14 tons) Rs 400/0/0
2. Cartage from village to Ry. Station Rs 160/0/0
3. Railway freight from Ramnad to Madras 400/0/0

4. Cartage from Egmore to Museum 100/0/0
5. For refitting the 2 cars up in the Museum at Rs 400/- each, 800/0/0

Total Rs 1,860/0/0

6. Of the total amount of Rs 1,860/- required, it is proposed to complete the work relating to items 1 to 4 costing Rs 1,060/- during the current year 1949-50. In view

In view of the present financial stringency I think it expedient to execute the work of refitting the carvings (item 5) costing Rs 800/-, only during the next financial year, 1950-'51. A sum of 500/- has already been provided for items 1-4 in this year's budget in the Revised Estimate for 1949-'50. I therefore request that Government will be pleased to allot additional funds of Rs 560/- under a. A. 4 - Office Contingencies - Other Contingencies and accord their sanction for the expenditure of Rs 1,060/- during 1949-'50 and Rs 800/- during 1950 - '51.

It is not possible to provide for this excess amount of Rs 560/- required for this year from savings under any other head in our budget as only the minimum requirements have been provided for. The Accountant General, Madras may be authorised to admit the expenditure subject to the provision of funds, as the dismantling and transport of the carvings have to be completed as early as possible before the end of the financial year.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Arifan
Superintendent.

Museums — Govt. Museum,
Madras — Acquisition of temple
Carvings — Sanctioned.

PP. 1-2 d. 7.

Ref: From the S. G. M., No.
166/49-12 Ar., dated, 20-12-'49.

Order / H H Edu., dated,
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In the circumstances explained by the S. G. M., the Govt. sanction an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 1,060/- (Rupees one thousand and sixty only) during 1949-50 and Rs. 800/- (Rupees eight hundred only) during 1950-51 for the acquisition, dismantling and refitting of the two temple carvings mentioned in the letter cited, for the Govt. Museum, Madras. The A. G. is requested to admit the expenditure pending provision of funds in during the current year.

2. With reference to the provision of Rs. 560/- (Rupees five hundred and sixty only) in the current year applied for by the S. G. M. for the purpose, the S. G. M. is requested to include the amount in the consolidated proposals for additional appropriation to be submitted to Govt. by the 15th February 1950, with reference to paragraph 105 of the Madras Budget Manual.

The S. G. M.
The A. G. (1950-51)

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Museums - Govt. Museum,
Madras - Acquisition of
~~wood carvings from~~ temple cars
- sanctioned.

PP-1-2 d. 7.

Ref: From the S. G. M., No. 166/49-
12 A. G., dated, 20-12-49.

Order
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Edn., dated,

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during 1949-50
as Rs 800/-
during 1950-51

In the circumstances
explained by the S. G. M., the
Govt. sanction an expenditure
not exceeding Rs. 1,060/- (Rupees
one thousand and sixty only) for
the acquisition of the two
temple cars, mentioned in the
letter ~~is~~ cited, for the Govt.
Museum, Madras. The A. G. is
requested to admit the
expenditure pending provision
of funds. During the c. t. year.

To

The S. G. M.
A. G. (H. W. 7 min)

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Note.

In the circumstances
explained by the S. G. M. in his letter
in the d. 7., his recommendation
may be accepted. The draft
above is subject to approval.

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for acceptance of the draft
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and for providing funds in
~~the~~ as requested by the S.G.M.

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Finance

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The S.G.M. has stated that the reference from the S.G.M. in the C.F. may be perused. The S.G.M. has stated that two temple cars which belonged to the temples under the management of the Rajah of Ramnad have been presented to the Egart Museum, Egmore. For the reasons stated in paras 2-4 of his letter in the C.F., the S.G.M. proposes to ~~incure~~ bring them over to Madras by rail. The total cost involved in the proposal including dismantling and refitting ^{in the museum} is Rs 1860. In this connection, the S.G.M. has proposed to incur the expenditure relating to items 1-4 mentioned in para 5 of his letter in the C.F. costing Rs 1060 during the current year and to execute the work of refitting the carvings (item 5 in the letter in C.F.), costing Rs 800 during the next financial year. Further ^{also} he has stated that a sum of Rs 500 has already been provided for items 1-4 (in the C.F.) in this year's budget in the R.E. for 1949-50 and requests for the sanction of an additional allotment of Rs 560 under "a.A. office contingencies - other contingencies." Accordingly, the S.G.M. requests for sanction of an expenditure of Rs 1060 during the current year and Rs 800 during next year. ^{is supported by EPH.} ~~EPH supports~~ the proposal.

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In the circumstances explained by the S.G.M. in his letter in the C.F., the proposal of the S.G.M. ^{may be} ~~has been~~ agreed to in Fin and the draft order overleaf accepted.

With reference to the provision of Rs. 560 applied for, the S.G.M. may be asked to include this amount in the consolidated proposals for addl. appropriation to be submitted by 15-2-1950 with reference to para. 105 of the Madras Budget Manual.

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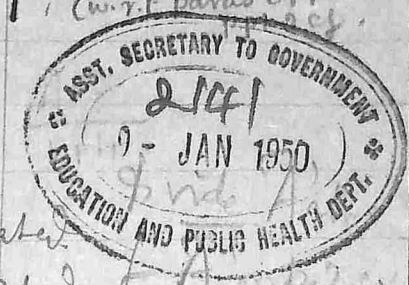
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E.P.H. No. 99506-1C2
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Through B.G.
(Curt. paras 6 & 7 on)



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E.P.H. (C2)

With reference to the last paragraph of the Finance Department's note on page 2 ante, a revised draft order is submitted for approval.

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