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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coat of Arms.

Forwarding to the Government of India, a revised design of the ------------ for the Madras Presidency.

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Md. Fazil Shah
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MADRAS COAT of
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PRIVATE SECRETARY
MADRAS

MADRAS GOVERNOR'S CAMP,
(Madras)

15/8/18

18th August 1918.

My dear Ramachandra Rao,

I am to send you a copy of the Madras Arms--the design of which has been approved by the Madras Government--together with copies of correspondence in my office and to ask you to forward this copy officially to the Government of India with a statement of how the Madras Government obtained the design. Will you please arrange to have the supplemental bill of the Herald Painter paid?

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble
Diwan Bahadur R.Ramachandra Rao Avl.,
Secretary to Government, Home Dept.,
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Government House,
Madras.

Private.

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1st November 1917.

My dear Sir James,

As I have the opportunity of writing to you, may I have the favour of your advice and help in a matter upon which they would be much welcomed.

In connection with the new buildings at Delhi as the Capital of India there seems likely to be occasion for the representation of the Arms of the different Presidencies and Provinces and in this connection we have been asked here to propose designs for the Arms of the Madras Presidency. As you probably know, Madras is officially known as the Presidency of Fort St. George. Accordingly the emblems which it is desired to include in the Presidency Arms are the St. George and the Dragon; a fort by the sea; and to these have been added, emblematically of Southern as distinguished from Northern India, the coccanut palm trees. These you will see are all represented in the sketch drawing which I enclose with this letter. The shape of the sketch is due to the fact that we were asked to throw it into some such shape. Whether the colours are properly selected, whether the drawing is correct heraldically and whether the most has been made of the materials which I have described, I do not know. The various elements, that is to say, the fort and the palm trees, and the St. George are all exhibited here as the necessary parts of any such Arms. The difficulty is that we have no heraldic draughtsman or painter available to put them in proper form according to recognised rules. It would be a kindness if on my behalf you would place the matter in the hands of one who would know how to treat it properly and cause to be sent to me a suitable representation or alternative representations of this design. Perhaps at the same time this original drawing might be returned to me.

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I think that before coming out here I remember your having an excellent draughtsman of the kind named--if my memory serves me--Mr.Johnston; but as that was five years ago, I may be wrong or he may no longer be available. In any case, I am well content to leave the selection of a draughtsman in your own skilful hands.

With all kind regards,
I am,
Yours sincerely,

PENTLAND.

Sir James Balfour Paul, C.V.O. &c.,
30, Heriot Row, Edinburgh.

Court of the Lord Lyon,
H.M.Register House,
Edinburgh, 12th December 1918.

Dear Lord Pentland,

Referring to your letter about the Madras arms I now have the pleasure to send herewith two finished sketches in one of which I have tried to reproduce a little more effectively the design of which you sent me a sketch. The other I have had done on somewhat different lines though keeping to the same idea.

Of the two I think the latter is by far the best from a heraldic and also from a decorative point of view. All the charges are large, clear and distinct, while onthe other they are necessarily made very small and at any distance would be extremely difficult to decipher.

I am afraid I have not made the shield of the shape suggested, but surely in these days of enlightenment we are not going back to this obsolete and inaccurate shape even though it has the sanction of authority!

The painter's charge is £2 which I hope you will not think out of the way. The sketches have been carefully finished.

Yours sincerely,
J. BALFOUR PAUL

H. E. The Lord Pentland, G.C.I.E.,
Government House, Madras.

Government House, Madras.

13th February 1918.

Sir,

His Excellency Lord Pentland has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 12th December 1917 enclosing two sketches of designs of the Madras Arms and to express to you his very sincere thanks for the great trouble and interest you have taken in the matter.

I am to say that the revised design the sketch for which I enclose for reference is regarded here as a great improvement and in every way more satisfactory. Two criticisms however are offered. The dome in the centre of the fort was intended to represent the dome of a Muhammadan Mosque. The dome with its support has been elongated to such an extent that that intention is obscured and it is doubtful whether in its present form it would be recognised as representing a mosque dome. It is also somewhat out of proportion to the representations of the sikharas of Hindu temples placed between it and the towers on either side. Possibly this could be remedied and the dome itself drawn more on the lines of a Moghul or Indo-Saracenic dome.

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Then as regards the St. George, it is beautifully drawn but is thought hardly to stand out sufficiently in relief from the gate of the fort or to be sufficiently clear in outline against the background. I am to ask whether either the colouring or the position of the St. George could be altered in some way so as to meet these criticisms.

His Excellency hopes that consideration of these suggestions will not involve a heady additional tax on your kindness and courtesy and would be very grateful for your further help.

The Secretariat has been instructed to arrange to remit to you the painter's charge in connection with the sketches.

Yours faithfully,
T. E. MOIR

Sir James Balfour Paul, C.V.O.,
Lyon King of Arms,
Court of the Lord Lyon,
H.M.Register House, Edinburgh.

Government House, Madras.
12th February 1918.

My dear Davidson,

Some months ago His Excellency sent a copy of the tentative design for the Madras Arms to Sir James Balfour Paul, the Lyon King of Arms and asked him if he would kindly favour him with his suggestions. Sir James Balfour Paul has now sent His Excellency some revised sketches of which under His Excellency's instructions I am returning the selected one with some further suggestions. The painter's charge in connection with the preparation of the sketches is £2 and I am to ask if you would kindly arrange to remit the amount to Sir James Balfour Paul, Lyon King of Arms: his address being Court of the Lord Lyon, H.M.Register House, Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely,
T. E. MOIR

The Hon'ble Mr.L.Davidson, C.S.I., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Court of the Lord Lyon,
H.M.Register House,

Edinburgh, 17th April 1918.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 13th February received last week, I return the sketch you were good enough to send me. I have had the dome of the temple altered and trust it is now more in accordance with what is proper. I have also had the figure of St. George considerably strengthened and I think it now stands out satisfactorily from its background.

I enclose the Herald Painter's account for the alteration.

Yours faithfully,
F. BALFOUR PAUL

The Private Secretary to H.E.the Governor,
Government House, Madras.

~~FROM~~ To MEMORANDUM 12 Ap. 1918

Graham Johnston
Heraldic Artist to Lyon Court.

LYON OFFICE
H. M. REGISTER HOUSE
EDINBURGH.

TO 9/

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To repainting in pure Gold. altering & retouching
Sketch to arms. 10/6

Home (Mis) Dept

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A draft letter to the Govt. of Indi forwarding the design sent by the P. S. G. is subd for approval.

2 The P. S. G. has asked to arrange for the payment of the supplementary bill of the Herald Painter amounting to 10Rs 6d. It will be observed from Memo No 1304-1 Finl of 16.2.1918, that the original bill for ₹2 was arran to be paid at the instance of the Financial Dept. But there seems to be no objection to the issue of a similar memo from this dept, but it may be sent to the A.G. thro' Financial Dept. The amount is being ordered to be debited to this Dept Contingency.

A draft memo is also subd

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C. POSTS TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay. Rs.	As. 6

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Madras Governor	Camp	29		Ste	10

Recd. here at 12 H. 58 M.

TO

Madras Home Ootacamund

Please send file relating to Madras ~~govt~~ coat of arms

P S Madras

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Lal Chand & Sons—238—1917—1,00,000 Bks. (Edn. I).

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Home (Judl) Dept.

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Placed below.

There are two files in this Dept. on the subject of Madras Coat of Arms. One is the file in which the P. S. G. has asked that a substituted design for the Madras Press may be sent to the G of I and the other in which the G of I have asked for a sketch of a design for the Madras City for the Indian Trade Commissioners office. In the latter file a reply is still due from the President, Madras Corporation. Submitted that both the files may be sent to the P. S. G. as it is not clear which file the P. S. G. refers to.

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I send herewith the original sketch marked A sent by Sir James Balfour Paul which is to be carefully preserved on record. I also send 8 copies prepared at the School of Arts. The heraldic description has in each case been placed in type on the canvas backing. One copy is to go to the Government of India with the accompanying draft letter which has been approved by His Excellency.

When a reply has been received from the Government of India His Excellency desires ~~proposes to send~~ copies of the coat of arms to be sent to the following firms:

Messrs. P. Orr & Sons
" T. R. Tawker & Sons
" Higginbothams Ld.
" Addison & Co.

and the Government Press.

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I also attach for payment a bill from the Superintendent, School of Arts, for the 13 copies of the sketch prepared by him under His Excellency's orders.

BY ORDER.
12.9.18

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PRIVATE SECRETARY TO

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BILL No, 17. PLACE School of Arts F. 96-1-17.
Madras
Date 20th August 1918.

Dr.

To: The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor of Madras

NOTE.—Credit is limited to days from date of purchase. Accounts not paid within that time will be charged interest at per cent per annum.

Month and date of supply or expenditure.		Description of articles supplied or expenditure incurred.	Number or quantity	Rate	Per	Amount due.	Special instructions, if any.
1918 August	20	Madras Coat of arms	13	.	..	48 - -	
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Signature of

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W S Hadaway
Signature and designation.
Superintendent

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The draft letter approved by His Excellency may issue. As regards the payment of the bill for Rs 48 sent in by the Supdt of the School of Arts, the draft note already put up directing the payment of the supplementary bill of the Herald Painter has been added to which is for approval.

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The original has to be carefully preserved. Please wrap it in tissue paper & oil cloth & place it on cards; get a tin box for enclosing the whole.

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Home (Mis) Dept

Memorandum No 2386-267

The Accountant Genl. is requested to arrange for the payment of 10sh. 6d. to Sir James Balfour Paul, the [illegible] King of Arms ~~Court~~ [illegible] being the supplementary charges for the revision of a sketch of the Madras Arm and to debit the amount to the Home Secretariat Contingencies. The add of Sir James Balfour is Court of the Lord Lyon, H.M. Register House, Edinburg

for the payment of Rs 48/- the Superintendent, hool of Arts, Madras. preparing copies of the same

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The Accountant Genl.

Thro' the Finl. Dept

Home (Mis) ~~Dept~~.

Letter
No.660 d/ 14-9-18

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Foreign & Political Department.
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A&K Ref [illegible] 14/9

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.859, Home (Mis), dated the 24th July 1917, forwarding a sketch of a coat of Arms for the Madras Presy.

I am now to forward a revised sketch which has been secured through the kind offices of Sir James Balfour Paul, C.V.O., the Lyon King of Arms. His Excellency in Council regards it as in every way suitable to be adopted as a Coat of Arms for the Madras Presidency; and the great authority of Sir James Balfour Paul is sufficient guarantee of its heraldic correctness. I am to request that it may be substituted for the design sent with my letter referred to above and to express the hope that it will receive the approval of the Government of India.

14/9/18