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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 7656

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
24th June 1863.*

No. 553. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 17th June 1863, No. 696:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for the removal of the  
Pictures in the Banqueting Hall from their present position } (Vide Public Proceedings, 17th June 1863,  
to spaces between the windows. Nos. 112-113.)

No. 554. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1863, No. 1,656.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 4th Division for early attention with reference to paragraph 2.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, B. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter, from Colonel CHARLES DENISON, Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th June 1863.

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council the necessity there is for putting some furniture into the Banqueting Hall, which, as you are aware, is used for many public purposes, when all the furniture has to be supplied from Government House; and on the occasion of the last Ball in honor of the Prince of Wales' marriage, the whole had to be conveyed from Guindy at a great expense for cooly hire, and also of course at considerable wear and tear.

On looking over what furniture there was some months ago, I found it all in such a state of dilapidation and so eaten by moths and white-mis, a great deal of it having, I believe, been there since Sir T. Munro's time, and indeed I may say for some time previous, that it was decided to sell it at auction; as also a quantity of old and useless furniture belonging to Government House. The price realized was Rupees 1,273, of which 1,028 have been paid in to the credit of Government, and Messrs. Frank & Co. hold the remainder. I have called upon Messrs. Deschamps and Morris for estimates as to what they would furnish sixteen Sofas and twelve Chairs for; of course these would not near meet our requirements, and furniture will still have to be supplied from Government House, but it would be a commencement, and additions could gradually be made as funds were available.

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| Mr. Deschamps' estimate is... | ... | Rupees | 1,460 |
| Mr. Morris'.....              | ... | "      | 1,540 |

and as the former has on a previous occasion made for Government House the Sofas and Chairs I have selected as a pattern, I should prefer employing him.

I also called on Mr. Deschamps for an estimate for 11 additional Punkahs, as it is I believe generally allowed that the three put up in 1861 over the Dais have been a great improvement.

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| His estimate for these, is...    | ... | Rupees | 880   |
| Making a total with furniture... | ... | "      | 1,460 |

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| Against this there is by sale of old furniture... | ... | " | 1,273 |
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| Leaving a balance of... | ... | " | 1,067 |
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to be provided.

It may perhaps be said that it would be better to spend the sum estimated for Punkahs in furniture; but I think, looking to the comfort of the community at large, it would be very desirable to have these additional Punkahs and go on (until further assistance can be given towards furnishing the Hall) using the Government House furniture.

I would also propose the removal of the Pictures from their present positions, and where they are seen with difficulty to spaces between the windows, this, however, I imagine, could be done by the Engineer Department. Should the Government think fit to concur in the propositions now submitted, it is very desirable that early orders be given, in order that I may arrange with Mr. Deschamps what has to be done before proceeding up country, which I do on the 20th.

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1863, No. 696.

Resolved that a Treasury Order be issued in favor of the Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor for the sum of Rupees 2,340, being the estimated cost of the furniture and additional Punkahs required for the Banqueting Hall; and that the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General be requested to provide for this charge in the return of further grants under preparation in his office—noting in the return that a sum of Rupees 1,273 has been realized by the sale of useless furniture and paid into the Treasury.

2. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the removal of the Pictures from their present positions to those proposed.

(True Extract.)

*L. P. S. M.*

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Private Secretary to the Governor,  
(with Treasury Order.)

- „ Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
- „ Civil Paymaster.
- „ Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras.
- „ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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