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*Political* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. *296*

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,  
2nd October 1863.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from G. J. SHAW, Esq., M. D., Acting Mint Master ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th September 1863, No. 153.

1. With reference to the Order of Government in the Political Department, dated 3rd September 1863, No. 257, relative to the disposal of the articles belonging to the Tanjore Regalia, I have the honor to inform you that the covering of gold was stripped off the Howdah in my presence and after being melted into bars and assayed, amounts in value to Rupees 31,868-2-9.

2. The pieces of gold sheet sent from Tanjore and valued by the Officiating Government Agent approximately at Rupees 60,045 only gave on assay Rupees 58,358-18-4, making in the aggregate Rupees 90,227-0-1 as the total value of the gold derived from the State Carriages, I may observe that the four knobs remaining on the Howdah which Mr. Morris stated to be only gilt Copper, proved to be nearly solid masses of gold, and the loss sustained by the removal of ten others, must be considerable.

3. The two State Swords have been made over to Captain J. Mitchell, in charge of the Government Central Museum, and the attention of that Officer has been specially directed to the circumstance that the handles contain gems as per margin. The large knob of the Ratham composed of gilt copper and colored glass, has also been sent to the Museum.

Two Diamonds,  
Three Rubies.

4. The two Ivory Thrones were broken up and destroyed with the exception of some portions of the ornamental carved work, which being unobjectionable and useful as designs, I handed over to the Superintendent of the School of Industrial Arts.

5. The amount obtained by the sale of the gold will when realized, be paid into the Bank of Madras.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1863, No. 296.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangements reported in the foregoing letter.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,  
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. T. McMootry.

N<sup>o</sup> 296 of 2<sup>o</sup> Octobre, 1803.

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