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Comg. to the S. A. G. Madras Command,
A copy of the ceremonial to be
observed at the Investiture of the
most eminent order of the Indian
Empire to be held at the Banqueting
Hall, Madras, on the 8th instant.

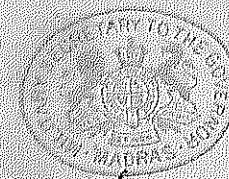
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Printed and signed by the Secretary to the Government of Madras
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 GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 MADRAS.
 17 JAN 1898
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr. Arnold,

His Excellency has
 fixed 9.30 p.m. for the
 hour of ~~Installation~~
 Investiture on Tuesday
 8th February.

Yours sincerely
 G. G. G. G.

*From - 7.1.1898
 To - the Secretary to the Government of Madras*

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[D.O.] 22 Jan 1898
31 January 1898

To

The Raja of Venkatagiri *dis/31/1/98*
The Raja of Bobbili *dis/31/1/98*

Dear Sirs,

I write to inform you that
His Excellency the Governor has chosen
you and the Raja of Bobbili as the
the Raja of Venkatagiri as the
two Knights of the Order to
perform the duty of fixing
the Stars to the breasts of the
Honourable Sir Henry Bliss and
the Prince of Arcot at the
investiture to be held on Tuesday
the 8th proximo. ~~The enclosed~~
"Work-Card" giving in detail all the
part you take in the ceremony.
will be forwarded to you in due course.

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Note - Please see the 1895 pamphlet
marked with tape.

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For precedent please see
p. 10 of 1892 pamphlet

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After your Knighthood, it

have to be returned
Secy. of the Order

To
The Hon Sir Henry Bliss
K.C.B.
with programme

D.O. 12.98

My dear Bliss

I enclose for your information
copy of the Ceremonial programme
in connection with the approaching
investiture.

In order to allow of the star
being easily attached, will you please
have two loops of thin silk sewn
on the left breast of your coat
as shown in the margin. The loops
should be one above the other
and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart. ~~I need~~
~~hardly mention that your present~~
~~decorations, and ~~of course~~ ~~etc~~~~
~~and will be removed by the knights~~
~~in your proper place among the~~
~~of the Order, who will attach the~~
~~other members at the Commencement~~
~~star in place of it.~~
~~of the ceremony; but when you~~
~~come up to the table you should~~
~~take off your present decorations~~
~~and leave them with me. You~~
~~should not, however, begin~~
~~to divest yourself of the decoration~~
~~until you actually reach the table.~~
Yours sincerely

Cutb.

12.9.98

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Sir,

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copy of the Ceremonial programme
in connection with the approaching
investiture.

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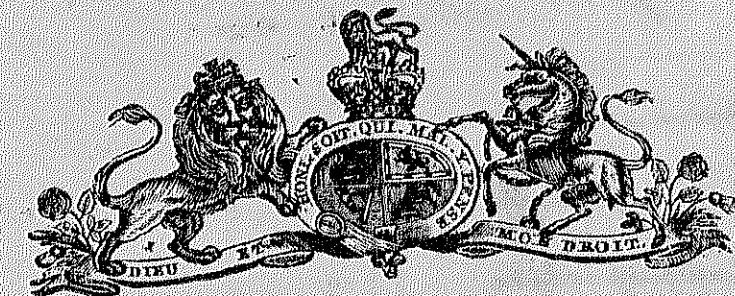
Yours truly

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Sir Muhammad Munawar, K.C.I.E.,
Khan Bahadur, Prince of Arcot
with programme.

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Clear proof of the Prognosis
is submitted for approval. Please
advise me by return of post below.

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The Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

CEREMONIAL TO BE OBSERVED
AT THE
INVESTITURE

OF
THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE

TO BE HELD AT THE
BANQUETING HALL, MADRAS.

ON
Tuesday, the 8th February 1898.

Object of the Investiture.

ON Tuesday, the 8th February 1898, at 9-30 P.M., His Excellency Sir ARTHUR
ELIBANK HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent
Order of the Indian Empire, will, as thereunto authorized by the GRAND
MASTER of the said Most Eminent Order, invest the Honourable Mr. HENRY
WILLIAM BLISS, C.I.E., and MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR, Khan Bahadur, Prince of Arcot,
with the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order, in accordance with HER
MAJESTY'S Commands.

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Persons who will attend the Ceremony.

All Members of the Order present in Madras will be required to attend.

Arrangement of Seats.

The Members of the Order will take their seats on either side of the Dais, right and left, in order of seniority.

A seat will also be provided for the PRINCE OF ARCOT in a convenient position, and vacant places will be kept for the Honourable Mr. BLISS and the PRINCE OF ARCOT in the class of the Order to which they will be advanced.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

After robing, His Excellency Sir ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, preceded by the Under Secretary and the Chief Secretary to Government and His Excellency's Staff, and followed by His Excellency's Pages and Attendants, will enter the Banqueting Hall and take his seat on the Dais. The Guard of Honour will present arms and the Band will play the National Anthem.

The Members of the Order will rise from their seats, make their reverence to His Excellency as he passes, and remain standing until His Excellency has taken his seat.

Investiture.

The Chief Secretary to Government will report that the first business is the Investiture of the Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS, C.I.E., as a Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grant, and will read the Authority from His Excellency the Grand Master of the Order, and the Grant from Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, Sovereign of the Order.

Members of the Third Class of the Order will rise from their seats.

The Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS will be led up to His Excellency the Governor by two Junior Knights of the Order followed by the Under Secretary to Government. In the absence of the Knights their places will be taken by two Companions of the Order.

His Excellency will then confer on the Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS, the Title, Degree, and Honour of a Knight Bachelor of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

After the Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS has made his reverence to His Excellency, he will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government to the table on the left of the Dais, where the two Knights of the Order, receiving from the Chief Secretary to Government the Star of the Order, will decorate the Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS therewith.

The Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS will then be conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government to the front of the Dais, and will make his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile the two Knights of the Order will withdraw to their places. Members of the Third Class of the Order will remain standing.

The Under Secretary to Government will next take from the table the Riband and Badge of the Order and hand them to the Chief Secretary to Government, who will deliver them to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, will invest the Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS with the Riband and Badge, and will address to him the following admonition:—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honourable Dignity of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Eminent Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander."

The newly-invested Knight Commander will then make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be led by the Chief Secretary to Government to the seat appointed for him. Members of the Third Class of the Order will then resume their seats.

The Chief Secretary to Government will then report that the further business is the Investiture of MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR, KHAN BAHADUR, PRINCE OF ARCOT, as a Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grant, and will read the Authority from His Excellency the Grand Master of the Order, and the Grant from Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, Sovereign of the Order.

Similar ceremonies will be observed in the Investiture of the PRINCE OF ARCOT, except that the ceremony of Knighthood will be omitted in his case.

When the Investiture of Sir MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR, Khan Bahadur, Prince of Arcot, is concluded and all the Members of the Order have resumed their seats, the Chief Secretary to Government will represent that there is no further business.

His Excellency and Staff preceded by the Under Secretary and the Chief Secretary to Government will leave the Banqueting Hall in the order in which they entered. The Guard of Honour will present arms and the Band will play *a March*.

Full dress will be worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who are not entitled to wear uniform.

(By Command of His Excellency the Governor.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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A copy of the Ceremonial to be observed at the Investiture of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire to be held at ^{The Banqueting Hall} Govt. House, Madras, on the 8th February 1898 will be communicated to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, for ^{the} information.

Deputy Asst. Surg.
Hearns Command

To
The Dy. Adj: Genl:
with copy of programme

ALA 28.7.98

Note

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