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Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th July 1869.

Read the following papers:—

No. 51. From Captain E. D. LYON, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras; dated 8th May 1869.

Before you receive this a considerable quantity of the copies of the photographs will, I trust, be completed, and I would wish to know whether they are all to be sent to India, or whether you would wish any of them sent to England.

2. Are they all to be sent overland? The weight of them will be very great, and, I fear, the freight by P. and O. very heavy. Could they not be sent by the new Troop ships *free* when they re-commence running?

3. The outlay to me in silver, gold, &c., has been very considerable, and I hope your Lordship will kindly remit to me the sum of £200 to Messrs. Coutts and Co., London. My publishers, Messrs. Marion and Co., have priced the copies of the photographs at 8s. each to the public. The price I am supplying them to the Government will *scarcely* pay expenses, and I think under the circumstances I cannot be expected to make any advance of money for materials, &c. The quantity of copies will be nearly 3000, which, at 3s. each, will be £450 altogether. Of this I trust £200 may be remitted at once.

4. I am greatly obliged to your Lordship for your remarks in your Minute. The photographs have been immensely admired, and people are kind enough to say that they are the finest collection of photographs ever yet taken anywhere, some ever going so far as to express grave doubts whether they are really genuine photographs. I have shown them to the Secretary of State for India, and told him what your Lordship had said.

5. My address will be *Poste Restante*, Geneva, for the summer; but the money please send to Messrs. Coutts and Co., London, and please send me at once directions how to dispose of the photographs when completed.

No. 52. From Captain E. D. LYON, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras; dated 7th June 1869.

Might I ask you to be kind enough, if possible, to send me another copy of the Minute regarding my photographs which you wrote last winter. The copy Mr. Ellis sent me to Matheran, Mr. Ellis of the Bombay Council asked me to lend him, and as he has never returned it, though asked to do so, I fear he has mislaid it, and if you could send me a second copy I should feel greatly obliged. I went to London and showed my photographs to Mr. Ferguson, the Duke of Argyll, Mr. Henry Cole, and many others, and one and all said they were the finest collection of photographs they had ever seen, not only of India but even in Europe. I do not think that your fear of their being found fault with on account of their similarity will be the case. The "details" were all most prized, and I did not hear one single complaint of their similarity to each other. I had not the honour of showing them to the Queen; but in Paris I did so to the Emperor and Empress, who spent two hours and a half in looking over them, and admired them immensely, and were most interested about them. I also showed them to all the *savants* of Paris, and I think altogether they seemed more prized in Paris than in London. I saw the brother-in-law of Prince Frederick, and, as he was daily expecting Prince Frederick in Paris, he asked me to leave some of the photographs in Paris, and I did so. I wrote you some time ago and asked you to send me £200 on account of the printing of the copies required

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by your Government. I have had to make heavy advances, as to get card-board, &c., prepared for you at the wholesale price. You have to pay half of the whole sum in advance. Silver and gold must be paid for as bought *cash*; and to fit up a printing establishment properly is very expensive, and the cost of bringing home all the glasses has been very heavy, so that I shall hope to receive the advance, and also directions what is to be done with the copies, as early as possible. Please address to "Geneva, Switzerland." Marion and Co., my publishers, seem to have no doubt the photographs will command a steady and good sale in London, and I hope that their prophecy will come true, and that I shall get a good profit out of them, as otherwise I shall be loser rather than a gainer by the transaction. The question was mooted in London as to buying the negatives; but, owing to the severe indisposition of Dr. Forbes Watson, there was only a hint of the possibility.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1869, No. 935.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the payment to Captain Lyon of £200, and resolves that the Accountant General be requested to arrange for the remittance of the amount to Captain Lyon's Agents, Messrs. Coutts and Co., London.

2. His Excellency in Council also resolves that Captain Lyon be requested to send direct to the address of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State five copies of each of the photographs, and the remaining five copies to this Government by the overland route.

3. On receipt of the photographs from Captain Lyon one set will be presented to the Government of Bengal and one set to the Government of Bombay. The remaining three sets will be distributed in this Presidency as follows: one set to the School of Arts, one set to the proposed Public Library, and one set will be retained in the Government Office.

4. The Secretary of State will be advised of Captain Lyon having been instructed to forward to him five copies of each of the photographs.

5. Captain Lyon will be requested to state the exact number of photographs which will be supplied by him, it not being clear from the demi-official correspondence what is the number of ancient monuments actually photographed.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Captain E. D. Lyon, Geneva, Switzerland.
To the Accountant General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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CAPT. J. D. HANCOCK

Patent July, 1878.

Recd

G.O., 8th July 1869, No. 35

JULY.

Nos. 51-53

Sanctioning payment to Captain Lyon of £200 on account of the printing of the photographs required by this Government, and issuing orders regarding their distribution.

My Lord

Before you receive this
considerable quantity of the
copies of the Photographs will I trust
be completed & I would wish to
know whether they are all to be sent
to India or whether you would wish
any of them sent to England
I will Are they all to be sent overland

The weight of them will be very
great & I fear the freight by sea
is very heavy. Could they not be
sent by the new Freight ships free?

Shall they commence now again
The outlay to be made in India
will not be less than very conside-
rable & I hope your Lordship
will kindly remit to me the sum
of Two Thousand Pounds to Messrs
Coutts & Co London. My Publisher
Messrs Mason & Co have printed
the Copies of the Photos at eight

shillings each to the Public.
The Price I am supplying them to
the Government with scarcely
pay expenses & I think under
the circumstances I cannot be
expected to make any advance
of money for materials &c.
The quantity of copies will be
nearly 3000 copies which at 2/6 ea
will be four hundred & fifty Pounds
altogether of this I trust 200 £ may
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Believe me my Lord
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J. D. Gordon

8th May 1869

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June 8th 1869
my dear
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of the Inmate regarding Inst. Photographs
which you sent last Winter. The
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to do so, I fear he has mislaid it.
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of the propriety.
Believe me my Lord
yours very truly
W. Baynes

Pub. L. to Engr.
13th July 1869 No. 27

Ref. with Pub. Proc. G.O.
935 of 8th July 1869 -

Memorandum on the subject of
Captain Lyon's letter of the 8th June 1869.

In the first of the letters above noted, Captain Lyon informs the British Consul, Lord Napier, that before he receives the letter, a considerable quantity of the copies of the photographs would be completed, and he wishes to know

1st Whether they are to be sent to India, or whether any of them are to be sent to England.

2nd Whether the photographs are to be sent overland, or by the nearest ships free?

3. and lastly, I ask that his Excellency would kindly remit to him a sum of 200 £ to Messrs. Cantle & Co London.

4. In the second letter Capt. Lyon asks for a copy of the Lowry's Minute dated 18 November 1868.

5. The several letters received from Capt. Lyon are dated as follows:

1 - 28 March 1868

2 - 28 April - do

3 - 28 April - do

4 - 28 April - do

5 - 28 April - do

6 - 2 May - do

7 - 10 May - do

8 - 10 May - do

9 - 10 May - do

10 - 10 May - do

11 - 10 May - do

12 - 10 May - do

13 - 10 May - do

14 - 10 May - do

15 - 10 May - do

16 - 10 May - do

which should be made for taking photographs. The 2^d letter referred to a Tent.

In the 3^d letter Capt. Lyon stated that he had returned to Ootacamund after a tour of four months, in the districts of Coimbatore, Madras - Tanjore, Tinnevely, Ramanathapuram and Madras that he had visited many temples worth visiting, and had taken upwards of 200 photographs. He then referred to the loss which he had sustained from breakage of apparatus and handies, and asked the Govt. to pay the extra expense incurred thereby, along with a sum for subsistence. He also asked a Bill of charge amounting to Rs. 3,000.

The 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th letters were disposed of in G.O. dated

date the 19th May 1861.
In the 2nd letter Capt Lyon
sent a box containing some
specimens of photographs.

In the 5th letter Capt Lyon
referred to these specimens,
and his visit to Mysore,
Aden & Bombay be-
fore he went home.

In the 6th letter he alluded
to the acceptance by Govt
of his offer to visit Mysore
and he submitted a Me-
morial of his expenses
for Nov 25th 1861 to March
25th 1862 amounting to
Rs 3040.

The 8th letter referred to
the remittance of the money.

In the Order of Govt dated
14th May 1862 No 61, sanction
was granted for the pay-
ment of the sum of

Rs 3040, the Accountant
Genl.

General being requested
to arrange for remitting
to England Rs 2000 and
for placing Rs 1040 to Capt
Lyon's credit at the Bank
of Madras.

6. In the 7th & 9th letters
dated 10 May & 7 June 1862,
Capt Lyon states that the
expense of printing and
mounting the photographs
including a short description
Letter-press will be say, 24 Rs
per dozen - that if the Govt
waited for copies of photos -
till he got to Europe, he
would print and mount
the copies, large and small,
for one rupee and eight annas
each - adding. Further I
would remark that the
price of similar photos
as sold in London by Messrs
Marion or any of the other
Publishers

Europe. The might
of the Indian
is to be presented to the
govt of Bengal
as a gift to the
govt of Bombay. The
two remaining sets
might be reunited
here for the School
of Arts, the
Native Library,
& one for the

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters *from Capt.*

C. D. Lyon.

18 May
Horse enter 7 June 1844

Order therein 2^d July by No 935.

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of the Photographs.
5. Captain Lyon will
be requested to state
the exact number of
photographs which will
be supplied by him.
It not being clear from the
semi-official correspondence what
is the number of original pictures
& architectural remains ancient
monuments actually photographed

by
Capt. H. Lyon
General Strickland
Lieut. General

R. H.

Recd. To 6 Aug 1863
July 1863 No 21
Amount \$20.00

Port. of 1863 M. Adams

Public

To
Capt. E. S. Adams

Noted July 8. } 1863, No. 235
Recd

Nos. 54. 54.

Have charged. Amount of \$20.00
Capt. Adams of \$20.00
Amount of the sum of
the whole \$20.00, again
by this fact and return
order, receiving their
deduction

C. P. Adams
R. 7/1/63