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CORONATION DARBAR, DELHI.

Dated 9th October 1902.

My dear Mr Barnes

With reference to your semi Official letter of the 29th September I enclose a copy of a note by Rai Bahadur Ganga Ram regarding the proposed arrangements for closing the side arches of the Diwan-i-Am and of the Ball-room and the arches between the Buffet room and the Ball-room, and for the warming of the Diwan-i-Am and Ball-room on the nights of the Investiture and of the Ball.

With respect to the side arches of the Ball-room these have been built in and in each arch a window 4 feet broad and 6 feet high has been constructed for purposes of ventilation. These windows will be

be draped with curtains. Similar arrangements, if approved will be made for the side arches of the 'Diwan-i-am' except the one from which the covered passage to the Diwan-i-Khas will take off. In this arch only a large opening to the covered passage will be left, which will be closed by heavy curtains.

The arches between the Ball-room and the Buffet-room will be of the same red colour as the Diwan-i-am and it is proposed to drape them with handsome yellow-ochre coloured curtains. The curtains will be kept drawn on the night of the investiture, the centre pair being drawn aside when the procession advances up the centre. Messrs Roberts & Co. of Bombay have prepared coloured designs

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curtains, of the tables in the Buffet-room
and of settees which might be placed at either
end of the Buffet-room. These designs will
be submitted to His Excellency when he
visits Delhi on the 26th instant.

On the same date Mr. Ganga Ram
will explain his scheme for heating the
Diwan-i-Am and the Ball-room on the
nights of the Investiture and of the Ball.
Briefly, he proposes to heat these rooms by
means of pipes. He will himself look after
the heating arrangements on the nights
mentioned and is confident that he will
be able to keep the temperature at any
point desired.

Yours sincerely
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