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To

Captain A. D. Bannerman,
Secy., Executive Committee,
Delhi.

My dear Bannerman,

18 I have received your letter
of the 15th Sept., forwarding a tracing of
the alterations and additions to the Diwan-
i-Am and the Fort, and I have shown the tracing
to the Viceroy. It is all right so far as
the building is concerned, but H.E. has asked
me to enquire what arrangements are being
made to close up the side arches of the Diwan-
i-Am and of the Ball-room which is added on
to it. As the nights will be very cold, these
arches will have to be covered in, and as we
cannot build a wall for the purpose, they
will have to be closed in with handsome screens
or purdahs. Do you know what is proposed?
H.E. thinks that it will also be necessary to
have curtains to close the arches between
the ball-room and the buffet room. They
could be looped on one side for the ball, so
that people can pass freely from one room
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to another; but on the night of the Investiture it will be very cold for the spectators seated in the ball-room, if these arches are not closed; and also we do not wish the spectators to see the procession in process of formation. On that occasion all the curtains will have to be drawn, the centre curtain being drawn aside when the procession advances up the centre.

The positions of the buffet, as marked on the plan, are correct for the purposes of the ball, but we shall have to move the tables on the night of the Investiture in order to enclose on both sides, or at any rate on one side, a small space for the robing rooms of the Grand Commanders. This is a minor point, which no doubt we can consider and arrange for when we come to Delhi next month. But meanwhile I should like to know for H.E.'s information what is contemplated as regards the closing of the outside of the ball room and the Diwan-i-Am, and the closing of the arches between the buffet room and the ball-room.

Also have you considered
the question of warming
the Diwan-i-Am & Bahzra
on the nights of
the Investiture. The Ball

(Secretary)

Yours sincerely
W. S. Barnes
Secretary