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With reference to Mr: Barnes D. o.
dated 29th: September 1902 to your address
there are four points raised in this letter.

(A) Closing the outer archways of
Diwan-i-Am and Ball-room.

(B) Closing the openings between the
Ball-room and Buffet-room by screens which
could be drawn on the Investiture night.

(C) Arrangement of tables in the Buffet
room.

(D) Proposals for warming the Ball-room
and Buffet-room.

I submit my note on each of these points.
As regards (A) the outer openings of Ball
room are already built in with a wall, each
opening having a window 4 feet wide by 6 feet
high in which glazed shutters of frosted glass
will be provided and inside there will be pro-
vided and inside there will be ^a neat cornice
with a curtain box over the head of each
window. Curtains will then be provided which
could be drawn at pleasure or windows could
be opened if found necessary for ventilation.
This arrangement has been approved by the
Chief Engineer and has authorised me to
suggest on his behalf similar arrangements
for the outer openings of Diwan-i-Am leaving
a great big opening into the covered passage
leading to Diwan-i-Khas. This arrangement
of walling is far cheaper and more satisfac-
tory than any system of curtains which will
be unmanageably heavy and likely to flap about
in case of heavy wind or rain. If this idea
is approved, the work may be at once carried
out.

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As regards (B) there will be no difficulty in providing screens between the Ball-room and the Buffet-room, I shall remember this as a part of decorations. As regards (C) I fully understand this arrangement which was discussed on His Excellency's last visit and will be carried out.

As regards (D) so far my orders were to provide heating apparatus for the Diwan-i-Khas only. Now that His Excellency desires that the Ball-room and Buffet-room are also to be warmed I will consider the question and submit my proposals later on. For the cloak-rooms ordinary fire places can be built, in which coke can be burnt. In the covered passage temporary fire places of the same pattern as put up outside the Circuit house, will answer very well. This leaves the three big rooms namely Diwan- i- Am, Ball-room and Buffetroom to be considered, for this I shall devise some cheap means of warming and submit my proposals in a few days.

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