

Do you happen to know  
Lieut John Doually? He is  
the Head of the Science of Art  
Dept at the S. Peninsula - He  
I think wd be willing to give  
you any information on the  
subject & very probably has  
designs of work as employed  
in Birmah - I have on a  
two sketches of Birmah ar-  
chitecture & Temples but they  
are small & distant I fear  
do not help you much -  
But if you wd like to see  
them I wd send them to  
you with pleasure - I have  
some larger ones of the Shwe  
Dagaw large Temple at  
Rangoon. If you wd give  
me the pleasure of writing  
over to me at the end of the week  
I wd be pleased to

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NEWLANDS,  
BLANDFORD,  
DORSET.

My dear General. I  
have been searching thro  
my portfolios in hopes  
of finding some sketches  
which might be of  
assistance to you in paint-  
ing & decorating your  
Indian structures but  
I regret to add without  
much success.

I observe that you call  
it an Indian house -  
If it is strictly Indian,  
i.e. of the Jain or  
early Brahman, I

do not think they are  
so highly deco-  
rated as the

Buddhist. The Burmese  
artists are the most la-  
vish with their colours.  
The principle on which  
they ~~now~~ work is to use  
bright vermilion for their  
high lights & trust a great  
deal to the use of gilding  
& the secondary & ter-  
tiary colours for their  
ground work. The result  
is highly satisfactory as  
giving a most brilliant  
effect. The Jain archi-  
tecture as you know is

characterized by the most  
elegant stone carving.  
There is a beautiful classical  
architecture  
in the Fort of Gwahar -  
which I copied for Lord  
Ellenborough. I think he  
was Nicotry & which he  
had copied in stone on  
his return to England &  
now forms a model  
piece (part of it I should  
say) in his house <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~  
Somersetshire.  
If however the struc-  
ture is Burmese, you  
can not apply too much  
colour or profuse dec-  
oration in gilding &c

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DORSET.

Thank you for the  
The sketches &  
Drawings I have &  
you might make  
any selections you  
like. I have also  
a small museum  
you might like to  
see -  
I was sorry to see  
the other day the  
death of our mutual  
friend General Dingle  
who died very

NEWBURY  
BRAND  
DORSET

suddenly at  
a garden party.

I was in hopes that  
he & his wife Lady  
Imitation would have  
come here during  
the Autumn - But  
it was not to be.

Yours truly  
Charles D'Orby

P.S. Lu John Downelly,  
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59. Anston Garden,  
& the  
Athenaeum Club.