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Minute of Valuations at Frogmore, & other  
arrangements, directed by Her late  
Majesty's Executors.

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M<sup>r</sup> Banting has been entrusted  
with the valuation of all the Furniture  
at Frogmore, with Direction to value  
the common Furniture for the Princess  
Augusta in the Mass; and the Ornamental  
Furniture in detail, as being subject to  
Distribution into four equal Shares.

The Distinction between common, and  
ornamental Furniture has been left  
wholly to M<sup>r</sup> Banting, nor have the  
Executors exercised any Interference  
whatever. — M<sup>r</sup> Banting has equally  
valued, and distributed into Lots, the  
Articles of Furniture at the Castle, belong-  
ing to Her late Majesty; the Linen, the  
Stores of various Description, & some  
valuable

valuable Assortments of Indian & Persian Silks, Stuffs, Shawls, Carpets &c, & some Chinese Papers, Crapes, & Gauzes, all for Furniture.

Began on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, completed on

6,100. - -

Amount of M<sup>r</sup> Banting's Valuations.

Common Furniture. . . . .	£ 5,016. 4. -	
Ornamental do. . . . .	9,200. - -	
Castle do. . . . .	300. - -	
House in Park Street do. } to be sold with Lease. /	300. - -	
Silks, and other Articles * accepted for Furniture.		
Linen. . . . .	280. 11. 11	
Pents. . . . .	850. - -	
Stores in general. *		15,946. 15. 11

\* these are included in the Ornamental Furniture.

M<sup>r</sup> Swaby has been employed under the Direction of M<sup>r</sup> Banting to value the China Articles of every Description & Glass, and to divide them into four equal Shares.

6,267. 2. 4

£ 15,946. 15. 11 Began £ 28,313. 18. 3

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Total amount of China.	£ 5,020.
of Glass.	100.
of Clocks.	520.
of Bronzes.	460.
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M<sup>r</sup> Bridge has been employed to value all the Trinkets, and the Plate at Frogmore, with the addition of some Plate and Trinkets from Windsor Castle; the whole specifically for Distribution into four equal Shares; and was assisted by the Executors in the Division of the Trinkets, in order as far as possible to give equal Interest, as well as equal Value to each Share.

Began on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, completed on the Evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Lists and Valuations received from him on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Amount of Plate.	£ 4,206. 6. 3
of Filigree, Trinkets &c.	2,060. 16. 1
Total	<u>£ 6,267. 2. 4</u>

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The Green House Plants, Garden  
 Implements &c., the Live & Dead Stock on  
 the Farm, have been valued for The Princess  
 Augusta, by the Gardener, and Mr. Watkins  
 on the 10<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>.

Amount of Plants.	£ 602. 7. -	
Implements.	105. 15. -	
Live & Dead Stock.	577. 16. -	
	<hr/>	£ 1,285. 18. -

The Wine has been valued  
 for Sale, by Mr. Miles at £ 473. 10. -  
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Mr. Sequier has been em-  
 ployed to value & divide the Pictures,  
 Drawings, and Prints, in which he has  
 been assisted by Mr. Gen. Taylor, with a  
 view to equalize the Lots, in Interest as  
 far as possible, as well as Value.

Began on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, and finished  
 same Day, but not divided.

Amount of Pictures, Drawings, Prints in Frames only &c.	<hr/>	1,788. - -
		£ 31,861. 6. 3

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This includes the Bust, & the Portraits  
of the Mecklenburgh Family, valued  
at £160. -

M<sup>r</sup>. Nicol is employed in the  
Arrangement & Valuation of the Library,  
but some time will be required before he  
can complete it; a large Proportion of  
Books, removed from the Castle to Frogmore  
not being yet catalogued. - The Instructions  
given to M<sup>r</sup>. Nicol are subjoined, & will  
apply equally to the Books at The Queen's  
Palace, being chiefly those left by the  
late M<sup>rs</sup>. Schwellenberg to Her Majesty.

All these Valuations are made  
upon the Principle of fixing that Price  
to each Article, at which it might be  
sold, if Their Royal Highnesses should  
choose to dispose of them; and possibly  
some of the Articles may appear to be  
rated very low, but this Principle applies

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to every Lot, and great care has been taken to  
render them of equal Value in the Gross,  
altho' it may not have proved so practicable  
to render them all equally interesting:—  
but as they are to be drawn for, no Preference  
can be supposed to have been shewn.

In order to equalize the Lots of  
Ornamental Furniture, the Executors have  
allowed M<sup>r</sup>. Banting to include the  
two fine Flower Pieces, by Van Huysen,  
in one of them, and to distribute the Indian  
Furniture presented by M<sup>r</sup>. Hastings &  
Lord Wellesley, which it had been intended  
otherwise, to have set aside, undivided,  
for Sale.

Their Royal Highnesses have  
determined to dispose as follows, of  
some Articles.

all the Pents that were Tippoo Saib's  
and others, to be presented to The Prince  
Regent.

The Bust of His Majesty, by Bacon,

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to The King's Library; a cost to be taken  
for each Princess.

all the Portraits of the Mecklenburgh  
Family, to be deposited in Windsor Castle  
as their Looms.

The Executors have been engaged

with the assistance of M<sup>rs</sup> Miss Beckedorff

M<sup>rs</sup> Beckedorff has  
reserved for special  
Distribution, a few  
articles, which altho'  
not of much intrin-  
sic value, are very  
interesting, as having  
been more particularly  
used by Her late  
Majesty.

in examining & clearing Her Majesty's  
Dresses, Bureaux &c. of all Letters, and  
Papers; of all Trinkets, articles of Jewellery  
and other Effects: — of the Papers, all  
that were immaterial have been destroyed  
including with Her Royal Highness's  
Permission the Letters from the Prin-  
cesses, excepting those from the Hereditary  
Princess of Hombourg, which are reserved  
for Her Royal Highness's Pleasure. —

Those from The Prince Regent, collected  
and put by for Delivery to His Royal  
Highness. — Her Majesty's Correspondence

and

and Papers, which appeared material, have been selected and reserved for further Consideration & Disposal, and will be arranged and classed as soon as possible.

The Presses and Writing Tables at Frogmore, have been examined, & contain no Papers of any Importance.

All the Jewels, Medals and Coins are packed up for Transmission to London, to be valued with the Jewels from the Bank.

All the Lace, Fans, & Wardrobe Articles, will be sent to London for Valuation, with those actually there, and Mr<sup>r</sup> and Miss Beckedorff will superintend these Valuations, as well as that of the Fans; the former for the Probate only, the Fans for Sale, as approved by Their Royal Highnesses.

The Fans and the New Lace to be divided into four equal Shares; the Wardrobe Articles & the old Lace to be transferred to Mr<sup>r</sup> Beckedorff. —



Sundry articles of Furniture at The  
Queen's Palace, to be valued by M<sup>r</sup> Banting  
and divided: — the Books to be sold as  
before stated.

The Jewels will be valued by  
M<sup>r</sup> Bridge, on the Day which may be  
appointed by The Prince Regent, when  
the Executors will of course attend. —  
After which it is hoped that They will be  
enabled to prove the Will, & to distribute  
the Property according to the Lots prepara-  
torily made, as they shall be drawn  
for: but previously to the Probate  
being taken out, They cannot consider  
Themselves authorized to allow even  
the Lots to be drawn for, or a single  
article to be removed from Their Keeping,  
or disposed of in any way; nor can  
They admit Her Royal Highness  
The Princess Augusta, to the Possession

of

of Frogmore; or The Princess Sophia to  
that of the Lower Lodge.

The Princess Augusta's Interest  
in Frogmore & Shawe Farm, has been — 15,000. —  
valued at £15,000. — The Lower Lodge,  
with Stables, Garden &c. at £10,000. — 10,000. —

Books & Prints — 5,000. —

Furs, Lace, Books, Gems  
with Jewels in London

Carriages & Harness — 2,500. —

Sum — 31,861. 6. 3

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Jewels