


# The Durbar (Ceremonial Court) of the Nawab of Lucknow

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Accession Nr.:	6864 
Type:	drawing; prints and drawings
Date of production:	end of 19th c. Colonial period
Place of production:	India
Materials:	paper
Techniques:	ink
Dimensions:	height: 45 cm width: 72 cm

The picture depicts the court of the Nawab (ruler) of Lucknow during a ceremonial court (darbar). In the center of the hall sits the ruler, surrounded on both sides by a multitude of servants and court people. The uncoloured picture may have served as a pattern for miniature painters: the lines of the image were densely pierced with a needle, leaving marks on the second layer of paper placed under the image. Traces of the puncture helped the painter redraw the outlines.

