

The Durbar (Ceremonial Court) of the Nawab of Lucknow

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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 (durbar). 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.

