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No. 65. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 7th November 1857, No. 473.

SIR,

I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to the supply from the Arsenal of Vizagapatam of 30 Swords, for use by such of the Jail guard as are not armed with Muskets, the cost at Rupees (3-14-8) three, Annas fourteen and Pice eight each, will be Rupees 117-8, which the Principal Sudr Ameen may be directed to remit by a transfer receipt.

84 in Vizagapatam Arsenal, at Rupees 3-14-8. See Col. Balfour's letter 7th August 1857.

2. I have for some time been of opinion that it would gradually tend to the disarming of the non-laboring classes of the population, if Government in every instance provided the necessary arms, to be deposited in the guard rooms of all armed bodies, when not on duty: a boy now inherits his father's sword, and from that day considers that his position is determined and that in due time he is to be employed as a Peon; in the interim he does nothing useful, and if disappointed perhaps turns robber. If Government provided all arms for those they did employ, this attachment to old arms would cease.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, No. 1534; dated 23rd November 1857.

Ordered that the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, be instructed to cause the Indent submitted with the foregoing letter, to be complied with.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 1531

Ordered that the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines be instructed to cause the Indent submitted with the foregoing Letter to be complied with.

For the Secretary
23rd November 1857

Copy to Inspector of Prisons
" Insp.r Gen.l of F. & M. with Indent in triplicate

Desp.d 25th