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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th June 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 26. Memorandum from Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 16th May 1857, No. 28.

The Inspector General of Ordnance in reference to the Indents for Arms, &c., ordered by Government in Minutes of Consultation, No. 493 of 29th April 1857, to be supplied, begs to state, that the Fuzil Musket Percussion is the Arm deemed most suitable for Police Peons, being lighter than the common Musket, but of the same bore; but before supplying these pieces, as authorized, the Inspector General wishes to obtain instructions from Government, as to whether the pieces shall be old or quite new. If the former, the Inspector General can at once supply in the Northern Division, about 800 pieces, which have been in use with the 23rd Regiment Light Infantry, and although old, yet in an efficient state, sufficient for such service as Public Peons can be called on to render.

2. The price of these old pieces will be (10) ten Rupees each; whereas the price of a new Fuzil Musket is Rupees (32-12-1) thirty-two, Annas twelve and Pie one, and for the 176 pieces indented for by the Inspector of Prisons, the total value for, if new pieces be supplied, will be Rupees (5,764) five thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, or if for old, then Rupees (1,760) one thousand seven hundred and sixty, as may be decided upon in reference to the kind of Fuzil to be supplied.

3. The Inspector General also solicits the orders of Government as to whether any account is to be rendered of these Arms, &c., and would advise that some means be taken by Government to ensure the Arms being accounted for; as it appears probable that the issues for the Jail Guards will be considerably increased. At present, all issues from Arsenals are written off the Ordnance Books, and very imperfect account afterwards rendered of them.

4. If the Police force be organized on an efficient footing, there can be no difficulty in the Head of the Force supervising the Arms and Stores, as in the Military branch; but until this organization takes place, the Government will find that the system of money payments for all such supplies from the Arsenals, so rightly enforced in the Public Works Department, by Minutes of Consultation, No. 460 of 12th March last, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 145 of 21st January 1857, is the best system that can be established.

5. The Officers paying money for Stores, become accountants to Government for such money advance, and this is a better check than for innumerable articles of Military Equipments.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieut.-Colonel,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 27. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 22nd May 1857, No. 41.

SIR,

* In the Judicial Department. With reference to my letter, * No. 28, dated 16th May 1857, I have the honor to state that the Deputy Commissary of Ordnance at Vizagapatam has now distinctly and voluntarily reported, that from amongst the Fuzil Muskets in his Arsenal, 400 can, with little repairs, be made available for Police purposes. I therefore recommend to Government, that these Arms be supplied to meet the demands of the Inspector of Prisons, and, if approved, intimation shall be sent to the Ordnance Officer to have the Pieces in a condition ready for use.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieutenant Colonel,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 662; dated 8th June 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation 29th April last, the Government ordered that the Arms applied for by the Inspector of Prisons on the 16th Idem, for the use of certain Jails should be supplied without payment. But under the circumstances represented by the Inspector

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General of Ordnance and Magazines, in the Memo. recorded above, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council now resolves to cancel that portion of that order, and to direct that they be furnished on payment out of the stock of Fusil Muskets returned into store by the 23rd Regiment L. I., which are reported to be in an efficient state.

2. The Inspector of Prisons will be instructed to forward with his Annual Report, a Return, in the form given below, showing the description of Arms issued from time to time to the several Jails, their condition, &c., and also report any loss from carelessness or wanton damage that may have occurred, and the quantity of ammunition received, expended, and on hand.

Description of Arms.	Number or quantity.	When and from what Department received.	Jail for which they were given and under what authority.	State when received.	Apparent present state.	Excess of number required.	Deficient of number required.

3. The same system will be pursued in respect to the payment of Arms and other articles supplied to Jails as now obtains in the Public Works Department.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Said.

Read the following Memo from the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines.

(Here enter 10²² May 1857 No 28)
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1. As the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines reports that the Fusil Muskets returned into store by the 23rd Regt. L. I. are in an efficient state, suitable for such service as Peons can be called on to render, the Govt. authorize him to issue them to the Inspector of Prisons in compliance with the Orders submitted by him, ^{officer} under date 10th April last.

2. Referring to para 3 of the above Memo: the Inspector of Prisons will be instructed to forward ~~advises~~ to the Inspector Genl. of Ordnance & Magazines, on the 30th April of each year, a Return, in the form given below, shewing the description of arms issued from time to time to the seven Gaols, their state at the period

and this must be of report, whether serviceable, and if the latter found repairable or unserviceable, by him to his named what authority obtained and of the 15th in report when and from what Dept. money paid for repairs received &c. He will also report what has been lost any loss from carelessness or to the want of proper wanton damage; and the quantity of ammunition received, expended and on hand.

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3. The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines should advise Govt. by letter and not by Memo.

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Dated 8th June 1857

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from the Inspector General of
Ordnance & Magazines.

(See entries 16th & 22nd May /57 No 28044)

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