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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 31st August 1858.

No. 24. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Jugglebett, 10th August 1858, No. 54.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th April 1858, No. 504 (Judicial Department,) I have the honor to inform you that, it was deemed expedient to direct the inhabitants of the Soopah talook, to bring in all the fire Arms and other weapons that might be in their possession, and deposit them in safe custody for such period as might be necessary.

Muskets.....	566
Carnatic Guns.....	41
Other weapons.....	115
Total	722

2. A statement is enclosed of the Arms that have been brought in in consequence, and an abstract is given in the margin. No cannons, howitzers, or mortars exist in the talook, probably some few small Arms have been retained without notice, though, I believe but rarely. The decrease, in the number of Arms, now given up, compared with the number entered in the accounts of Arms, prepared in the end of last year, is not great and is fully explained by the facts that, several of the guns, formerly entered, belonged to parties, now with the Bund; and that a good number were taken by the Bund, during their incursion.

3. Considering the strong Maratta element in the population of this talook; its vicinity to Goa, late events, and the present state of affairs just over the frontier, I am of opinion that the mass of the Arms, now collected, should be lodged, in safe custody, till further orders, but that their weapons should be given to Government servants and, with certificates, to villagers, for the defence of themselves, their cattle, and their crops, from wild animals, at the discretion of the local Magistrate. This course I am now pursuing.

4. I believe that as far as this talook is concerned, so far from being considered arbitrary or unjust, the step of disarming has been looked upon, by the people, as politic and necessary, and that no ill-feeling has been excited by its having been carried out. Many have been thankful to get rid of their weapons, as rendering them less obnoxious to suspicions, which they are conscious their conduct has laid them open to. I have only had one application to be allowed to retain a gun in this talook, and that was from the man who brought me such speedy information of the vicinity of the rebels in May last. Of course, I allowed him to retain his weapon.

5. The Act is being similarly carried out in the Yellapoor talook. From what I heard when at Yellapoor about a fortnight ago, I imagine, it is considered there politic, but is certainly not popular. The greater part of the Arms have been collected. A statement will be forwarded when full accounts have been received. The Police of the Sondah talook is under Mr. Pochin. Accounts of the progress of the disarming Act there are consequently sent to him.

List of Arms collected under Act XXVIII of 1857, from Ryots, &c., in the Soopah Talook, in accordance with proclamations and orders issued on Extract Minutes of Consultation of 19th April 1858, No. 504.

Extract Minutes of Consultation of 19th April 1856, No. 504.

Finka or subdivision.	Arms mentioned in the accounts prepared in December 1857.	Arms now produced.										Decrease in the Arms now produced in comparison with former accounts.					Remarks.									
		Guns.					Total.					Total.														
		Guns.	Pistols.	Swords.	Sabres.	Daggers.	Total.	Muskets.	Carnatic Guns.	Total.	Guns.	Swords.	Sabres.	Pistols.	Total.	Guns.		Sabres.	Pistols.	Sabres.	Spears.	Total.				
1 Magany.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	It is ascertained on enquiry that out of the 61 Guns mentioned in column 18, about 30 were taken by the rebels or were formerly registered by parties now with the bund, 5 were destroyed in houses consumed by fire. It is said that the other 26 have been sold or broken, or lost in the bund disturbances.
1 Hothkhombay...	...	121	0	13	0	0	134	97	24	121	0	11	0	0	0	132	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
2 Shingergave...	...	98	0	9	18	0	125	96	0	96	0	8	16	1	0	121	2	1	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	
3 Khodli ...	...	155	2	28	12	2	199	145	0	145	2	28	12	0	2	189	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	
4 Nunee ...	...	68	0	5	5	0	78	53	10	63	0	5	5	0	0	73	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
5 Tennei ...	...	103	0	10	0	0	113	75	0	75	0	10	0	0	0	85	28	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	
Oolwy ...	...	123	0	3	4	0	130	100	7	107	5	3	7	0	0	122	16	0	0	16	5	3	0	8	8	
Total		668	2	68	39	2	779	566	41	607	7	65	40	1	2	722	61	3	2	66	5	3	1	9	9	

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Special Commissioner.

Special Commissioner's Court, Camp Jugglebett, }
10th August 1858.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1190; dated 28th August 1858.
The Government approve the proceedings of the Commissioner of North Canara, as reported in the above letter.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary.

Report that the Indian
Minants of Soopah Talook
were directed to bring
in all the fire arms and
other weapons in
their possession and
deposit them in safe
custody, for such period
as might be necessary.
Enclosed a statement
of the arms that have
been brought in
in correspondence
with the above.

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From the Special Commission
Minors of Soopah Talook.

to the Court of August
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The Govt. approve the proceedings of the
Commissioner of North Canara as reported in the
above letter.
Fort St George,
20. August, 1858.

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