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No. 18. Read the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th November 1858, No. 406.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith, copy of a letter from Captain Ansley, Acting Commandant of the Masulipatam Sibbundy, under this date, complaining that the Muskets lately issued to the Sibbundy Corps, appeared to be very old and are constantly getting out of order. I request that the Government will be pleased to take his application into favorable consideration, and issue orders through the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines to the Commissary of Ordnance at Masulipatam, to supply Fuzils. It will be remembered that in a former letter* I alluded to the weight of the Muskets. I did not then know they were so much worn out. It is I need not say bad policy to give men arms they cannot depend on.

Dated 1st November 1858, No. 368.

From Captain T. C. ANSLEY, Acting Commandant, Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps; to W. KNOX, Esq., Collector of Masulipatam, dated November 30th, 1858, No. 50.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Muskets issued to the Masulipatam Sibbundee Corps, appear to be very old and are constantly getting out of order; moreover they are much too heavy for the state of men and for the work which the Sibbundies will have to perform. I request that you will be good enough to submit this to Government and endeavour to obtain Fuzils, a lighter and more efficient weapon, and the arm which was first applied for, for the Masulipatam Sibbundies.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Magistrate.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 1791; dated 22nd December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines. Colonel Balfour will take steps for having the Masulipatam Sibbundies supplied with suitable Muskets as early as possible.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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30-11-58

No 1791.

Ordered the communication
of the Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines. Col: Balfour will
take steps for issuing the Quantity
of Arms Ammunition supplied with
suitable Muskets as early as possible.

Fort St. George,
22d December, 1858.

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