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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28*th August* 1860.

No. 201. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of the Gódávari District, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 11th August 1860, No. 323.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, under date the 1st June last, calling on me to report regarding certain weapons said to have been landed at Coringa from the "China Merchant," which vessel put into the port named on the 4th February, and leaving it on the 23rd March last put into Vizagapatam. The necessity of making several references to Vizagapatam has caused delay in my submitting this report.

2. According to the letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam to the Board, and the Manifest of the vessel presented on arrival at Coringa, the following is the number of weapons originally on board :—

100 Large Knives.
40 Swords.
100 Small Knives.

There have been landed at Vizagapatam, as I have been informed by the Collector and Magistrate of that District,

80 Large Knives.
40 Swords.

Twenty large knives, and a hundred small ones, not being forthcoming. These last were apparently ordinary clasp knives of the kind so much used by Sailors and Lascars, and can hardly be considered to fall under the description given in Section XII Act XXVIII of 1857. The large knives, judging from the sketch of those remaining which, at my request, Mr. Fane sent me, and which sketch I submit herewith, are of the kind used for cutting wood and like purposes in Burmah, though at the same time a formidable weapon. The swords, it will be observed, are all forthcoming.

3. As repairs were necessary to the vessel on arrival at Coringa, all the goods on board were landed and secured in a godown under the lock of the Custom House Officers. They, one and all, declare that the same number of knives as were landed, were re-shipped on the vessel being ready for sea. The Commander of the vessel, who has since returned by land from Vizagapatam, denies that any knives were sold at Coringa, as does a merchant, whom the owner declared before the Magistrate at Vizagapatam to have been the party through whom they were disposed of, and I have not been able to establish the fact of any having been sold in this District. The Daroga of Sea Customs, who was also the local Police Officer failed in his duty in not reporting to me that such weapons had been brought on the vessel; and in not ascertaining with greater care than by his own showing he did, the exact kind of weapons entered in the Manifest. This Officer has lately on other grounds been reduced to a subordinate post.

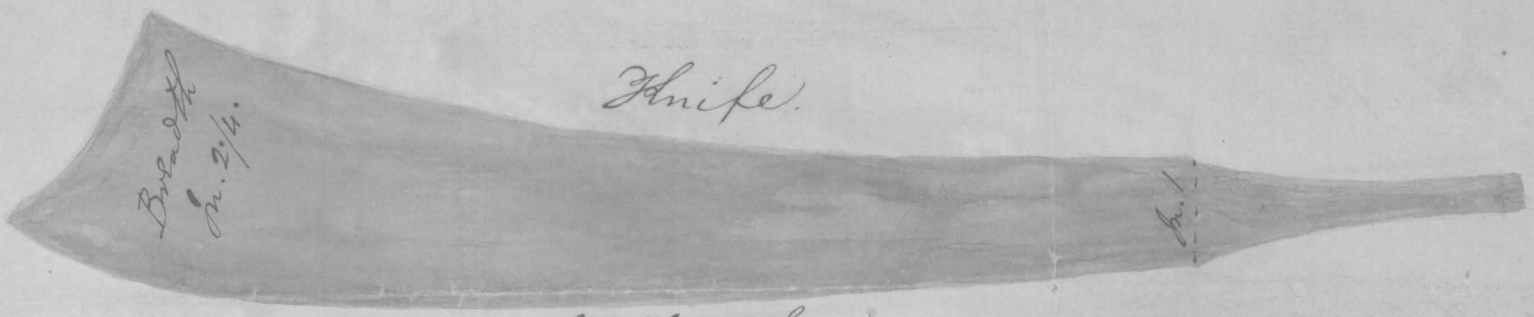
No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1860, No. 1,091.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

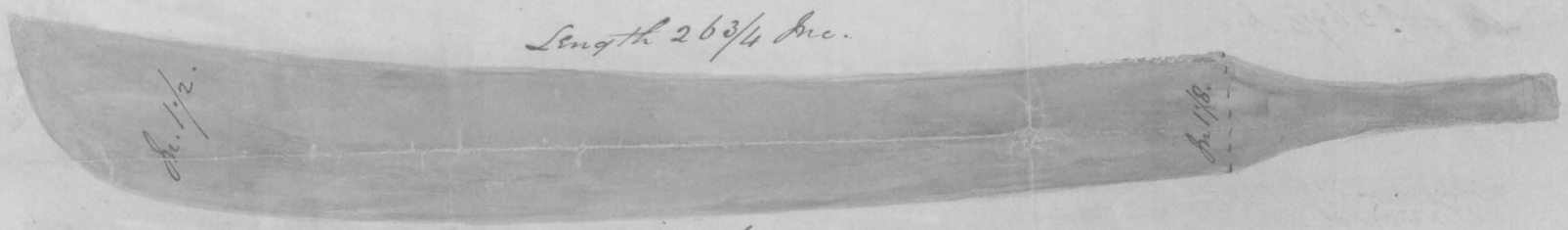
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Knife.



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Length 26 3/4 Inc.



Sword.

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From
The Magistrate
of the Godavari District
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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Submitting report with reference to the order of the Govt. of the 7th June last, regarding certain weapons said to have been landed at Coringa from the ship "China Merchant"

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