

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th August 1860.

No. 25. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mufassal Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th July 1860, No. 571.

I have the honor to report that the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines has informed me of the arrival, from England, of certain Arms sent as part of the indent made under date the 21st February 1859 and supported by Government Order dated 7th March 1859.

2. I have inspected the Arms.

3. We indented for a *Carbine* of the exact pattern of the Carbine used by Her Majesty's Horse Artillery; except that it was to have *smooth bore*, not to be rifled; this Arm has a Sword which may be worn as a side arm or used as a Bayonet.

4. The Arm now sent out to us and alleged to be for the Police is a *Fuzil* with an ordinary Bayonet, precisely the same as is used by the Non-Commissioned rank in the Native Army.

5. The Indent has therefore in no way been complied with.

6. The Arm we applied for is a *Carbine* of nearly the same description as that used by the Irish Constabulary. It is an Arm peculiarly adapted for Constabulary purposes. It is light and easily handled and suited to close encounter and street rows, &c. A Police does not frequently charge with the Bayonet, but if required to do so the piece we asked for has an excellent Sword Bayonet. The Sword can always be used, and a certain supply of side arms is indispensable in this country.

7. The Arm sent, though an admirable one for Military purposes, is defective in each of these requisites; and if accepted, a further supply of Swords must be indented for at a large increase of cost.

8. I beg most earnestly to recommend that the Home Government may be solicited to permit the Indent *as sent from this* to be complied with, and that no more of these Fuzils which are merely a musket of smaller dimension may be transmitted for the use of the Police.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1860, No. 976.

In a Despatch, 21st April 1859, No. 75, in the Military Department, application was made to the Home Government for 10,000 Car-bines* with Swords for the use of the Mofussil Police. It was requested that 5,000 might be forwarded to this Presidency by the first opportunity. In regard to the remaining 5,000, a future communication was promised.

* As described in the Indent, viz.
"To be in all respects of the same pattern as
"that issued to the Royal Artillery, except
"only that it is to be smooth bore, instead of
"a Rifle Piece."

*Proceedings, 25th November 1859, No. 1,657,
Judicial.*

2. In his Despatch of the 30th September following No. 146, the Secretary of State replied that the Indent of Car-bines was 'under consideration.'

3. The Inspector General of Police, in his letter recorded above, states that he has inspected certain Arms, which the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines informed him, had arrived from England as part of the Indent in question. The Arm supplied is a Fuzil, with the ordinary Bayonet, precisely the same as is used by the Non-Commissioned rank in the Native Army. The Arm applied for is a *Carbine* with a Sword Bayonet, and is peculiarly adapted for Constabulary purposes. The Sword may be used as a side arm—whereas, if the Fuzil were issued, besides its being unsuited for Police purposes, a further supply of Swords would have to be indented for at a large increase of cost.

4. The Government resolve to forward copy of Mr. Robinson's letter to the Secretary of State, and strongly to urge compliance with his request that Arms of the exact pattern indented for, be supplied for the special use of the Madras Police. This communication will be made in the Judicial Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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