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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 31*st January* 1863.

No. 208. Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Viragottam, 24th December 1862, No. 670.

In paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government (Judicial), dated 1st instant, No. 1,941, the report required in the concluding paragraph of Government Order 14th May 1861, No. 634, regarding arms in possession of the Zamindars of the District, is called for.

2. *Vizianagram.* The Rájá has eight cannon. He may be allowed, I presume, as sanctioned in the case of the Venkatagiri Zamindar by the order just cited, to retain two for festivals and salutes. He has two of this petty kind in his train now. I will desire his manager to send the rest to the Arsenal at Vizagapatam, if Government please.

Of muskets he has 186; and matchlocks 230. The muskets are flint. He lately asked me to indent on the Arsenal for a supply of new Percussion muskets, as the flint ones were all old and useless. But I declined, much to his chagrin; for he said he had his present stock in that way; of course paying for the weapons.

He has eleven or twelve Treasuries, and I think these muskets are not too many. The matchlocks are not worth considering.

3. The remaining Zamindars have a few old muskets only; except *Bobbili* and *Sálúr.*

I was the other day at Bobbili and found there two three-pounder field pieces, perfectly equipped. The old Zamindar, it appears, procured them from London a few years ago only. They are used at feasts, but would be mischievous in evil times. I request the orders of Government as to their disposal.

4. At *Sálúr,* I saw in the old Fort four cannon. Major Buck, the Superintendent of Police, pronounced them all more or less serviceable; they are, three of them, six-pounders, and the fourth a two-pounder. Sálúr is a hill Zamindari, and it would be as well to take all four from him.

5. The Jeypúr Rájá has sent in a return, but I would rather report after I arrive there. It is impossible to trust these returns; for instance the Sálúr Zamindar omitted his cannon altogether and excused himself to me by saying he thought them not worth mentioning; they had not been used for so many years.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1863, No. 150.

Of the ordnance held by the Rajah of Vizianagram, two pieces may be retained for salutes and festivals. The other six will be dealt with as recommended by the Magistrate.

2. The two field pieces found at Bobbili should be sent in to the Arsenal at Vizagapatam.

3. As regards Sálúr the Governor in Council will leave it to Mr. Carmichael to determine whether the old cannon found in the Fort should be destroyed on the spot, or forwarded to Vizagapatam. In the former event the fragments or their value will be handed over to the Zamindar at his option. All the cannon sent to the Arsenal will be duly appraised, and their value paid over to their respective owners.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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