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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 32. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 23rd September 1863, No. 196.

I have the honor to solicit the authority of Government to strike off from the account of Arms, Accountments, &c., the Arms, &c., exhibited in the enclosed list. Some of these had been lost from various causes not at present known as far back as 1852 and 1853. They were not struck off from the Returns, as the late Military Board objected to their being written off without the authority of Government. This was not applied for, why I cannot say at this distance of time.

2. Having now given orders to examine all the Arms, &c., according to the accounts, I found others missing, some of which were given to peons on duty and not recovered from them when they were either dismissed or died, and some have become useless and worn out and were left in charge of the persons to whom they were issued, but none of them can now be traced.

3. The Tahsildars, Salt Choukidars, &c., to whom they were entrusted are to blame. It appears they have not examined the Arms when preparing Annual Returns, but shown them in the accounts as if remaining with them with reference to former accounts although they were given to peons, &c., for use. In certain Taluq accounts some Arms are entered as sent to the Huzoor, whereas they were not brought to the Huzoor accounts. This state of things continued for several years during which time the different offices changed several hands and no one can at present be held directly responsible, but all the Officers for the time being are equally to blame for submitting incorrect accounts through inadvertence and carelessness.

4. In some instances the irregularity is attributable to the Gomastah in the Huzoor Treasury who keeps the accounts connected with Arms in not bringing to notice the incorrect entries made in the Taluqs and getting them rectified. The conduct of this official has been taken proper notice of.

5. The list submitted with my letter of 23rd May 1863, No. 111, and noticed in the Government Order of 3rd June 1863, No. 862, contains only the articles remaining, exclusive of those for writing off which authority is now sought.

List of Arms, &c., to be struck off from the Account.

Description.	Missing.			
	Serviceable.	Repairable.	Unserviceable.	
Musket with bayonet (complete)...	1			3 of these have been requested to be struck off as far back as 1852.. These have been carried away by escaped Convicts. This was also requested to be struck off.
Swords with steel scabbards...	20			
Do. with leather do. ...	2			
Do. without do. do. ...	1			
Flints...	14			
Carnatic sword with leather scabbard ...	1			
Carnatic Spears without leather cases ...	21			

MADURA,
23rd September 1863.

(Signed) V. H. LEVINGE,
Magistrate.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th October 1863.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1863, No. 1,595.

Under the circumstances reported by the Magistrate of Madura, the Governor in Council grants authority for writing off in the accounts the Arms, &c., described in the margin, which are not now forthcoming.

- 1 Musket with bayonet complete.
- 14 Flint.
- 29 Swords with steel scabbards.
- 2 Do. with leather do.
- 1 Do.
- 1 Carnatic do. with leather do.
- 21 Carnatic Spears.

2. The Magistrate will state what notice has been taken of the negligence of the Huzoor

Gomastah to which reference is made in paragraph 4 of his letter.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

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Read the following
letter from the Magistrate
of Madura.

Here enter 23rd September 1863
No. 196.

Order thereon 5th October 1863. No. 1595.

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stances reported by
the Magistrate of Ma-
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coming.

- 1 Musket with bayonet complete.
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- 1 - do.
- 1 Carnatic do. with leather do.
- 21 Carnatic spears.

2 The Magistrate will
state what notice has
been

been taken of the negligence of the Surgeon General to which reference is made in paragraph of his letter.

W.A.

The Magistrate of Madras
Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines
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Dated 5th October 1863.

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