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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th January 1864.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 107. From E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Kistna District ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 3rd December 1863, No. 435.

Conductor Bay, of the Ordnance Department, being now employed in this District bursting cannons in the possession of private individuals, in accordance with Government Order, Judicial Department, dated 17th September 1861, No. 1168, I take the opportunity of report-

ing, for the information of Government, that there are 41 unserviceable cannons* fixed as posts in different parts of the Masulipatam Fort.

* Of different Calibres ranging from 18 to 9 Pounders.

† Of Calibres ranging from 24 to 6 Pounders.

2. There are also 11 unserviceable cannons,† and upwards of 400 tons of old shot and shell in charge of the Station Staff Officer.

3. Should it be the wish of Government that these cannons should be destroyed, I would beg to suggest that the presence of a Warrant Officer of the Ordnance Department in the District affords a convenient opportunity.

4. Conductor Bay informs me that the whole of the shot and shell is also unserviceable, I would therefore suggest that they be thrown into the sea, unless the Ordnance Department can make any use of them.

5. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order quoted above, I beg to state that the fragments of the guns are valueless, being composed of cast-iron which will not work up again. It appears, therefore, unnecessary to give compensation to the owners ; but I request the orders of Government to enable me to dispose of applications on the subject.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
15th December 1863.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 108. From Colonel G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th December 1863, No. 192.

Ordnance Department.

In returning herewith the communication of the Acting Magistrate, Kistna District, referred to me for report, I may observe that it would appear advisable that all the unserviceable Ordnance, alluded to in Mr. Foord's letter, should be destroyed, and the unserviceable shot and shell offered to shipping as ballast at any rates offered.

2. Ships going to England might receive them gratis, provided they agreed to deliver them in London to the address of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1864, No. 69.

The Magistrate of the Kistna District will arrange for the destruction of the 52 unserviceable cannons, referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Mr. Foord's letter, by the Warrant Officer of the Ordnance Department now in the District.

2. The unserviceable shot and shell should be disposed of to shipping as ballast at the best rate procurable. Ships going to England might be allowed to have the shot and shell gratis, on the Masters undertaking to deliver them in London to the address of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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From the Acting Magistrate of the Krishna Dist^y

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From the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines

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Order thereon 18th January 1864 No 69.

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To the Magistrate of the Krishna Dist^y
Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines
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