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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st August 1866.*

No. 209. Read the following letter from the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 6th August 1866, No. 92.

Ordnance Department.

With reference to Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 1184, dated 25th August 1865, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that the Arms therein referred to were only recently received per Arracan from Ganjam, having been sent to Madras by the Magistrate, Mr. Forbes, in consequence of an opportunity not having occurred for sending them free of cost to the nearer Ordnance Depot of Vizagapatam.

2. I have had the Arms carefully examined, and the discrepancy as per margin was discovered between the numbers entered in the list furnished by the Magistrate, and those actually received.

Muskets and Matchlocks.....	84
Swords.....	198
Tangbees or Battle Axes.....	17
Churries or Knives.....	552

Mr. Forbes has been written to, on the subject.

3. I annex in the margin an extract from the report of the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, on the Arms, from which it will be observed that they are valueless, except as old iron. I have myself examined them, and quite concur in this opinion.

The swords, battle axes, iron spears and pikes, though not so much broken, are in most cases so rusty, and of such bad workmanship and material, as to be valueless except as old iron.

4. Some of the Arms, however, may be valued by collectors of old weapons, and may be acceptable to the Museum, and the Royal Artillery Institution at Woolwich. A selection may be made, and a portion set apart for sale to those competent to possess Arms, for presentation to the above mentioned Institutions, as also to the Model Room at the Grand Arsenal; and the others broken up, and the value of the materials, brought to account by weight, remitted, with the amount of any sales that may be made, to the Magistrate of Ganjam, for distribution to the proprietors.

5. Those selected might be priced by the Commissary of Ordnance and Captain Mitchell.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1866, No. 1287.

The proposal made in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the foregoing letter is approved.

2. The result of the reference to the Magistrate regarding the discrepancy brought to notice in paragraph 2 should be reported for the information of Government.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
,, Magistrate of Ganjam.
,, Accountant General.
,, Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

Erd. J. H. Burns.

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To the Secy of Crs: & Mass
Museum
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