

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras. ✓

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
29th March 1867.

No. 353. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 19th March 1867, No. 999.

Communicating a letter on the system }
in force in this Presidency, touching } (Vide Proceedings, Military Department,
the sale or disposal of all condemned } dated 19th March 1867, Nos. 484—
and other arms belonging to Govern- } 486.)
ment.

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1867, No. 517.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. F. Bantleman.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 16th September 1864, No. 136 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that there are unserviceable Rifles in Store in out-station Arsenals, which it is financially advantageous to dispose of locally, as the Arms, although unfit for Regimental use, are still weapons which are perfectly safe as Fire Arms.

2. If Government approve of the measure, I beg to propose that sales be effected, in cases of applications from Government servants, on the same conditions as at Madras, and that sales to other parties should be effected only with the concurrence of the chief local Military or Civil, and Police Authorities.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 30th September 1864, No. 155 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to your Memorandum, dated 23rd September 1864, I have the honor to state, that there are about 2,000 unserviceable Rifle Muskets in the Grand Arsenal, and 900 in out-station Arsenals and Magazines, which I would recommend should be held available for sale to the public.

2. Many of the above Arms have been condemned for slight defects, which interfere with accurate shooting, the grooves being worn and the barrels more or less corroded ; but the Arms are perfectly serviceable in other respects, and if sold, will, I am of opinion, realize from 12 to 15 Rupees.

3. On receiving the sanction of Government to the proposal submitted in my letter, No. 136, dated 16th September 1864, Ordnance Officers will be instructed to classify the unserviceable Rifles in Store according to condition, and price them as shown in the margin.

1st Class, 15 Rupees each.

2nd " 12 "

3rd " 10 "

4. I may observe, that the disposal of the Arms in the country, as recommended, will be more advantageous than shipping them to England for sale there. The latter measure would involve the cost of inland carriage of the Arms from the several out-station Arsenals and Magazines, to the Presidency, and from thence freight to England, and it is doubtful whether the Arms would realize in England more than from 12 to 20 Shillings each.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 3rd October 1864, B.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 5th October 1864, No. 165 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In continuation of my letter, No. 155, dated 30th September 1864, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying Indent on payment, from the Quarter Master 14th Regiment Native Infantry, for five Rifles of the same character as those alluded to in the above Report, as condemned on account of trifling defects.

2. I anticipate large demands for the Arms in question, if Government should be pleased to sanction their disposal to the public.

ORDER, No. 3781, 25th October 1864.

The Indent submitted with letter, No. 165, from the Inspector General of Ordnance, may be complied with.

2. The Governor in Council is not, however, prepared to sanction the sale of so large a number* of Rifles in the manner proposed by the Inspector General of Ordnance, in his letter, No. 155, dated 30th September 1864. They will therefore be sent Home; but meanwhile applications for these weapons may be submitted for the sanction of Government in the usual manner.

3. The Governor in Council assumes that the Rifles in question have been condemned for irremediable defects, and not simply for over-gauge, which, under the Order of the Government of India, No. 686, dated 25th June 1864, is forbidden—in such cases trial by shooting being alone accepted.

(True Extract.)

To the Insp. Genl. of Ord., with Indent in duplicate.

- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Examiner Pay Department.
- „ Examiner of Ordnance Accounts.
- „ Adjutant General, for information.

Under Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Govt., Judicial Dept. Here enter 9th October 1866, No. 1575.
From the Offg. Secy. to Govt., of India..... „ 8th „ „ 74.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government
Judicial Department.*

*Communicating correspondence from
the Government of India, connect-
ed with the alleged sale of Arms at
Jeypore.* } Here enter 9th October 1866, No. 1575.

*From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,
Simla, 8th October 1866, No. 74; to the Inspector General of Ordnance and
Magazines.*

In transmitting for enquiry and report the correspondence marginally noted,

*Government North Western Provinces.
No. 587A, dated 7th August 1866.
„ 658, dated 20th „
„ 722, dated 12th September 1866.
„ 734, dated 20th „
„ 764A and 766A, dated 3rd Oct. 1866.
Foreign Department, No. 215, dated 5th
September 1866.
To be returned.*

regarding the sale of Government Arms in Native States, I am desired to observe that the means hitherto adopted for stopping such traffic appear to be insufficient, and that more effectual measures of check and control are necessary than have hitherto existed in the Arsenal and Magazines.

2. I am to request that all condemned Arms which it may not be intended to keep for future issue of any kind, be broken up in the presence of an English Officer.

3. This duty should on no account be delegated to a subordinate, and it should be the especial care of the Commissioned Officers of the Ordnance Department to see this duty thoroughly carried out.

4. I am further to request that all the best Arms of an inferior description which are not required to be retained in the Magazines for future emergencies, for service with the Police and the like, may be reserved for sale at moderate prices, and in small quantities to such native chiefs or others who may desire to make purchases and in whose case such purchases may, from time to time, be specially sanctioned by the Government.

No. 75.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with a request that the subject may receive attention in that Presidency, and that such orders may be issued as may be deemed necessary, in view to check any similar sales in that Presidency.

(By Order,)

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 3877, 8th November 1866.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Inspector General of Ordnance, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may be considered necessary for preventing any similar irregularities in this Presidency.

2. The Inspector General of Ordnance will submit a full report on the system in force at Madras Arsenal and Depôts for the sale or disposal of all condemned and other Arms, &c., the property of Government, and whether the prescribed precautions are duly enforced.

3. Government also desire to be informed whether the theft of Arms in use with the Troops, prevails to any extent in this Presidency.

4. The instructions conveyed in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the letter* from the Government of India above recorded, will be strictly attended to in this Presidency also.

Dated 8th October 1866, No. 75.

Docket to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 8th Nov. 1866, No. 3878.
(True Extract.)

Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

.. Adjutant General.

.. Inspector General of Ordnance.

.. Controller of Military Accounts, for information.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Insp. Genl. of Ord. and Mag. ... Here enter 4th December 1866, No. 193.

From the Adjutant General 8th March 1867, .. 181.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 4th December 1866, No. 198; to the Secretary to Government, Military Dept.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 3877 of the 8th November 1866, I have the honor to submit a detailed report of the system in force in the Arsenal, Magazines and Depôts of this Presidency, touching the sale or disposal of all condemned or other arms, the property of Government.

2. In this department the Standing Order regarding the disposal of condemned arms has been that, prior to their leaving an Arsenal, or other

*Circular Order No. XXV, dated 14th October 1844.

Ordnance Establishments, they should be rendered utterly unfit and useless for any Military purpose, and the practice has been, with regard to fire arms, that the sides of the barrels be stuck together with a heavy hammer, and the barrel then doubled up, and the pieces of locks treated in the same manner, so as to render it impossible for either the barrel or any of the pieces of the locks being again put together.

3. In the year 1858, the strict attention of all Ordnance Officers was again

†Circular Order No. 69 of 12th July 1858.

The particular attention of Ordnance Officers is requested to the Circular Orders, numbers and dates No. XXXV, dated 21st June 1834. as per margin, regarding the disposal of unserviceable accoutrements and arms of every kind, and to the great necessity, at the present time especially, of rendering it impossible for any of these articles, or Military stores of any description, after being authorized to be sold, being used by parties purchasing the same for the purpose for which they were originally designed, or for any purpose dangerous to the public peace. Ordnance and other Officers, therefore, when recommending the sale of old stores and old Military equipments, should bear in mind the importance of not allowing them to be thus disposed of whilst still appearing fit for use; it being, as a general rule, in respect to the Ordnance service, preferable for the public interests, in order to prevent all abuses, to destroy such articles rather than sell them.

called to this subject—the Order quoted in the margin* directs that all arms and Military accoutrements shall be so utterly broken up, as to render it impossible that the parts could ever again be used for the purposes for which they were originally designed.

4. And again in 1864, it was ordered that this breaking up of Military stores

Circular Order No. XIX, dated 8th July 1864, para. 2.

The Inspector General takes this opportunity to direct that in all cases of unserviceable stores being ordered to be broken up, Ordnance Officers will, in returning the "monthly report on stores," containing the orders of the Inspector General for such disposal of stores, attach a certificate to the effect, that either the Ordnance Officer himself, or a Commissioned or Warrant Officer of the senior grades, superintended the breaking up of the stores, and that the materials brought to account therefrom were bona-fide so realized.

The certificate should be in the following form.

†I do hereby certify that the unserviceable articles ordered in this "monthly report on stores" to be broken up, have been so disposed of (in my presence or in the presence of who was ordered by me to superintend the breaking up of the articles) and that the materials brought to account, have bona-fide been realized from the breaking up of these articles and no others.

should be carried out in the presence of the Ordnance Officer in charge of the Arsenal or Magazine, or of a senior Warrant Officer, and that a certificate as per margin† should be attached to the return reporting the cases, so that from 1844, till the present date, the destruction of

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obsolete or condemned arms in the Ordnance Department of this Presidency, before being disposed of, has been complete and effectual, so as to render them wholly useless for Military purposes.

5. With regard to the disposal of "other arms" that is serviceable or repairable, I beg to state that none are sold or otherwise disposed of excepting under the special sanction of Government previously obtained in such case.

Pro. of Government, No. 3781, dated 25th October 1864.

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government under notice, I have to report that the loss of arms by robbery is almost unknown in this Presidency, the few cases that do occur being exclusively confined to Burmah.

N. B.—I beg to attach for the information of Government, a Departmental Order, again directing the attention of all Ordnance Officers to this important subject.

(Signed) G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Colonel,
Inspr. Genl. of Ord. and Magazines.

No. 4194.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

In continuation of Circular Order No. 69, dated 12th July 1858, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines directs that all condemned fire arms, of every description, rifles, carbines, fuzils, muskets, and pistols, be broken up in the presence of the Officer in charge of the Arsenal, Magazine or Depot, in the following manner. All small arm barrels will be hammered flat, doubled up and hammered again, so as to render it impossible that the barrel, or any portion of it, can again be used as a fire arm. The limbs, springs, and lock plates, of all locks of arms so destroyed will, as opportunity offers, be sent to the Grand Arsenal, Madras; the sale of any locks, whether of rifles, muskets or pistols or any pieces of locks, locally, is peremptorily forbidden.

2. All sword blades and bayonets, will be broken up into not less than four pieces, and, as in the case of the barrels of small arms, be so destroyed as to render it impossible that they can again be used as weapons.

3. The Order directing that all condemned leather accoutrements be cut up into pieces is again repeated.

4. Ordnance Officers will themselves, on all occasions, see this Order carried into operation, and, in reporting that condemned arms have been broken up, they will certify on the return that such arms have been broken up in strict conformity with the terms of this Order.

INSPR. GENL.'S OFFICE, FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th December 1866.

(Signed) G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Colonel,
Inspr. Genl. of Ord. and Magazines.

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 8th March 1867, No. 181; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 8th November 1866, No. 3877, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to annex for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a return shewing the number of arms, &c., stolen from the Barracks of Regiments in this Presidency, during the past three years.

Return shewing the number of arms, &c., stolen from the Barracks of Regiments, in this Presidency, during the past three years.

Regiments.	Pistols.	Rifle Carbines.	Short Rifles.	Interchangeable Rifles.	Swords.	Sword Scabbards.	Cavalry Carbines.	Bayonet.	Bayonet Scabbard.	Waist Belt.	Muskets.
16th Lancers	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18th Hussars	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2nd Battalion, 21st Regiment	...	...	1	2*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3rd Battalion, 60th Rifles	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
A Battery, D Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D Battery, D Brigade, do.	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
B Battery, 14th Brigade Royal Artillery	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9th Regiment Native Infantry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...
14th do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1*	...	...	...
30th do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1†
Total ..	6	3	1	2*	1	1	2	2	1	1	1†

* Since recovered.

† Stolen on the line of march from Bellary to Hurryhar.

(Signed) J. M. PRIMROSE, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

ORDER, No. 999, 19th March 1867.

Copy of the above correspondence forwarded, in continuation of docket No. 3878, dated 8th November 1866, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

(True Extract)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.

„ Adjutant General.

„ Judicial Department, ...

„ Controller of Military Accounts, }

for information. *With 5 spare copies.*

Exd. J. E. Cashart.