

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 870	Press <u>M.H.</u>
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th May 1867.*

No. 281. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd May 1867, No. 1909.

Communicating letter from Government of India, regarding the reduction of the number of unserviceable arms in Arsenals. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 23rd May 1867, Nos. 675 & 676).

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 23th May 1867, No. 870.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 27th April 1867, No. 1032; to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. 100R of the 29th March 1867, and in reply to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council approves of the suggestions for the reduction of unserviceable arms not required by Native States.

2. To enable the Government of India to give specific orders as to what arms are to be destroyed, and what retained for possible issue to Native States, you are requested to submit a return showing the number of such arms at each Magazine and Arsenal.

No. 1083.

Copy of the above, and of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Major General Marshall's docket, No. 999, dated 19th March 1867.

(By order,)

(Signed) W. M. LEES, Major,

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Simla, 29th March 1867, No. 100 R; to the Commanding Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William.

In obedience to Military Department No. 846, dated 25th February 1867, I have the honor to offer the following suggestions for the reduction of the stock of unserviceable arms;—That all arms in doubtful condition be sent into the nearest Arsenal from Magazines, where their condition shall be ascertained by the Civil Master Armourers, and those pronounced unserviceable broken up and used, as the material is excellent for many purposes in the manufacturing branches of the department—by this means, none of them need be sold or otherwise disposed of.

To prevent their being restored to any usable condition, should the parts by any chance whatever fall into the hands of strangers, the arms should be broken up in arsenals before issue to manufacturing departments, in the following manner.

The locks complete are to be brought to a white heat in the forge, and hammered into a mass on the anvil.

The barrels are to be cut half through at the breech screw, and at every three inches of the length of the barrel, and broken up.

The ramrod to be broken into three or four pieces.

The socket of the bayonet to be brought to a white heat and hammered flat, and the blade broken in half. The stock to be broken into pieces, and the steel mountings to be heated and hammered out of shape; brass mountings to be melted up.

I have seen the several parts treated as described, and am satisfied that an arm can as easily be made out of raw material as these restored to use.

As already ordered by Government, such conversion of unserviceable arms will be effected in the presence of an English Officer—one of superior warrant grade it is presumed being intended.

ORDER, No. 1909, 23rd May 1867.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's Department,) for His Excellency's information, and to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for guidance.

2. The latter Officer is requested to submit, with reference to paragraph 2, a return showing the number of unserviceable arms in each Arsenal and Magazine, and report whether, in his opinion, any should be retained for special purposes.
(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
Inspector General of Ordnance.
Controller of Military Accounts, } for information. *With 3 spare copies*
Judicial Department,.....

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Communicating letter

from Genl of the Div, re: arms

of the Ordnance Office

number of unserviceable

arms in Arsenal

28 May 1871

Exl A. W. Cooke.

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