

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1520

Dated 19th July 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

REBROWNING OF POLICE ARMS.

• Approving the proposals of the Inspector General of Police in regard to the----; and requesting the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to sanction the---- in Arsenal and Cantonment shops.

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DEPARTMENT.

No. 2220

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

17 April

1895.

FROM

M. Hammick Esquire, I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

THE

Chief Secretary
to Government,
Coimbatore.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to inform you that the Inspector General of Ordnance, Madras Circle, has drawn my attention to the fact that the Cartridges and Snider Rifles belonging to the Police are never re-browned. The weapons in use in Bellary seem to have been re-browned at the local Arsenal once and in Vizagapatam our own Armourer re-browned some rifles in 1891-92. The Inspector General of Ordnance considers it "very desirable for the preservation of the arms that they should occasionally be re-browned." He suggests that a rule similar to that in force in Bombay should be introduced here. The rule is as follows:—

Police

" Police Corps located at Arsenal
" Stations may apply to the Inspector
" General of Ordnance, through the
" proper Channel for permission to
" send their arms to be browned in
" Arsenals, whilst those at a
" distance from Arsenal Stations
" may have their arms browned in the
" Armourers Shop of the nearest
" Native Infantry Regiment, the cost
" incurred in consequence being in either
" case charged to the Civil Department."

Vide Rule 404
the Bombay
P. Manual.

2. The process of "rebrowning" is
carried out in the army apparently biennially.
But in the case of the police where the
weapons are little used probably
they need not be rebrowned more than
once in four or five years. If the
above rule is sanctioned our arms can
be rebrowned as required at Arsenals
or at the nearest Cantonment, and in
remote districts where it will be
difficult to send the arms away, I
have little doubt I can arrange to
have the Armourer trained to the work
and

and get the rebrowning done at the Head
Quarters of the District as required -
In other cases it will be useful to be
able to use the Arsenal and Cantonment
workshops.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Mammich

Inspector General of Police, the

Exd. M

Judicial (1895) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT NO. 4944

FROM M. Hammick Esq. C.P.
INSPECTOR-GENERAL

OF POLICE,

TO The Chief Secretary
Government



No. 2220

Dated 19 April 1895

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SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction to have the Carabines and Snider rifles belonging to the Police re-browned once in four or five years.

Is 3/5 To await receipt of Police over Book, Bombay. No office written to send.

MR 24/4 Received 4/10/95

2/24/95 13/4 3/5

For order

For order.

As to whether the suggestion may be approved and sanctioned? If approved it will be necessary to address the Lieut. General Commanding the Forces in order to ascertain if he objects to the browning being done in the arsenal & cantonment shops?

Rs. 55 9/5/95

It would probably be cheaper to have a certain number of men taught browning and to give them either a small fee for each weapon re-browned or else to allow them a small monthly addition to their pay Rs. 9/5/95

I should like an estimate of the cost of re-browning. Blueing is just as effective I believe - How does that compare as to cost?

MR

CSH Refce No. 1108 10/5/95

Sh. S. is requested to furnish an estimate of the cost of re-browning after stating how it compares with that of "blueing", a process which the Lieut. General understands to be equally effective. S. of Police (9) 22/5/95

Enclosure No. one
To letter No. 3984 & 27.6.95
From Inspector-General of Police.

Ordinance Department
No. I/4259.

From

To

The Inspector General of Ordnance,
Madras Command.

The Inspector General of Police,
Madras.

Fort Saint George, 13 June 1895

Your No. 3377, dated 6 June 1895.

I have the honor to inform that the cost of re-browning a Carbine or rifle would be about twelve annas.

The barrels of all rifles and Carbines in the Service are browned and this is considered preferable in every way to bluing. In the case of B. L. S. B. Carbines, the process of bluing would remove the back-sight, and unless the work was performed by a thoroughly experienced Armourer, the barrel would be likely to "set" and so be made unserviceable.

I have &c.

(True Copy)

Signed T. Walker Col RA
Lieut General of Ordnance

M. Minnall

Asst Insp General of Police.

Encl. V.K.

ccy. V.K.

From

The Inspt General of Ordnance,
Madras Command,

To

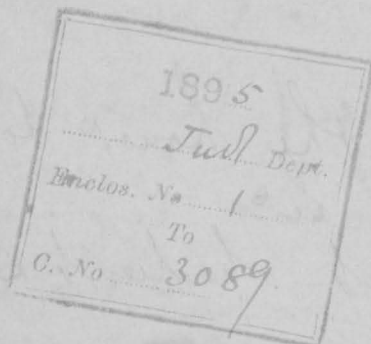
The Inspt General of Police,
Madras.

No. I/4259

Dated 13th }
Received 14th } June 1895.

Subject.

Intimating the cost and
mode of re-browning a
Carbine or rifle.



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DEPARTMENT.

No. 3984

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Coimbatore.

SIR,

Enclosures 13

With reference to Memorandum, dated
22nd May 1895, No. 1108 T.D., I have the
honor to submit a copy of letter from
the Inspector General of Ordnance, dated
13th June 1895, No. I/4259, and to state
that the cost of re-browning arms would
probably come to about Rs. 1500 a year,
if our weapons were re-browned about
every five years.

I have the honor to be,
your most ^{devt} obedient servant,

M. Hammick
Inspector General of Police.

Ed. M. M.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Pottacamund.

No. 3984

Dated 27th June 1895.

Received 28th June 1895.

Regd 1-7-95

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Submitting a copy of a letter from
the Inspector General of Ordnance
dated 13th June 1895, No. 4259
and stating that the cost of
re-browning arms would
probably come to about
Rs. 1500 a year, if weapons
were re-browned about every
five years.

For order.

Submitted to H^{on}. with reference to
in No. 1944/95. The cost of re-browning is stated
to come to about Rs. 1500 a year, if the weapons
were re-browned about every five years. Browning
is considered preferable in every way to bluing, &
for this reason, presumably, the I.G. does
not report the cost of the latter process.

3-7-95
8/7/95.

Bluing does not stand like browning.
(I have had both. The latter comes off
much more rapidly than the former
and where it does rust catches, I
fancy because in the case of browning
a thin film remains. Bluing is
done by heating hence the necessity
for removing the back sight and
the risk of setting up or done
by a careful & experienced hand.

I didn't know how
it was done

8/7/95

Ask Lt. Genl. to sanction the arrange-
ment proposed in the former
letter.

8/7/95

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 1944 of 1895, dated 17 April from the I.G. of Police.

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" " 3089 " 1895, " 27 June " - 50 -

ORDER.
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The I.G.'s proposals are approved and the
Lt. General Commanding the Forces, Madras, will
be requested to be good enough to sanction
the browning of ^{Police} arms in the Arsenal & Canton-
ment shops.

The I.G. should submit a draft of
the necessary circular order for insertion in the
P. O. Book.

(For order)

To

The I.G. of Police. Qto.

" Lt. Genl. Comd. the Forces, Madras.

" Acct. Genl. Pto.

9-7-95

Rebrowning of Police Arms.

(From orders)

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DIITO.

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