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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th September 1857,

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, 3rd September 1857, No. 304.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 324, dated 21st August 1857, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that the Principal Commissary of Ordnance is of opinion that the Caps are such as are used for Fowling Pieces and for Pistols—the Gun Caps are of medium quality; the Pistol Caps very thin and inferior—and that neither of the description of Caps can be recommended for Government Service.

2. The Principal Commissary reports also on thirty-five pairs of Percussion Pistols received from the Collector of Sea Customs Imported by the same party and considers the whole of the most inferior quality both as regards material and workmanship.

3. If the Government can otherwise dispose of these articles, I advise that course in preference to taking over the Stores on account of Government.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieutenant Colonel,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

As these Percussion Caps and Pistols are reported to be of too inferior a quality to be purchased on account of Government, the Collector of Sea Customs is instructed to inform their owner that they will be retained in deposit until he is prepared to export them to another country.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, with Copy of letter.
„ Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

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5th September 1857

J. M. G. Enslin

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