

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 34. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd October 1857, No. 376.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 409, dated 28th September 1857, I have the honor to state for the information of Government that the case of Arms Imported by Messrs. Ashton, Richardson and Co., and alluded to in the foregoing Extract is reported by the Principal Commissary of Ordnance to be quite unfit for Government purposes.

2. The Arms are stated to have an attractive appearance, but they are not serviceable, the workmanship and materials being bad.

3. The 100 Flint Lock Muskets included in the List are not wanted, a better description of Flint Muskets in Store being broken up.

4. I have to request the permission of Government to return these Arms to the Collector of Sea Customs, as the Principal Commissary of Ordnance recommends their removal from the Arsenal where they would soon become rusty unless frequently cleaned, and this would involve labour, which the Principal Commissary of Ordnance cannot at present afford.

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

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 451; dated 19th October 1857.

The Inspector General is authorized to return these Arms to the Collector of Sea Customs.

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to return these arms to the Collec-
tor of Sea Customs.

Port George, Y.
19 October 1857.

W. [Signature]

What will the latter
do with them?

Copy to the Inspector Genl. of Ord. & Mag. Disposal
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