

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. *24*

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 19th January 1858.

Read again letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, dated 14th December 1857, No. 505.

No. 1. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 30th December 1857, No. 583.

SIR,

Referring to the Minutes of Consultation, No. 526 of date 17th December 1857, I have the honor to bring to notice that there is no provision made for paying for the Revolvers which I may consider fit to be purchased on behalf of Government.

I had arranged with the Accountant General as to the mode of adjusting the transactions connected with Revolvers, as entered into by the Collector of Sea Customs, and I fully hoped that the system would have been continued on this footing.

The decision in Minutes of Consultation, No. 526, requires an alteration, and there are two modes of settling the payment for the Revolvers I may take over; one, by authorizing me to pass the Bill of the party disposing of them on a Certificate of the due delivery of the Pistols into the Arsenal, and the other mode is to let the Commissariat Department pay for them on a Certificate of delivery being given by the Principal Commissary of Ordnance and countersigned by me, stating the value to be paid; and this last course I prefer to the one first named.

I think it will be advisable for Government to grant me full authority to take over Revolvers, say until I have purchased 500. I never accept any before a thorough examination in the Arsenal by the experienced Supervisors; and I am not inclined to pay any large sum for the Pistols.

This authority will enable me to give a decisive reply to all parties tendering Pistols, and it is only fair to Importers to have a speedy answer as to the intentions of Government about taking over Pistols. This course will also prevent unnecessary references to Government, and the delays which attend the submission of each individual application for approval.

(Signed) E. T. FASKEN, Captain,
For Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 24; dated 13th January 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing correspondence be communicated to the Military Department, in which the subject of the present reference and all future applications for the purchase of Fire Arms, &c., on account of Government will be considered.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

*Recd. General of
Ordnance & Magazines.
Col. Customs Madras*

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Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 13 January 1858

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the Collector of Sea Customs
dated 14 December 1857. No
505 recorded in Court of
the 17th idem.

Read the following
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General of Ordnance and
Magazines.

(dated 30 December 1857. No 503)

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To the Military Department.
Inspector General of
Ordnance & Magazines.
Collector of Customs Madras

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