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No. 2911

From

A. L. Pereira Esq.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Kurnool Division.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

3rd Circle, Bellary.

Station or Camp *Allur*

Dated *5th* } *December* 189*4*.

Received *8*

ENCLOSURES.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that among the late Company's stores appertaining to this Division and which have been transferred to Provincial Tools and Plant there are 2 Guns with Bayonets (old Brown Bess) and as I can see no use for them in the Division. I would wish to be informed whether we would be justified under

September 1893, replied that the articles "cannot be received without the sanction of the Inspector General of Ordnance Madras"

3. On the 12th October 1893, the Ordnance Officer Bellary requested the Executive Engineer Bellary Division to depute an Officer to take charge of the Case and was informed in reply that Sergeant Donaghue had already been supplied with a Pistol. On this the Officer in charge Bellary Arsenal in his No 405/11(4590) dated 26th October/93 requested that the sanction of the Inspector General may be obtained for the return of the Pistol ~~see~~ into store at Bellary. Form I. O. 290 being enclosed for that purpose by the Arsenal Authorities, and in which every thing except the 24 rounds Ammunition were inserted. After the sanction of the Inspector General had been obtained, the Officer in Charge of Arsenal with his No 522/11 dated 27th December 1893 forwarded a receipt, but with the 24 rounds Ammunition Omitted.

4. The Storekeeper (Mr Dawson) says that he was present when the 24 rounds Ammunition was placed in the Case and saw it carefully secured. That he noticed on receiving Bellary Arsenal's letters No 405/11(4590) d/ 26th October/93 and No 522/11 dated 27th December 1893 that the 24 rounds were Omitted and he assumed that the Arsenal Authorities had included it with the entry on the receipt note "Pouches Ammunition Pistol Enfield 24 rounds". Especially so as the Arsenal Authorities

Authorities did not state that the ammunition was not found in the Case and which I consider should have been done.

5. The Examiner of Ordnance Accounts now states that in the absence of a receipt voucher for the 24 rounds Ammunition, the entry of its issue should be erased from this Division Inventory of Arms ~~see~~ for the year 1893. 4 and the Balance Corrected Accordingly, or the value Rupees " - 13 - 10 paid into Kurnool Treasury and Credited to Government.

6. With regard to this subject I would beg to point out that when these Arms ~~see~~ were despatched to Bellary Arsenal on 20th September 1893, an Invoice and receipt Notes (M 44) were sent with this office letter No 434/M dated 21st September 1893, the 24 rounds Ammunition being distinctly shown thereon. It is also evident that the Case could not have been tampered with on its way to Bellary and on the Case was handed over by the S. M. Railway to the Arsenal at Bellary the proper course the Arsenal Authorities should have done would have been to have had it weighed and if it agreed with the weight shown in Railway receipt note it would then have been clear that the Ammunition had been removed from the Case and not received in the Arsenal, more especially so when the Arsenal Authorities had been officially advised that it was

in the Case.

7 Under these Circumstances and after the lapse of a whole Year, I consider it very unfair to call upon me to refund the value of Articles which the Arsenal Authorities never took the trouble to inform me had not been received, and I request therefore that if no one in the Arsenal can be held responsible that steps may be taken to write off the Article from my return.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

A. Pereira
10/12/94
Executive Engineer

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W. C.

No. 2283

Superintending Engineer's Office,

3RD CIRCLE.

Bellary 24th Dec. 1894.

FROM

Lt Col C. S. Rawson M.B.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

IIIRD CIRCLE,

TO

THE *Chief Engineer*
J. N. Department
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures. 2

15 Rs. returned

I have the honor to forward the marginally noted letters received from the Executive Engineer Karnool Division and request that you will be good enough to pass orders on them.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant.
A. Pereira
22/12/94
Suptg Engineer
III Circle

*Letter No. 2291 of 8.12.94.
2459 of 11.12.94.*

4/12/94

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P. O. CURRENT No. 7722

From *Lt Col C. C. Lawrence*
The Superintending Engineer,

IIIrd Circle,

Bellary.

To
The *Chief Engineer*
D. N. D.
Madras

Dated *24th* December 1894.
Received *26th*

Enclosures. 2

No. 2283

Subject.

2 guns with
bayonets &c.

Forwarding correspondence
in original regarding the
for favor of orders.

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Dec 27/11

Office of S. G. of O.
Madras Circle
Fort Saint George
8 February 1895.

N. S.
17560

Returned with intimation
that the 2 guns with bayonets
should be returned to the Bellary
Arsenal.

In regard to the 24 rounds of
pistol ammunition the Ordnance
Officer Bellary reports that certain
stores were returned into the
Bellary Arsenal by the Executive
Engineer Kurnool Division which
were brought on deposit pending
receipt of formal sanction
from this office for their return.
In this deposit account no entry
is made of the ammunition in
question. He furthermore states
that in the I. O. Form 290 furnished
to the Executive Engineer with
Delivery and Receipt vouchers
all stores received were shown
and in these also was not shown
the ammunition referred to,
and that no exception was at
the time taken nor any inti-
mation furnished to the Arsenal

in

connection with the missing
ammunition.

It is the invariable custom to
weigh cases on receipt and the
weight compared with that shewn
on the railway receipt, but it does
not appear probable that the
weight of these 24 rounds would
make any perceptible difference
in the weight of the case in which
it was stated to have been des-
patched.

W. Kelly Colonel Ret.
Inspector Genl. of Ordnance
Madras India.

To The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort Saint George.

MILITARY (1895) DEPARTMENT.

Former papers.

Current Number. 711

From

THE Inspector General of
Ordnance

9 FEB. 95

No. 9
17560

Dated 8

Received

Registered

Recd. by Ref. Dept.

Disposed of by do.

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ENCLOSURES. 5

P.G., No. , dated

Informing that the 2
guns with bayonets belonging
to the Kurnool Division Stores
should be returned to the Bellary
Arsenal.

Forwarded the Public
Works Department with reference
to its Memo dated 172 (dated
17th January 1895)

J. S. Woodcock Colonel,
Officer Secretary to Govt.

To

The Public Works Department.
(General Branch)
with C. No. 711 in original &
original papers.

P. W. CURRENT No. 1110

REQUESTED TO BE
RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Encls 3

Recd: 16-2-95

Military Department

Fort St. George

13th February 95

No. 814

B. 5286 d 7 March 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Suptg. Insr., III Circle, No. 2283

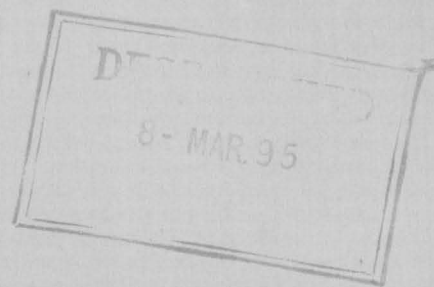
dated 24th Decr. 1894

Indorsement of the Military Dept., No. 814 dated

13th February 1894

The Suptg. Insr., III Circle,
will arrange for the return of the
two guns and bayonets to the
Bellary Arsenal.

2. The missing ammuni-
tion will be written off the
Tools and Plant return of the
Kurnool Division.



To. The Suptg. Insr., III Circle.
" Examiner, P.W. Accounts
" Military Dept.

Cmrs

14/2/95

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