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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 8th September 1857.

No. 52. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 24th August 1857, No. 272.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a report furnished by the Principal Commissary of Ordnance on the number and condition of the Arms belonging to His Highness the late Nabob and now lodged in the Arsenal agreeably to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 566, dated 22nd July 1857, and request to know whether the list may be sent to the Agent to the Chepauk Palace to have it verified.

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

REPORT on the Arms received from the Government Agent to the Chepauk Palace, agreeably to Memorandum from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 25th July 1857, No. 59.

- 1 Double Barrel Rifle, 12 groove by Lees of Perth, in case complete, locks bolted, a good Rifle and in good condition.
- 1 Air Gun in case complete (Pump out of order.)
- 1 Pea Rifle or Saloon by Gilles, Paris, in case complete (want repairing.)
- 1 Rifle Barrel in case common.
- 1 Colt Revolver in case with Bullet Mould and Nipple, Wrench, Holster size, in good condition.
- 1 Dean, and Adams' Revolver, Medium size, in case complete in good order.
- 3 Pairs of Back work Pistols, German Silver, bodies in cases complete by Manton, these are common but in good condition.
- 1 Air Gun complete in case old (case broken.)
- 1 Flint and Air Gun in case very old and out of repair (by Bate.)
- 3 Cavalry Swords Ramrod back small handles for Natives (old.)
- 6 Carbines Percussion Cavalry Pistol bore (in good condition.)
- 1 Native Officer's Sword (broken.)
- 2 Eight Barrel Revolvers in bags with moulds (common) in good condition.
- 1 Saloon Pistol with cleaning rod, in good condition.
- 1 Pair of Flint Pocket Pistols secret triggers, (in good condition.)
- 1 Single Gun, Flint, small bore very old (worn out.)
- 1 Cuttee or Dagger in cover broad Iron handle (old.)
- 1 Piescubz or Dagger, Ivory handle, in velvet sheath in good order.
- 1 Air Gun by Mortimer in case very old, (unserviceable.)
- 9 Packages or Boxes of Caps copper having bullet attached adapted for the Saloon Rifles.
- 4 Swords or Thopes, two have silver handles, the blades long and fleeted in red velvet scabbards, chased mountings, in good condition, the other 2 old.
- 3 Swords Drummers, 1 of the present muster, 2 the blades greatly carved old.
- 10 Small Spears very short Iron handles (very old.)
- 67 Cuttees or Dagger, 4 Ivory handles, the others broad steel handles (old.)
- 4 Knives or do. broken.
- 20 Bundles of Arrows (one large all broken.)
- 18 Gun Barrels of these 10 are single, 8 double common (old.)
- 15 Guns some incomplete, only fit for old Iron, one has a barrel $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet long.
- 5 Pistols, 3 Cavalry common, very old, the other 2 Irons stocks, very old.
- 2 Small Brass Guns 14 Inch long, Pistol bore.
- 12 Bayonets worn out.
- 2 Portfire stocks, present muster, (Europe) good condition.
- 6 Lint stocks old and very rusty.
- 1 Pair of Cymbals steel.
- 1 Fuzil with Bayonet common (old.)
- 5 Swords Cavalry in scabbards unserviceable (one broken.)

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- 5 Pikes or Berchees, worn out (one broken.)
- 24 Old Gun Barrels, short and long of no use but for old Iron.
- 1 Small Iron Gun old Iron very rusty.
- 11 Piescubz and Knives of various patterns (old.)
- 28 Pistol Barrels and Pistol stocks, fit only to be broken up.
- 3 Small old axe heads common old, an old knife and quantity of old Iron in tin box.
- 1 Double Gun in case complete by Lees of Perth, a good Gun but the barrels are rather honey combed inside.
- 1 Double Gun in case by Griffiths, London, in good condition but a very inferior Article.
- 1 Double and 1 single Flint Guns, incomplete, worn out.
- 17 Pieces of Sword blades old steel.
- 1 Old Copper do.
- 1 Knife or Jumbeach in sheath old.
- 5 do. do. without handles fit only for old Iron.
- 6 Swords, long strait blades Iron, handles long to protect the Arm (old.)
- 4 do. Short do. small do. in leather scabbard old.
- 5 do. in leather scabbards, 2 of these have fine Damascus blades in good condition.
- 4 do. broad blades Iron handles widening towards the point (old.)
- 3 do. short have Pistol barrels near the handles but are incomplete and very old.
- 61 Swords blades of various kinds, unserviceable (old steel.)
- 6 Swords with Iron handles nearly eaten through with rust.
- 22 do. Various all very old Native weapons (no use.)
- 1 Walking stick Gun in case incomplete.
- 2 do. do. in cases, extra barrels and each have a whip, these Guns are very complete, but very common manufacture,
- 1 Battle axe, the head in laid with gold handle inlaid and enamelled.
- 1 Battle axe finely chased gilt, having a Spear which upon touching a spring flas out from the handle.

Eighty two Swords belonging to the late Nabob's private Store are placed by themselves as ordered.

(Signed) P. HAMOND,
Principal Commissary of Ordnance.

ARSENAL,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th August 1857.

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

(True Copy.)

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 733, dated 5th September 1857.

To be Recorded.

Letter to Genl 51 May 5th 1857
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The Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines

The Secretary
to Government
Military Department

Date 24th Aug 1857
No 25

No 770
Handwritten copy of a letter
furnished by the Principal
Commissary of Ordnance on the
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