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No. 34. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 21st October 1857, No. 416.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government copy of a letter from the Government Agent at Chepauk reporting intelligence furnished of the existence of certain iron Ordnance in the Forts of Satghur. The Ordnance, it will be perceived, has been rendered unfit for any service and is intrinsically not worth the cost of its carriage to any Government Depôt. Besides it is pretty well known that Ordnance and Shot of an unserviceable description are scattered generally about the country in a state, as I think, harmless, even in the possession of mischievously disposed parties, and useless for any purposes of the State; the only use these can be is to impose on ignorant men the mistaken idea of strength by the possession of a number of old and useless guns.

2. As this circumstance has been brought officially before me, I deem it necessary to apprize Government of it. It is one of no moment, and the worst evil connected with it is, that every observer under whose notice it falls, deems that he has made a discovery and divulges it with a degree of importance that would seem to imply a claim for some consideration at the hands of Government.

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

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Colonel G. BALFOUR, C. B., Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort St. George, dated 16th October 1857, No. 296 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the bearer of this, ex-Daroghah Meer Usker Ally, states that in the two Forts of Satghur there are 14 Iron Guns, 13 Large and 1 Small, but spiked, 12 in the upper Fort and two in the lower, and I mention this as, after inquiring of the bearer, you may perhaps think it necessary for one of your Officers from Vellore examining them, for permission to do which, an order will be furnished if required.

(Signed) E. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. BALFOUR,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 919; dated 27th October 1857.

To be recorded.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Letter to Govt. dated 21st May No 9
of 1858 Paras 56 to 57

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From

The Inspector General
of Ordnance Magazines.

To The Secretary to Govt.
Military Dept.

Dated 21
Rec'd 22 October 1857.

No. 1013.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for communication to the Govt. Agent at Shepank information furnished by the Govt. Agent at Shepank regarding the existence of certain Advances in the Fords of Sattpur & states his opinion relative to the value of these pieces.

No. 909

I have the honor
to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
J. Ellis

Rec'd 27th Oct 1857

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