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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 51. From Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 6th March 1858, No. 683.

SIR,

Referring to Minutes of Consultation, No. 94, dated 4th February 1858, I have the honor to enclose, in original, a report from the Commissary of Ordnance, Trichinopoly, on the Stores at Tanjore.

2. The state of the Ordnance Carriages and Muskets is such, that, if the Articles belonged to Government, I would at once order them to be broken up.

3. Before withdrawing them from Tanjore, I beg to submit to Government whether it is advisable to remove the Articles. I have no doubt there are suitable places for storing the Articles ; and, perhaps, some responsible person in Tanjore may be obtained to have charge of the whole.

4. If necessary, I could direct a Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officer to go over to Tanjore, once in 3 months, and inspect the Stores ; and one day would be sufficient for this inspection.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 182; dated 11th March 1858.

Resolved that copy of the above letter with its enclosure, in original to be returned, be forwarded to the Commissioner of Tanjore, who will report whether the Arms, Ordnance and Ammunition in question can be securely kept at Tanjore, and their removal to any other Station dispensed with.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Jerusalem. 2 March 1858.

My dear Egypt-

We have just brought into
daylight all the Rajas' military
stores which Holford will,
I apprehend, inform you that
they for the consideration of
unpleasant - the ordnance
perhaps excepted - even that
Kinsman does not pass articles
according to the rules in respect
of worth holes, of so many sights of
any such.

Being unpleasant
cannot remember, he does
to render them useless here on
the spot? Shattering the old
musket barrels. Making their
shafts - cutting in two the thousands
of old bayonets. Making up

Debarthoff
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out of date - regulation (costly)
to work and do on wood
convert them into old iron
and learn all we desire to
accomplish.

Here transfer to Vellone
will require some 200 ballast
cast if not more, and a
cast of cast-iron cost about
15-20. we shall be spending
a deal of money on what is
positively worthless. - the
amount of which we can
scarcely debit to any future
adjustment of Lacy on account.

Do not doubt but that
we can see this. - but it
will be to throw out a ball
as to a matter we are used on
the hands of another.

Ordnance	Length ft	Dwt	Diameter of Bore		Vent Yards	Marks	State	Remarks
			Horizontal	Vertical				
12 lb	5	1804	4.7	4.7	3 1/2		Connecticut	
"	5	1804	4.7	4.7	3 1/2	do	"	
"	5	1806	3.8	3.8	3 1/2	do	"	
"	5	1804	3.85	3.85	3 1/2	do	"	
"	5	1806	3.85	3.75	3	do	"	
"	5	1806	3.75	3.75	3	do	"	
"	4	1702	4	4.05	2	do	"	
"	4		3.8	3.8	5	Fort William	"	
"	3 1/2	1701	2.95	3	3		"	
"	3 1/2	1817	2.9	2.9	3	do	"	
"	3 1/2	1817	2.9	2.9	2 1/2	do	"	
"	3	1817	2.85	2.87	2 1/2	do	"	
"	3	1778	3	3	3 1/2		"	
"	3	1781	3.5	3.5	3 1/2		"	
"	3	1817	2.9	2.87	2 1/2	do	"	
"	3	1817	3.1	3.05	5	do	"	
"	3	1781	3.1	3.1	3 1/2	do	"	
"	3	1817	3.05	3.05	4 1/2	do	"	
"	3	1778	2.92	2.95	3		"	

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Return of (Williams)
inspected at Cambridge 11th
March 11th February 1888.
Trinidad 22nd February 1888

St Albans 22nd Dec 1888

Qued 19th February 1888.

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Articles	No.	Remarks
Cattle Season	Para	4500.
" Iron and Rings Corroded		300.
" Cartridges		2470.
Bayonets of Iron		5300.
Boxes Large Spain		1.
St. Underbrushes Thick Coats		139.
Brushes Water Wooden		2.
Carriages wooden with Sashes and Boxes 128"	2	
" " " " " " 6"		
" " " " " " 3"	7.	
" " " without " " " 3"	6.	
Shirts Musket	about	5350.
" " " " " " " " 500.		
" " " " " " " " 600.		
" " " " " " " " 700.		
Guns Drops	128"	2.
" " " " " " " " 6"		6.
" " " " " " " " 3"		18.
" " " " " " " " 1 1/2"		2.
" " " " " " " " 1"		9.
" " " " " " " " 1"		9.
Handspikes Purchasing a gun man		2.
Saddles with Horns		7.
Saddles 12 b and 38"		"
Musket Common with Bayonet		758.
" " " without		1774.
" Rifle Common without Saddle		101.
" " " Model		1.

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From

The Acting Commissary of Ordnance
Trichinopoly

To

The Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that
in compliance with the request contained in
your communication N^o 8952 of the 30th
Ultimo, I inspected the Musketry Ordnance &c.
in the Fort of Tanjore on the 10th and 11th Instant.

I forward herewith a list of Ordnance
&c. my visit having been merely one of in-
-spection, and not of long duration, the list
was rather hastily prepared, but with all this
he found sufficiently correct for the occasion.

The Muskets and other fire Arms are
rusty and in bad order; on close examina-
-tion a few might be found repairable; the
Rifle Muskets are better than the rest, per-
-haps a quarter of them might be put into
a serviceable state, and also one third of the
pistols. but all the Fire Arms have flint
locks, and are on that account ^{alone} unsuitable
for issue to our Troops.

The swords, and especially the iron
scabbards are rusty and in bad order,
they

List of Ordnance &c.

Fort St. George 10th

and 11th February 1858

Frederick 23rd Ultimo

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they are nearly all curved and none are of the established pattern: with new scabbards they would be useful for arming Irregular Cavalry or Peons.

Ordnance

The 12 P^{rs} and 6 P^{rs} are unserviceable, and also ten of the 3 P^{rs} of the eight serviceable 3 P^{rs}, two have the vents enlarged to 3. and would require honing shortly: nearly all the smaller guns appear to be good, and the whole of them have serviceable vents, three of small calibre might be useful for arming boats.

Shot and shell

Much corroded, and the bulk of them unserviceable in consequence, they were not gauged nor minutely examined, perhaps about a quarter might be selected fit for use.

Damaged
cannons and
muskets.

Of obsolete construction and unserviceable. The value to the Ordnance Department of the greater portion of the stores submitted to my inspection, would, it appears to me, be the worth of the metal and no more: the exceptions are noticed above.

Prichard op. ly }
22nd February 1858 }

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt,
Robt. Major
Adj. Commissary of Ordnance

Patience Little to City
12. 18. 1858

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From
The Inspector General
of the 1858 Defunct

The Secretary
to the 1858 Defunct
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