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No. 9. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Military Department under date the 1st February 1859, No. 442.

(*Vide* Military Consultation, 1st February 1859, Nos. 149 and 150.)

(*Sanctioning measures proposed for destroying unserviceable Ordnance lying at the Out-posts and Stations of the Madras Presidency, also the grant of certain extra Allowances to the Warrant Officer appointed to the duty, &c.*)

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 99; dated 10th February 1859.

To be Recorded

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 442.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 1st February 1859.

Read letter from Captain F. T. Fasken, for the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, 20th January 1859, No. 636; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

No. 2761, dated 3rd August 1858.
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Adverting to Extracts Minutes of Consultation as per margin, sanctioning measures proposed for destroying all unserviceable Ordnance lying at the Out-posts and Stations of the Madras Presidency, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that I have been in communication with the Secretary to the Board of Revenue on the subject, with a view of ascertaining what assistance can be rendered to the Ordnance Department by the Civil Authorities in the several Collectorates, in giving effect to the order of Government, as the removal of the heavy Guns to places where the explosions can be conducted without risk of personal injury, will involve the employment of a large number of Coolies and of Cattle likewise; such facilities being indispensable to enable the Warrant Officer, entrusted with the duty of destroying the Ordnance, carefully to carry out the instructions of this Department.

2. The Board of Revenue have in reply intimated, that the different Collectors will be instructed to afford the assistance required, as well as to give information regarding the number of unserviceable Guns, and the localities where they are to be found, such Ordnance however they suggest being excepted, as may be considered worthy of being preserved as curious specimens of Native workmanship.

3. I beg to state also, that the Principal Commissary of Ordnance has, at my request, prepared a Memorandum of the method to be observed in bursting Iron Guns, concerning which too much precaution cannot be used. I quite approve of the instructions which the Principal Commissary of Ordnance has drawn up, as providing for the safety of the parties in attendance, and for the effectual destruction of a number of Guns if found together at the same place. It is necessary that a Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officer should be appointed to the duty, and the Principal Commissary of Ordnance recommends Sub-Conductor Whelton for this purpose, as one fully qualified to undertake the task of bursting the Ordnance, and I beg therefore to submit the proposal for the sanction of Government, with my recommendation that the Warrant Officer while so employed, should be entitled to receive full Batta without reference to distance, the usual Horse allowance of Rupees (30) thirty per mensem, and Stationery allowance of Rupees (10) ten per mensem.

4. In the event of sanction being accorded, I beg Government will authorise the addition of an extra Sub-Conductor to the Establishment, during the period of Sub-Conductor Whelton's employment on the above duty.

Mins. Cons. 3rd August 1858, No. 2761.

With reference to the orders for the destruction of unserviceable Ordnance in the Districts of this Presidency, the Governor in Council grants authority for such Pieces as may be considered worthy of being preserved as curious specimens of Native workmanship being excepted; and these will be sent to the Arsenal of Fort Saint George.

2. The Governor in Council sanctions the grant to the Warrant Officer appointed to the duty of destroying the Ordnance of full Batta, Horse Allowance 30 Rupees per mensem and Stationery Allowance 10 Rupees per mensem.

3. He also authorises the temporary appointment of an extra Sub-Conductor during the employment of one of the permanent Sub-Conductors on this duty.

4. A report of the proceedings of Sub-Conductor Whelton, who has been selected for the work, will be submitted to Government at the end of every 3 months, until the work is completed

(True Extract and Copy.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.
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Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

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