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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
13th October 1863.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from Captain J. MITCHELL, Superintendent of the Government Central Museum ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th September 1863, No. 96.

I have the honor to annex for your information copies of letters received by me from the Officiating Principal Commissary of Ordnance,

A. From the Officiating Principal Commissary of Ordnance, dated 7th September 1863, No. 1,712, requesting me to appoint a time to attend the Arsenal to select Tanjore arms for the Museum.
B. Copy of a letter to the Ordnance Officer Trichinopoly, with a postscript stating that the Officer in charge of the Museum had a choice of selection for the Museum, &c.

Madras, having reference to a selection for the Museum of some of the arms belonging to the (late) Tanjore Rajah.

2. I met Lieutenant Colonel Worster at the Arsenal yesterday and saw the arms, but I did not select any as a question arose about payment for them, to which, not having been favored with any instructions from Government on the subject, I could only reply that I had not been provided with funds for the purpose. It was therefore resolved that I should address you on the subject, and that the selection should stand over until I am favored with your reply.

3. The collection contains weapons of a great variety of forms, among them some most exquisite examples of Native workmanship in iron (or steel,) and other metals; some of the specimens are probably of considerable age, and worthy of preservation in the Presidency Museum as relics of a civilization that is fast dying out and becoming matter of history. I consider it would be a subject for regret if the collection was either dispersed by a public sale or allowed to leave the Presidency. It is indeed an opportunity of adding to the Museum collection that may never occur again, and as it would appear, from the postscript of letter B, to be the intention of Government that I should make a selection, I am induced to hope that I shall be permitted to do so freely, indeed to take all except some duplicates, the elephant and horse armour, which would require a great deal of space for its exhibition, and two or three fire arms of European workmanship, and therefore not required.

A.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. K. WORSTER, Officiating Principal Commissary of Ordnance ; to the Officer in charge of the Government Central Museum, dated Fort Saint George, 7th September 1863, No. 1,712.

I have the honor, under instruction from the Inspector* General of Ordnance and Magazines, to request that you will be good enough to inform me, when it will be convenient for you to meet me at the Arsenal, for the purpose

* Copy enclosed.
of valuing Tanjore arms, &c., and selecting such portion as you may consider suitable for the Museum.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MITCHELL, Captain,
*Superintendent of the Government
Central Museum.*

B.

From Colonel G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Ordnance Officer, Trichinopoly, dated Fort Saint George, 1st September 1863, No. 3,595.

Ordnance Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 49, dated 19th August 1863, and with reference to the disposal of the proceeds of the Tanjore arms, &c., to refer you to the

Order of Government, No. 1,409, dated 29th April 1863, from which you will observe that the amount realized is to be made over to the

Government Agent Tanjore, for payment to the family of the late Rajah.

2. You will therefore be particularly careful to keep a distinct and separate account current properly supported by vouchers of articles received by you, and the amount realized in the sale thereof.

13th October 1863.

7. I shall reply hereafter to your query regarding the charge of 5 per cent, on the sales effected by you of the Tanjore arms, &c.

ble by a valuation in communication with the Officer in charge of the Government Museum with whom the choice of selection for the Museum will rest.

By order,

(Signed) J. B. CARDOZO,

Head Uncovenanted Asst. to the Inspector

General of Ordnance and Magazines.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. WOODHOUSE, Lieutenant,

Acting Commissary of Ordnance

(True Copy of a Copy.)

(Signed) J. MITCHELL, Captain,

Superintendent of the Government

Central Museum.

ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1863, No. 313.

and make over to the Superintendent such as he may select for exhibition in the Government Central Museum.

in communication with the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General for its payment to the senior widow Kamakshi Bhai Sahiba,

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

their opinion that the slaves should be released, their value paid by the Govt to the owner of the family, and that the slaves themselves, those at least of any interest, should be deposited in some suitable place of shelter where they could be seen by all.

In the last part of the Order passed upon these matters of May 12th, 1854, communication, it was resolved in accordance with the wishes of Mr. A. B. Conner, & the Master W. H. Frankland, that any of the slaves that were exhibited or of interest should be transferred to the Central Prison at Kansas. This arrangement was approved by the Rich. H. Lee of the State on his appointment to the Govt of Indian Affairs in that Territory. With respect to the cost of

Procuring the cost of the slaves, the Govt directed that they should be sent to the Commissionary of Prisons at Philadelphia to be released & deposited in the Prison at the value having paid to the family. The Agent at Tanjore was at the same time requested to ascertain whether among the slaves there were any which the family would wish to retain as family relief, and if such he was desired to make over to them a limited number. In his letter of the

18th March 1854, the Agent reported that he had given effect to these instructions.

It does not appear that the Agent of the Government was ever required to make a valuation of the slaves to be deposited there.

J. H. F.
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Superintendent of the Govt. Gen-
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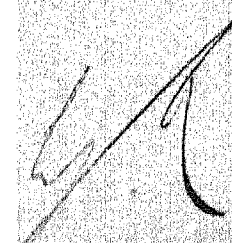
(Dated 11th Sep. '63 - N^o 96)
Order - N^o 313 of 13th October 1863

In the last para of
their Proceedings of the
17th May 1862 - N^o 193, the
Govt. directed that such
of the arms as were
curious or of interest
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Secy. of State in para 5
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As these, like the rest of the arms sent to British-
-nopoly, have to be valued by the Ordnance Dept^y & their value paid to the use of the family of the late Rajah of Tanjore, His Excellency the Governor in Council requests that the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazine will cause a valuation to be fixed on those arms that have been sent to the Presidency, & make over to the Superintendent such as he may select for exhibition in the Govt. Central Museum. Captain Mitchell is permitted to take all the articles, except those specified at the end of his letter which are not required.

required by him.

2 The Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazine will report the amount of the value that may be fixed on the arms to be made over to the Museum, when arrangements will be made in communication with the Dy. Secy. & Acct. -
-sistant General for the payment to the senior widow Kamakshi Bai Sahiba.



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Dated 13 October 1963

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