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No. 36. Read the following letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Government Agent, Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 23rd January 1863, No. 16.

With reference to paragraph 8 of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 21st August last, No. 336, I have the honor to report that I have despatched to the Arsenal at Trichinopoly, as directed, all the weapons in the armoury of His Highness the late Rajah, as per printed list submitted to Government by the late Commissioner with his letter marginally noted, with the exception of such as were made over to Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba under the authority conveyed in the same paragraph. I have transmitted also a number of other weapons not included in that list which were also found in the armoury.

Dated 2nd April 1860, No. 950.

2. Besides those thus disposed of, there are a number of weapons of various old native fashions, as per the list herewith enclosed, which are not only useless, much damaged and of little or no value, but also so bulky and heavy, that the cost of sending them to Trichinopoly would be much more than they are worth. I have therefore not transmitted them to Trichinopoly, and have left them where they were under my lock and seal. There is besides the above, a mass of broken and damaged pieces of swords, daggers, knives, &c., of which I can give no better idea than by describing them as a heap of rubbish.

3. It appears to me therefore that the best way of disposing of the whole of the above would be to break them up to such small pieces as would admit of their being made use of in no other way than as metal, and then to make them over to Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, and I beg consequently to solicit the sanction of Government for so doing.

List of useless weapons not included in the printed list found extra in the armoury of His Highness the late Raja of Tanjore.

No.	Description.	No. of Articles.	Remarks.
1.	Spears of kinds	228	These are common bamboo and wooden sticks mounted at the top with pointed spears of an ordinary description.
2	Matchlocks	119	More or less damaged and useless.
3.	Jingalls	43	Very long and heavy. A cart can carry no more than ten of these.
4.	Do. short	1	
5.	Carnatic Gun	1	
6.	Gun tubes	14	Very heavy.
7.	Short heavy Gun tubes	16	
8.	Small Cannons	7	Intended apparently as play things, being so small as to preclude the idea that they were intended as weapons of war.
9.	Bayonets	9	These are common sticks mounted with bayonets.
	Total	438	

(Signed) G. LEE MORRIS,
Acting Government Agent.

TANJORE, GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,
VALLUM, *January* 1863.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1863, No. 87.

His Excellency the Governor in Council thinks it desirable that the arms referred to in the foregoing letter should be sent to the Trichinopoly Arsenal. They can be sent by Railway, and probably the cost of transmission will not be considerable.

2. The Governor in Council requests that Mr. Morris will state what arrangements he has made for sending the State swords and jewels belonging to the Regalia to Madras.

(Signed) J. A. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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