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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th December 1867.*

No. 101. Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 29th November 1867, No. 69 :—

* To the Officer in charge of the Central Museum,
No. 759, dated 27th August 1867, with en-
closures.
From do. No. 105, dated 5th Sept. 1867.
To Dr. Hunter, „ 792, „ 7th „ „
From do. „ 264, „ 12th „ „
To do. „ 835, „ 23rd „ „
From do. „ 320, „ 30th „ „

1. I beg to submit, for the informa-
tion and orders of Government, the
enclosed copies of correspondence,*
relating to certain native arms and wea-
pons belonging to the late Poligar of Pa-
roor in this district, which were sent from
here for the Madras Exhibition of 1855.

2. Dr. A. Hunter in his last letter reports that the arms in question have
been already sold on behalf of Government, and I have, therefore, no alternative
than to apply to Government to sanction payment of their estimated value.

3. I have ascertained from the son of the late Poligar that the arms and
weapons sent to the Exhibition in 1855 are valued at Rupees 316, and of course I
have no means of testing this valuation; but as the family have fallen into very
depressed circumstances since the death of the late Poligar, I trust the Government
may be moved, under the explanation given, to authorize the disbursement of the
above amount, Rupees 316, on account of the arms and weapons in question, to the
representative of the late Poligar. A separate statement, particularizing the
weapons and shewing their value, is enclosed.

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1867, No. 2,904.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Collector is authorized to
pay Rupees 316 to the representative of
the late Poligar of Paroor on account
of the arms lent for exhibition in 1855 and not returned, but sold by mistake and
the proceeds credited to Government.

2. The Collector will express to the family the regret of Government at the
oversight that occurred.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
„ the Accountant General.
„ Surgeon Major A. Hunter, M. D.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 759. Trin.

The Collector
South East.

To.

The officer in charge
of the Central Museum
Madras

Sir,

With reference to the
accompanying copies of
correspondence which I
enclose for your information
& guidance, I have the
honour to request that if the
Arms therein mentioned
are now in the Museum
at Madras they may be
at once forwarded to me
free of charge.

2. An application
for the return of the said
Arms by the family of the
the

The owner who at the time of the Maori Exhibition of 1855 desired they might be restored to him has suggested the reference to you, as I believe all articles sent to that Institution which were not disposed of were transferred to the Central Museum, but if I am wrong in this belief kindly inform me as to the authority to whom I should apply on the subject.

I enclose } I have few
27th Sept 67 } signed J. H. R. R. R.
C. M. R.

No. 10. To Dr Edward Balfour
Secy General Committee. Maori Exhibition.

With reference to your Circular letter of the 25th

September last we have the honor to forward the under-mentioned specimens of the Native Arms used by the people in this part of the country.

Circular } signed L. J. Ward
4th January 1855 } / " / Arthur Hall.
C. M. R.

List.

- 3 Spears.
- 1 Iron Pike.
- 2 Swords.
- 1 D. Small / Fencing /
- 3 Daggers.
- 1 D. / Bang /
- 2 Match locks.
- 1 shield.
- 1 Fencing stick.

No. 60 To Dr E. Balfour
Secy to the General Committee
Maori Exhibition

With reference to Para 3 of

That the Local
Committee & Directors
generally be asked to
state which of the articles
sent in their consignments
are private property, and
how such property is to be
disposed of at the close
of the Exhibition.

N^o 105.

March, 5th Sept 1867.

To,
Capt. J. Mitchell
Superintendent Govt Central Museum
No. 10,
The Collector of South Australia.
Sir,

In reply to your letter N^o 759
of the 27th August 1867 I have the
honour to report that the records
of

of the Museum have been
carefully examined. & that
it appears no Arms from
Caddalore were received from
the exhibition of 1855.

2. The Museum, I
understand, only received such
articles as were detected by
D^r. Balfour, or were
presented by the owners. The
former were all paid for,
and I have the bills now
before me. D^r. Hunter was
the "Director of Arrangements"
and appears to have conducted
all the correspondence, and
whether it would be proper
to call upon him to account
for these articles after the
 lapse of twelve years is more
than I can take upon me
to say.

I signed J. Mitchell Capt.
Govt Central Museum

of the Resolution annexed
by your letter of the 6th instant,
No. 212, we have the honor
to inform you that the
articles sent by exhibitors
whose names were specified
in the lists which accompanied
their consignments are private
property and can be either
sold for the prices offered
or returned to them. The
rest having been collected
by the Local Committee
may be disposed of as
the General Committee
think best with the exception
of the specimens of the
Native Arms which are to be
returned through us to their
owners.

Yours faithfully
10 February 55
Richard D.
Signed / S. M. Washburn
/ " / Arthur Hall
M. L.

No. 212.

Benguetting Hall
Madras 6th February 1855

To, The Secretary to the
General Committee
Madras Exhibition.

To, The Local Committee
South Arcot.

Gentlemen,

Please the honor
by desire of the Right
Honorable the President &
Members of the General
Committee of the Madras
Exhibition to be held in
Madras in February 1855 to
annex copy of a Resolution
of this date.

Yours faithfully
Signed E. Balfour
Secy Madras Exhibition

No 792

From,
The Collector of South Coast.
To
D^r A. Hunter.
Madras.

Sir,
I beg to submit the
enclosed copies of Papers which
I addressed to the Superintendent
Government Museum, also copy
of a letter dated 5th Sept 1867
No. 105 from that office
in reply to mine on this subject.

2. Should it be in your
power to afford me any
information in the matter of
the Native Arms & Weapons
now claimed by the family
of the late Paroor Polygar I
shall be much obliged; if
not

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not forthcoming, I presume
under the circumstances,
Government will be prepared
to pay their value on my
representation.

Yours faithfully,
7th September 1867. / Signed C. W. Reade
Collector

No 264.

School of Industrial Arts
Madras, 12th September 1867

To, C. W. Reade Esq
Collector of South Coast.

Sir,

In reply to your letter,
No 792, of the 7th instant regarding
some arms the property of
the late Paroor Polygar, I
have the honor to inform
you that at the close of
the exhibition the first thing
that was done was to
separate

separate such articles of
private property as were
required to be returned
by the parties who exhibited
them. Amongst the articles
thus returned I remember
the arms which were lent by
Lord Harris, Genl. Anson
the Commander in Chief, the
Honble Walter Elliott & three
or four Native Gentlemen at
Hyderabad, Kurnool, & other
up Country Stations, who all
applied for their contributions

2. After searching
the correspondence connected
with the said Exhibition I find
that the arms alluded to
in your letter were sold by
public auction, and the
money placed to the
credit

credit of Government, as no
application was made by
the Officer of South Coast
or by the parties who sent
the arms either for their
return or for a refund of
their value. Had an
application been made to
G. E. Balfour Esq., the
Secretary, after the close of
the Exhibition the money
would then have been
refunded.

Signed Alex. Hunter M.D.
Surgtt Genl of the Indian Army

A.H.

The account sales of
articles disposed of after the
close of the Exhibition are to be
found in the Arsenal amongst
the Papers connected with the
Exhibition of 1855 returned to the
Secretary.

Signed A. Hunter

N^o 835

From, The Collector South Coast
To, A. Hunter Esq
Madras.

Sir,
Referring to your
letter of the 12th instant, for
which I beg to thank you,
I have the honor to request
you will kindly inform me
of the amount realised by
the sale of the arms & weapons
I^{ca} sent to the Madras Intestment
of 1855 and which belonged
to the Paroor Polygar.
My object is to supply to
Government full refund
of this money to the Polygar's
family also, consequent on
his

his death, are in very
reduced circumstances.

Yours Very
Sincerely,
Signed / J. H. Reade
23rd September 1867. (Master)

N^o 320

School of Industrial Arts
Madras 30th Sept 1867

To, C. W. Reade Esq
Collector South Coast.

Sir,

In reply to your
letter, N^o 835, dated 23rd instant,
I have the honor to inform you
that it will not be easy to
identify from the account
sales the arms & weapons
that were the special property
of the Paroor Polygar of
South Coast. The articles
remaining

remaining unsold or
unsold were handed
over by Order of Government
to Messrs. French & Co. at
the close of the Exhibition for
auction sale & the proceeds
realized were paid over
to Government. The papers
& accounts were also handed
over and I cannot say
who has now got charge
of them. I would recommend
you to get a statement
made out of the value
of the arms & forward
this to Government with a
request that the amount
may be paid, as the
arms were inadvertently
sold on account of Government.

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Please the honor to the
Sir

Yours Sincerely

J. Signal / Alex. Hunter, M.D.
Superintendent School of Pharmacy, etc.

/ True (Sigs) /

Charles Beade

Collector.



List of Arms &c

Description	N ^o	Value
		N ^o
Sword	1	50.
D ^o small	2	30.
Gun	1	30.
D ^o parmakii	1	35.
Fencing stick	1	20.
Iron rod / hooked /	1	1.
Iron Pikes	2	29.
Spears	4	37.
Shield	1	15.
Spears / Bang /	1	14.
Dagger	1	15.
Weapons known as funder = Kopi & Sarakopi.	2.	40.
Total Pieces.		316.

South Coast
Chieftain's Office
Cuddalore
29th November 1867.

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Collector

Dec 32/84 1867
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in a letter from the
Collector of South Coast
dated 29 November 1867.
No 69-

Copies of correspondence
relating to the return
of arms belonging to the
Polygar of Saroon in
South Coast -

5-7 Dec 1867
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The fol^o is
authentic 2 pag. B. 316.
of the representations of the
late Richard P. P. P.
on account of the arms
but for exhibit in 1833
not returned but sold
by mistake & the proceeds
credited to Gov^t. The fol^o
won
by the gift of Gov^t at the
occasion that occurred

4. Copies Letter Call of South Street Dec 26 55
6. Copies the book given
by the Hon. Wm. Hunter. And

5. Dec 76

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The 5th Dec 2/67

See a letter from the
Collector of South Street
dated 29 November 1869
No 69-

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