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20th October 1982

The percussion rifle left here first thing this morning and your cheque arrived at the same time.

I have opened your letter which was addressed to Mr. McKelvey and I would inform you that I first saw this rifle in 1973 when I was ordered to go to India and examine the whole of the Hyderabad Armoury.

This was an Armoury of nearly 2000 weapons most of which were stamped with what we call the APX number. AP represents the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh followed by the number followed by 73 which was the year.

I enclose a photostat copy of the page which lists your rifle.

I have no time to supply you with more interesting details but I will write to you when I return from holiday.

I trust the weapon arrives safely.

Yours sincerely,

D. Winks
for Holland & Holland Limited

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A rare antique 6-bore percussion muzzle loading big game rifle by Charles Osbourne Circa 1835	1800	00
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An antique 6-bore percussion muzzle-loading big game rifle by Ogilvie of Grahamstown, Cape Colony Circa 1800	700	00
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	£2500	00
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28th September, 1988

Further to your telephone call I have despatched to you by airfreight British Airways to Pittsburgh the two rifles.

As you will see the Charles Osborne case does need re-lining and of course as you will observe I have made a bad mistake - there is a mould for the rifle, but it is a brand new reproduction which is not nearly as nice as you may have imagined. As I was dealing with sixty to eighty guns you can understand it was easy for me to make a mistake. I daresay I will make this up to you at some time.

The rifle by Ogilvy is interesting, as you can see it is a conversion from flintlock. The original rifle must have been made in the period of about 1790. John Batten, from whom I purchased the rifle researched this gun and discovered that this was from Graham's Town Cape Colony. What staggers me, of course, is the length of the barrel on such a large bore big game rifle - it must have been somewhat unwieldy in close bush.

I do hope they arrive safely, and I enclose a copy of the invoice to assist you in clearing them.

Life has been very busy at Bruton Street, and unfortunately we are going to have a lot of upheaval due to some re-building that is over a period of six months starting in February. Also, of course we no longer have Daryl. I do hope that your plans are progressing - do let me know when the bells are going to chime!

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Please be assured that you will get the other percussion rifle this year.

My kind regards to Holly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David".

DAVID WINKS
for Holland & Holland Limited