

CONVERTING SMOOTH-BORE INTO RIFLED GUNS.

cost of the gun would be reduced to £244 12s., and that of the gun, carriage, and platform to £300 6s. 6d.

The cost of the 6·3-inch (64-pounder) rifled guns would be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Cast-iron casing, 56 cwt. at 5s. per cwt.	14	0	0
Conversion	130	0	0
Sights and sighting	8	10	0
Proof	6	11	6
Freight from Woolwich to Newcastle and back	6	0	0
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Total cost 6·3-inch (64-pounder) gun of 61 cwt.	£165	1	6
Carriage (wood garrison), half-price	21	17	6
Dwarf traversing platform, half-price	31	15	6
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Total cost of 6·3-inch gun, carriage, and platform, delivered at Woolwich	£218	14	6

I request you will have the goodness to call the attention of the Government of Victoria to the fact of the above being remarkable bargains, which afford great advantages.

In conclusion, I beg to inform you that 100 converted rifled guns, complete, could be supplied within five months of the receipt of the order.

I have, &c.
W. PALLISER,
Major unattached.

The Hon. George Verdon, C.B., &c.