

injured by damp and making a re-
 quisition for oil, emery powder, whit-
 ing and chamois leather to enable
 him to remove rust, I beg to point out
 that you do not inform the Depart-
 ment whether or not those articles
 were sent to Agent McKay.

Neither is the Department able
 to judge from the correspondence
 whether Mr McKay is to blame for
 a neglect of duty as regards those
 samples or whether the instructions
 which you no doubt sent him with
 respect to them failed to reach him.

A reference to my letter to you of the
 25th March 1884, paragraph 5 shows
 the intention of the Department
 with regard to the safe keeping
 of the samples as conveyed in
 the following extract therefrom:

"Samples"

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