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No. 61. Read the following letter from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th August 1857, No. 39.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 931, of the 31st Ultimo, I have the honor to submit that there is not in Store a sufficiency of ordinary blue cloth for making up a tunic and pair of trowsers each, for the men of the mounted branch of the Madras Police Force as directed therein. The quantity in hand of that cloth being just sufficient for Army purposes, any incidental expenditure of it will cause a deficiency which it will not be practicable to supply.

In regard to the preparation of the water-proof cloth for capes, also directed to be supplied by this department, I beg to state that I am quite unable, both from the very limited and confined accommodation at my disposal, and the smallness of my establishment, to undertake to prepare the cloth so as to render it water-proof, and would therefore suggest that the process be ordered to be carried out at the Arsenal, where the sample cloth submitted to Government by the Commissioner of Police, was prepared.

I would also respectfully represent that the making up of clothing for other than Army purposes for which only the present Establishment under my charge is calculated will naturally tend to retard considerably the preparation of the clothing of the Madras Army. Already, the unusual supply of 12,000 pairs of blue drill trowsers for Her Majesty's Troops, ordered in Ex-
Military Department. tract Minutes of Consultation * No. 1367, of 27th April 1857, to be made up without delay, has thrown the regular work of this Department in arrears. I beg therefore to submit for the consideration of Government, the advisability of ordering such supplies as the present being made up by the Commissioner of Police himself, rather than have the issue of Army clothing delayed beyond the prescribed period.

(Signed) JOHN MACDOUGALL, Major,
Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, No. 994; dated 10th August 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter, the Commissioner of Police will arrange for having the clothing required for the mounted branch of the Madras Police Force made up under his own superintendence, charging for the same in a contingent Bill.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Lzd. F. Cartledge.