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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Military Auditor General and Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 2nd August 1861, *A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

His Excellency the Governor in Council in Order of Government, No. 2334, of the 9th July 1861, was pleased to refer to me for report and consideration, a proposal from Captain Hope, the Army Clothing Agent, that he should be permitted to make up Clothing for the new Mofussil Police.

2. Before responding to the call, I requested Captain Hope to favor me with information on certain points, a copy of his reply is annexed.

3. Captain Hope's proposal is that the Clothing should be made up under his superintendence; that Oxford Mixture Cloth, yards 28,750, at Rupees 3-2-9 per yard, equal to Rupees 91,191-6-6 for 23,000 Tunics or Jackets, should be taken from the surplus Stock in Store, and that a separate and distinct Establishment should be employed in making up the Clothing.

4. As regards the material, there would appear to be more than sufficient to meet the demand, but this surplus Stock can be made available for the purpose whether the Clothing is made up under his superintendence or otherwise, and no objection can therefore be taken to its being so used; on the contrary, it is highly desirable that the large surplus Stock should be diminished: but so long as there is abundance of available labor in the market, I do not understand on what principle the gratuitous and responsible supervision which he wishes to impose on himself would be beneficial to the Army Agency, nor do I deem it necessary to enter on the subject, as there appears to me to be objections in principle to his proposal which outweigh any such problematical reasons.

5. The Military Department exercises no control over the Mofussil Police,—it is entirely a Civil Institution;—Government has recently ruled that the connection between the two Departments shall cease; and under this ruling, the Commissariat is no longer a supplying Department to Civil Institutions; to entrust Captain Hope with making up the Mofussil Police Clothing, would be an indirect return to a system which has authoritatively been discontinued; while he would be imposing on himself heavy and responsible duties, over which his superior Officers in the Military Department, could not exercise any check or control:—I would submit that such divided duties and responsibilities are objectionable in principle, and should not be set aside, except on grounds of necessity.

6. No such grounds are apparent: the Police can obtain from the Agency any Clothing material which may be available; while the Police garments, being of the simplest description, there is no reason why the system of Contract should not be resorted to, in having them made up, under the supervision and control of its own Officers, without imposing on the Army Agency indirectly, duties which in no way appertain to it.

7. I would therefore respectfully submit that irrespective of all other considerations, it is objectionable in principle that the Clothing of the Mofussil Police should be entrusted to the Army Clothing Agency, whose duties it may be observed are already sufficiently onerous and responsible, more especially since the preparation of the Clothing of Her Majesty's Line Regiments was added to the other duties.

From the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, Madras, 30th July 1861, *No.* 1004; *to the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George.*

In reply to your letter dated 27th, and received 29th July, calling upon me for certain information in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 2334, of 9th July 1861, I have the honor to inform you that the number of Garments required to be turned out by this Department for the ensuing year are

European Infantry	2,400	of Oxford Mixture Cloth.
Native Infantry	11,000	
Infantry Hyderabad Contingent	5,000	
Sappers and Miners	1,300	
Sundries, such as Puckallies &c., &c.,	1,000	

2. About 23,000 Jackets will be required by the Police. I have in Store 113,000 yards of Oxford Mixture Cloth, of which 20,000 yards less or more, will be required to complete the Army supply for 1862. The Police Jackets will require 28,750 yards which, at Rupees 3-2-9

per yard, will cost the State Rupees 91,191-6-6, no other article of Stock will be used in completing these Jackets, and I do not intend debiting the Police for any article: the value of the Cloth used, plus ten per cent. commission, will be recovered through the Accountant General in the usual manner, and for every other item of charge they must furnish me with Cash to meet disbursements.

3. The bales of Khakee Cloth will be so few, and will only come to hand as required to be cut up, that their stowage I do not consider matter of any moment, as there are always temporary vacancies in some of the workshops—besides, this Cloth will be cut up, as fast as received. The Garments will be cut out here—but certainly not by the cutters on the present Establishment: the number required to cut the Police Clothing will be hired separately and paid for out of funds to be placed at my disposal by the Police.

4. The average daily number of cutters in this Department varies from sixteen to sixty; the daily number I shall employ on the Police work, depends so entirely on circumstances, that I could hardly give a correct estimate, say ten to twenty per diem. I experience no difficulty in procuring any *number* of Tailors, but wish to be able to select from them the best workmen: for this reason it is, that I am desirous to secure this Police Clothing: for, as it entails no extra work on my Establishment; as every man and Maistry employed on the Police work will be paid by the Police; it will bring a large number of Tailors about the Establishment and enable me, from this large body, to select the best workmen to do the Military work.

5. It is next to impossible in a letter, to describe these small details incident to a large working Establishment, but, if you would be so good as to pay the Department a visit, I could in but a few minutes shew you how it would be carried out.

6. In conclusion, I would remark that the style of the Police Jacket is much that issued to Lascars, requiring no supervision but that which must be paid for by the Police, and if you will refer to my letter to your address, No. 3599, of 11th February 1861, and to Proceedings of Government, No. 11, of 21st June 1861, you will find I deprecated the sale of Cloth to disadvantage—having then in view this supply to the Police, which will relieve the Military Department of Rupees 92,000 worth of Cloth, without incurring any loss or damage to the State whatsoever.

ORDER, No. 2866, 14*th August* 1861.

Communicated to the Judicial Department and to the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, with reference to the Proceedings of Government in this Department, No. 2334, of 9th July 1861.

2. Under the foregoing Report, the Governor in Council does not consider it expedient to sanction the proposal of the Superintendent and Agent to make up the Clothing of the Constabulary in his Department.

3. There is however no objection to the required quantity of Oxford Mixture Cloth, for 1862, or any other available material being obtained from the Clothing Stores on payment, as suggested by the Controller of Military Finance. The provision of Khakee Cloth and the arrangements for making up the Clothing being considered in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department. Ltr & Ftns Copies
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Clothing Department.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
- „ Adjutant General, for information.
- „ Military Finance Department.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

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Declining to sanction the proposal of the Supt & Agent for Army Clothing to make up the Clothing of the Constabulary in his Dept & transferring the question of the provision of Khakee Cloth & the arrangements for making up the Clothing for consideration in the Judl Dt

Withs an Order.

No 1086 — 30th August 1861.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

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The Inspector Genl. of Police. 30/8

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