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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th July 1861.*

No. 33. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th June 1861, No. 888.

Authorizing the Inspector General of Police to obtain clothing for the Police Force for 1862, from England.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 320 of the 9th March 1861, subject as per margin, I have the honor to state that I have been in communication with Messrs. Bain-

bridge and Co., regarding the supply of khaki cloth, &c., for the clothing of the Constabulary for 1862, and they offer to provide it on the following terms:

- 1st. They will purchase cloth of any given pattern and quality at the lowest rates obtainable in England.
- 2nd. They are to receive a commission of 5 per cent. on the cost of the goods.
- 3rd. They undertake the shipping, landing and delivering of the goods free of any extra commission merely receiving the actual amount of the charges disbursed.
- 4th. It is understood that the goods are to pay no duty.
- 5th. If the goods can be purchased in England on a long credit, no advance of money would be required, but if cash payment in England is essential, they would require funds to meet such bills as might be drawn on them by their home partner.

2. I have also been in communication with Captain Hope, Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, who is of opinion that it would be to the advantage of Government if all the clothing required for the Police were obtained through his Department.

3. I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter* received from Captain Hope on the subject, and am of opinion that it would be a more convenient plan of obtaining the clothing required than the present system, and I beg to recommend that Government permit Captain Hope to undertake the supply for next year.

* No. 475, dated 14th June 1861.

From Captain A. H. HOPE, Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing; to the Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated 14th June 1861, No. 475.

In reply to your letter of 10th June, I have the honor to state that this Department can very properly undertake the supply of garments both of khakee and of cloth, for the Madras Police Force, and is quite prepared, to have the garments made up and ready for issue by the commencement of the year 1862, provided it is at once placed in funds and granted authority to act. Khakee cloth of any of the patterns and shades given to your Personal Assistant, can be obtained at 6d. per yard, the expenses of freight and insurance would not be great.

2. The blue cloth can, likewise, be obtained from England; but I would not recommend cloth inferior to that of which I gave your Personal Assistant a pattern, and which costs 5/6d. per yard, being obtained. It is durable and lasting which an inferior quality, though cheaper in price, would not be. The charges for freight and insurance would add slightly to the cost per yard.

Captain Hope has since informed me that the issue of Oxford mixture cloth for the first year would be a saving to Government, as he has a surplus of this cloth owing to the recent Army reductions.

(Signed) W. R.

3. The Turkey red cloth can in like manner, be obtained at the market rates.

4. The charges for making up and dispatching the clothing, would then be the only expense to be incurred, which exclusive of all ornaments or badges would average about 3 Annas per garment, and with such a large number as 1,15,000 garments to have made up, in the labor market, the Government may consider it would be best to have them provided by this Department; as otherwise, there would be competition between two Departments; which must enhance the cost to Government of workmanship.

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5. Government is aware that the clothing of the Nair Brigade was recently committed to this Department; as it was found that it was much cheaper to do so, than to resort to the local markets.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1861, No. 862.

Referred to the Military Department in reference to Order of Government, 23rd March 1861, Judicial Department, No. 397, and in view to it being decided whether there be any objection to the Agency of the Superintendent of Army Clothing being employed for providing Clothing for the Police Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon 4th July 1861, No. 862

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*To, The Military Department
- Lt. Army Clothing
- Insp. Gen. Madras Police*

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From,
W. Robinson Esqre
Inspr Genl of Police
To, T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort St George

Rec'd 25th ————

Enclosure 1

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Recommends that
Captain Hooper may
be permitted to unde-
take the supply of
clothing for 1862 for
this Department.
With an Order.

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Exd. F. Cartledge.