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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Madras Police, 24th June 1861, No. 888; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

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. Bainbridge and Co., regarding the supply of Khakee 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 the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, 14th June 1861, No. 475; to the Inspector General of Police, Madras.

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. B.

3. The Turkey Red Cloth can in like manner, be obtained at the market rates.

4. The charges for making up and despatching 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.

5. Government is aware that the Clothing of the Nair Brigade was recently committed to

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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.

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.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

From the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, Madras, 5th July 1861, No. 17; to the Secretary to Government Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, No. 1208, dated 8th April 1861, I have the honor to report that, on the 5th idem, I addressed the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, in view to ascertaining his requirements and the arrangements under which the Police should be clothed.

2. Mr. Robinson informed me last month on these points: viz., that, 46,000 suits of Khakee garments would be required annually: and 23,000 Cloth Tunics bi-ennially, issuable in January.

3. In reply, I addressed the Inspector General, per letter printed with the Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, under date 4th instant, No. 862, copy of which has just reached me.

4. And I now beg to state, per paragraph 4 of that letter, that it would be to the advantage of Government, to commit the provision of the Clothing for the Police, to this Department, and so enable it, to have a thorough command over the labor market.

5. The Oxford mixture cloth available, will admit of the Cloth Tunics being furnished from the stock in Store, without interfering with the demands for Army Clothing for the ensuing year: and, if permitted, I can at once proceed with the making up of Tunics for the Police, and have them completed in a very short time.

6. I would recommend, should Government see no objection, that this Department supply the Madras Police with their Clothing as an experimental measure for this year: to be reported on to Government by both the Inspector of Police and this Department: the Government will, then, be able to decide on the continuance of the system. I can, however, inform Government that, this work will in no way interfere with the regular duties of this Department, but on the contrary rather assist.

ORDER, No. 2334, 9th July 1861.

Referred to the Military Auditor General and Controller of Military Finance for consideration and report, in communication with the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

2. The Report should shew how far the requirements of the Police can be met without interfering with the regular issue of Clothing to the Army—also what proportion of charges for Establishment and rent should be debited to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Alfred Russell
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Military Auditor General and Controller of Military Finance.
" Clothing Department.
" Judicial Department. *With 3 spare Copies.*
" Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.

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