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Read the following papers :—

No. 13. From J. W. S. WYLLIE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 19th August 1863, No. 5,290.

Home Department.
Judicial.

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a communication* from the Military Department, with annexures relative to the greatly increased price of the material of which the summer clothing of the Troops has been hitherto made, and to the consequent inquiry whether Jail Workshops can provide a substitute for American Drill; and to request that, under the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, it may be reported to this Department what amount of any of the fabrics specified in the Adjutant General's Tabular Statement as a suitable substitute for American Drill the Government of Madras may be prepared to furnish not later than the 1st of December next, and at what prices per yard. It is necessary that the width of each fabric and the date on which its delivery can be made should be invariably specified.

* Office Memorandum, No. 71, dated 4th July.

No. 71.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, DATED SIMLA, *the 4th July* 1863.

The undersigned has been directed to forward the accompanying letter† from the Adjutant General, drawing the attention of Government to the greatly increased price of the material of which the summer clothing of the Troops has been hitherto made, and requesting to know whether it is or would be within the power of the Superintendents of Jail Workshops to produce a suitable fabric in such quantities and at such a price as would enable it to be adopted as a substitute for the American Drill.

† No. 517E of 24th June 1863, with enclosures. (Return requested.)

2. The undersigned requests that the Secretary to Government in the Home Department will be so good as to cause the above information to be afforded at as early a date as practicable.

(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, Lieut. Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor General.

From Colonel E. HAYTHORNE, Adjutant General of Her Majesty's Forces in India; to Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. NORMAN, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with the Governor General, dated Simla, the 24th June 1863, No. 517E.

I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to request you will submit to the Government the accompanying precis of replies to a Circular issued from this office, inquiring the present prices of "American Drill."

The precis will show how much the cost of this article has been increased within the last one or two years; and how desirable it, therefore, is to find a substitute for the summer clothing of the British Soldiers in India.

The "Dussootee" cloth, manufactured in the country, seems to be a good material for the purpose; and it may be expected to be in great demand next year.

The high cost of "American Drill" will put it out of the reach of the Soldier. Regiments have provided themselves for this season; but in the next it is most likely they will be obliged to fall back on a cheaper article.

His Excellency desires to bring this subject to the notice of Government with reference to his former remarks on the advantages of local manufactures, as conveyed in my letters, No. 403 of 29th ultimo, and No. 469 of 16th instant.

Sir Hugh Rose will be much obliged if the Governor General will permit inquiries to be made as to whether the Jail products will be sufficient to meet these demands. It is advisable to make timely arrangements; and with the information now asked for, Commanding Officers will be better able to do so.

Tabulated Abstract of Replies to Adjutant General's Circular Memorandum, dated Camp Deobund, the 17th March 1863, respecting substitutes, &c., for American Drill (Clothing No. 12E.), dated Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Simla, the 24th June 1863.

Corps.	Station.	Officer Commanding.	Letter.		American Drill.			Recommends in substitution:	Remarks.
			No.	Date.	Old rate. Per yard.	Present current rate. Per yard.	Difference in excess. Per yard.		
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
2nd Dragoon Guards.	Benares.....	Major Dyne.....	841	2nd April	0 6 6	0 9 6	0 3 6	Nil ...	American Drill is not procurable in the local Bazar; the necessary supply has been obtained from Calcutta. Cannot recommend any other material in lieu.
7th Dragoon Guards.	Umballah....	Colonel Thompson	119	7th April	...	0 12 0	...	Durrie or good Doosootee..	The second quality of Drill is used in making up Tunics and Parade Overalls. Durrie or good Doosootee at eight Annas per yard is used for the men's Riding Overalls.
7th Hussars.....	Peshawur....	Lieut.-Col. Bushe.	149	15th April	...	...	...	...	American Drill is procurable at this Station at a very exorbitant price. The increase on last summer is one Rupee fourteen Annas per suit.
8th Hussars.....	Meerut.....	Colonel DeSalis...	26	10th April	...	0 11 0	...	Doosootee....	A supply of American Drill has been obtained for the present season at eight Annas per yard. The prices in country towns depend on that in Calcutta. Recommends Doosootee as a fair substitute for Drill.
10th Hussars.....	Lucknow.....	Lieut.-Col. Jenkins	551	4th April	...	0 12 0	...	...	American Drill is not procurable in the local Bazar in very large quantities; it is now selling at from 12 Annas to one Rupee per yard.
20th Hussars.....	Sealkote.....	Colonel Stannus...	11	10th April	...	0 9 0	...	.....	The clothing of the Regiment is in good order, so that only about 400 suits will be required this year. American Drill is not procurable in the local Bazar. The price of a suit made of it is five Rupees. Nothing can be obtained which could be advantageously substituted for that material.
21st Hussars.....	Muttra.....	Lieut.-Col. Curtis.	216	7th April	0 5 0	0 11 0	0 6 0	Durrie manufactured at Loodianah.	Thinks that Loodianah Durrie, which is made both thick and fine, might be used; the former for Overalls and the latter for Tunics. American Sheeting at six Annas per yard would make tolerably good Tunics; but this material, if used generally, will also increase in price, and its supply become exhausted.
E. By., 16th Bde., R. A.	Allahabad.....	Captain Marshall..	44	6th April	0 3 6	0 10 6	0 7 0	Durrie.....	The price of American Drill at this Station is exceedingly high. Obtained a supply from near Calcutta at the following rates:— Tunics at Rupees 2-6 each, Trowsers at Rupees 2-6 each and Overalls at Rupees 3-4 each. No durable substitution can be recommended for Drill.
24th Brigade Royal Arty.	Meean Meer...	Colonel Carleton...	80	9th April	0 6 6	0 10 0	0 4 6	.....	Nothing like American Drill, no matter whatever be the cost of same per yard or suit.
2nd R. H. Brigade	Meerut.....	Colonel Hushye...	280	8th April	0 4 0	0 10 6	0 6 6	Durrie.....	The price of American Drill has more than doubled during the last three years. Recommends Loodianah Durrie as a substitute for that material (pattern annexed.)

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A. By., 11th Bde., R. A.	Fyzabad... ...	Captain Wyllie...	121	6th April	Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	Rs. A. P. 0 12 0	Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	.....	American Drill is 12 Annas per yard at this Station, being double the rate charged for this material last year; cannot recommend any other cloth in lieu.
E. By., 19th Bde., R. A.	Jullunder.....	Captain Watson...	44	11th April	...	...	...	Durrie.....	The men of this Battery are all provided with Drill, which they prefer.
E. By., 2nd R. H. Bde.	Peshawur.....	Captain Artay.....	181	10th April	...	9 to 12 Annas.	...	Durrie.....	Recommends Loodianah Durrie as a substitute. American Drill is procurable at from 9 to 12 Annas per yard, but the supply in the market is scarce, and the texture coarse and unfinished. Recommends Loodianah Drill as a substitute, but it is rather too coarse for Tunics, which must be continued to be made up as heretofore.
B. By., 2nd R. H. Bde.	Benares.....	Major Bishop.....	723	3rd April	0 4 0	0 10 0	0 6 0	.....	American Drill is not procurable here. The price ranges from 10 to 10½ Annas per yard. Purchased a supply at nine Annas per yard.
Royal Arty. Division.	Saugor	Captain Turubull.	38	11th April	...	0 10 0	...	.....	Knows of no substitute for Drill. The price of American Drill at this Station is 70 per cent. dearer than it was last year, which is considered very unreasonable
25th B. R. A. ...	Agra	Colonel Reid.. ...	143	14th April.	...	0 11 6	...	.....	No cheaper article for making up white clothing can be found here than American Drill, the current prices of which are :— Coarse, per yard ... 10 Annas Fine, ,, ... 13 ,,
D. By., 11th Bde., R. A.	Bareilly... ...	Major Hastings....	...	22nd April.	...	...	...	.....	American Drill is not procurable at Bareilly, but country-made Drill of an inferior quality can be had at 10 Annas per yard.
6-24th R. A. ...	Mooltan... ..	Lieutenant Ryan.	123	8th May...	...	...	...	.....	Has made a contract for the supply of white clothing for his men at Rupees 3-8 per suit.
No. 1 By., R. A...	Lucknow.....	Captain Pariah.....	244	16th April.	...	...	..	....	The price of American Drill, though high, is not exorbitant. A dress can be procured of the best quality for Rupees 5.
Sappers and Miners.	Roorkee... ...	Major Tennant...	233	29th April.	...	...	...	.....	American Drill is not obtainable at this Station. Jean is being procured from Delhi and Furruckabad at 10 Annas per yard. Sheeting suitable for Tunics only can be had at seven Annas per yard.
Royal Arty. ...	.....	{Col. Adye. (Col. Brind).}	3,088	25th May...	...	...	...	.....	Is of opinion that although the price of American Drill has somewhat risen, still it is much superior to any material of country manufacture, and that the men prefer paying the extra price. Colonel Brind states that "Loodianah Drill is always stretching, and not well adapted for Overalls."
5th Royal H. Bde.	Umballah ...	Colonel Abbott...	68	4th May...	...	...	...	Loodianah Durrie.	Offers some particulars regarding the cause of the enhanced price of American Drill. Recommends Loodianah Drill as a substitute.

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A. By., 5th R. H. Bde.	Rawul Pindee.	Major Bunny... ...	312	9th April.	...	0 9 0	...	Durrie... ...	American Drill is procurable here for about nine Annas per yard. Doosootee would make a good substitute, but its price is equally the same as that of American Drill.
B. By., 5th R. H. Bde.	Umballah.....	Major Light... ...	101	6th April.	...	...	...	.....	Although the American Drill has risen greatly since the breaking out of the American War, thinks that no other material procurable would be either as suitable or as cheap as Drill, even at the present rates. The cost of a suit in 1862 was Rupees 2-13; in 1863 Rupees 4-5.
C. By., 5th R. H. Bde.	Umballah.....	Captain Cookes...	2,112	15th April.	...	...	...	Durrie for Pantaloons.	Considers American Drill the best material for Tunics, and Loodianah Drill most durable for Trowsers. The price of a suit is Rupees 1-2 higher this than the last season.
D. By., 5th R. H. Bde.	Mecan Meer..	Captain Mercer....	...	22nd April.	...	10 to 12 Annas.	...	Sheeting for Tunics	The price of American Drill is very high in comparison with former years. Good Sheeting can be procured at from seven to eight Annas per yard, and might be used for Tunics in lieu of Drill, but it does not look well.
E. By., 5th R. H. Bde.	Mecan Meer	Major Tate ...	77	24th April.	...	10 to 12 Annas.	...	Loodianah Durrie for Overalls.	American Drill is still procurable at this Station; there is no good substitute for it; Loodianah Durrie for Overalls is also procurable, but is a very inferior article.
F. By., 5th R. H. Bde.	Sealkote ...	Captain Barnes....	221	25th April.	...	10 to 12 Annas.	...	Loodianah Durrie.	The price of American Drill is very high at Sealkote, which causes the cost of white clothing to come very heavy on the men, more especially upon Recruits, who, on joining, have to be provided with a full kit.
D. By., 16th Bde, R. A.	Dinapore ...	Captain Dundas.	137	19th April.	...	0 12 0	...	...	American Drill is not procurable at Dinapore under 12 Annas per yard. Is unable to recommend a substitute in lieu.
G. By., 16th Bde., R. A.	Barrackpore	Captain Heath ...	123	28th April.	0 5 0	0 10 0	0 5 0	English Drill at 7 Annas per yard.	American Drill has, within the last few weeks, risen to 10 Annas per yard. The only substitute procurable is English Drill at seven Annas per yard, but it is inferior to American cloth.
C. By., 16th Bde., R. A.	Hazareebagh	Major Francis ...	39	27th April.	0 6 6	0 10 0	0 3 6	Dark blue Serge.	Has found no difficulty in procuring this year the requisite supply of American Drill; suggests that dark blue Serge Tunics, loose, be supplied for reasons given.
No. 7 By., 16th Bde., R. A.	Barrackpore	Major Dowell ...	121	24th April.	..	...	...	Blue Serge for Tunics.	American Drill is not procurable at this station, its price in the Calcutta market ranges from 10 to 12 Annas per yard. Is unable to recommend any other material in lieu for Overalls; but recommends blue Serge for Tunics for the reasons given.

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					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
A. By., 19th Bde., R. A.	Peshwar ...	Lieut. Ford ...	166	9th April.	...	..	...	Loodianah Durrie.	In consequence of the high price of American Drill, found it necessary to substitute Loodianah Durrie for Overalls, which he considers equally as good as Drill. Tunics will be made up as heretofore at a cost of about Rupees 3-4 each.
D. By., 19th Bde., R. A.	Ferozepore...	Captain Tulloh...	362	27th April.	0 5 0	0 10 0	0 5 0	Ditto ...	The present price of Drill is ten Annas per yard; before the out-break of the American War it was from four to five Annas. Recommends Loodianah Durrie as a substitute for Drill.
1st. Bn. 7th Foot.	Ferozepore...	Major Marten...	2181	8th April.	...	10 6 0	..	.....	Anticipating a rise in American Drill, a supply was obtained last winter at a reasonable rate. No material for summer clothing so good or lasting as American Drill, and is unable to recommend a substitute.
1st. Bn. 20th Foot.	Benares ...	Lieut.-Col. Cormick.	496	2nd April.	...	0 11 0	...	White Durrie.	American Drill can be procured here, but not at a reasonable rate, it being 11 Annas per yard, or five Rupees per suit. Encloses a sample of white Durrie as a substitute.
1st Bn. 23rd Foot.	Agra... ...	Colonel Wells ...	609	4th April	...	9 to 12 Annas.	...	.....	American Drill is procurable at Agra at a very exorbitant rate, being at least double last year's price. Nothing like Drill; is unable to recommend any other material in lieu.
27th Foot... ...	Gondah... ...	Colonel Baumgartner... ...	615	15th April	...	...	...	.....	American Drill is not procurable at this Station, nor is any other article suitable for white clothing. Last year a sufficient supply was obtained from Cawnpore at Rupees 2-4 per suit; on enquiry finds that a similar dress cannot now be had under Rupees five and six Annas.
35th Foot ...	Fyzabad... ...	Colonel Walter ...	139	4th April	...	...	...	.....	American Drill is not procurable at Fyzabad, neither can any substitute be obtained. Has ordered a large consignment from Calcutta, which will amount to nine Annas per yard adding charges for carriage up, each suit will average Rupees 4-12, being 11 Annas over last year's rate.
38th Foot... ...	Dinapore... ...	Lieut. Col. Willis..	104	1st April	...	...	...	.....	The price of American Drill supplied to the men up to date comes to Rupees 3-4 per suit, but in consequence of the great rise in this material is now unable to procure it under Rupees 5 per dress. No substitute.
42nd Highlanders.	Dugshaie... ...	Lieut. Col. Priestly	92	10th April	...	...	...	.....	American Drill is only obtainable at Dugshaie and adjoining Stations in very small quantities; the price ranges from eight to ten Annas per yard. Has procured a supply from Calcutta at five Annas and six Pice per yard. Is unable to recommend a substitute.

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46th Foot...	Cawnpore.	Capt, Nicholas	265	7th April	...	0 12 0	...	.....	American Drill is only procurable at a very high price at this Station. Is unable to recommend a substitute in lieu of that article.
48th Foot...	Lucknow	Colonel Campbell.	250	4th April	...	...	...	.....	Cannot suggest a substitute for American Drill with advantage to the Soldier; linen manufacture not being suitable and still more expensive.
51st Foot...	Rawul Pindee.	Colonel Bright	101	15th April	...	...	...	Loodianah cloth for Trowsers.	Recommends Loodianah cloth for Trowsers, and Drill for Tunics of which a suit will cost Rupees 3-8.
52nd Foot...	Hazareebaugh	Colonel Dennis	146	7th April	...	0 12 0	...	English Drill.	There is next to no American Drill at this Station; and the little that is procurable cannot be had at a reasonable price. Recommends the substitution of English Drill of which he has purchased a supply for the Regiment.
54th Foot...	Roorkee...	Colonel Herbert...	...	25th April	...	...	...	.....	Has bought up a supply of American Drill for the Regiment to the extent of three suits per man at the rate of Rupees 4-10-6 per suit, which he considers to be a fair price owing to the increased rate in the market of this material.
77th Foot...	Allahabad...	Lieut. Col. Chichester.	49	6th April	...	0 9 6	...	...	American Drill is procurable here at a very high rate, consequently he took upon himself to have the men's clothing prepared from a lighter description of Drill which is the most suitable that could be obtained at this Station; the price is six Annas per yard.
79th Highlanders	Peshawur ...	Col. Hodgson....	100	7th April	...	10 to 12 Annas.	...	...	(Description not stated). American Drill is not procurable at this Station in sufficient quantities to meet the demands of the Corps; the current price is from ten to twelve Annas per yard. Has obtained a supply of country Drill from Loodianah at a cheap rate.
80th Foot...	Jhansie.....	Major Hardinge.	6	7th April	...	...	...	...	American Drill is being procured from Cawnpore at 12 Annas per yard. No material can be recommended as a substitute for American Drill. As Serge will be issued to the men this year, intends to apply at once to the Superintendent of Army Clothing for the difference in value of the materials for the purpose of cheapening the cost of white clothing.
81st Foot..... ...	Morar... ...	Col. Smith... ...	338	7th April	0 4 6	0 11 6	0 7 0	Sheeting (sample appended.)	The price of American Drill at this Station is 11 Annas and 6 Pice per yard, being an excess as noted. The Regiment is complete in summer clothing. Encloses a specimen of sheeting as a substitute, which can be had at seven Annas per yard.

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					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
82nd Foot.....	Subathoo ...	Lieut.Col. Watson.	9¾	18th April	...	...	...	...	Has made arrangement for the supply of summer clothing at Rupees 3-10 per suit; at present is unable to procure a supply of American Drill for less than Rupees 6-8 per dress. The Regiment is well supplied with summer clothing, with exception of Volunteers.
88th Foot.....	Shajehanpore	Col. Maxwell ...	328	7th April	...	0 12 0	...	...	All cloth in this country has risen in price in proportion to American Drill. American Drill at this Station is now 11 and 12 Annas per yard. Anticipating the difficulty which has arisen, he purchased 10,000 yards in Calcutta last year, at six Annas per yard.
89th Foot.....	Mooltan ..	Col. Boyle... ...	44	12th April	0 5 0	0 8 0	0 3 0	...	No substitute for Drill. The increase in price of American Drill at this station has been considerable. The present price for best quality is about eight Annas per yard, the cost last year was only five Annas. Is of opinion that the price will still further increase.
90th Foot...	Meerut... ...	Col. Guise... ...	...	10th April	...	...	...	Calico (sample appended.)	American Drill clothing for the Corps is Rupees 4-8 per suit. Encloses a sample of Calico as a substitute, but considers the price of Drill to be not very exorbitant, when taking into account the durability of that material.
91st Foot... ...	Jubbulpore..	Lieut.-Col. Patterson.	168	9th April	...	...	...	Serge Tunics with Trowsers of white country Cotton Cloth.	American Drill is not procurable at this Station, nor in the immediate neighbourhood. The Corps has procured a supply of white clothing at a reasonable rate. Recommends in substitution Serge Tunics with Trowsers of white country Cotton cloth.
93rd Highlanders	Sealkote.. ...	Major Burroughs	153	8th April	...	...	...	...	American Drill is very high at this station, the price of a suit being from Rupees 5 to 5-12. No substitute for Drill. Recommends, for the reasons assigned, that the Tunic be worn for three instead of two years, and that compensation Rupees ten be allowed to each man for the provision of summer clothing.
94th Foot... ...	Jullunder....	Lieut.-Col. Carmichael.	81	10th April	...	...	...	...	American Drill is with difficulty procurable in any quantities at this station. The rates have risen from Rupees 3-2 to Rupees 3-12 per suit. Is unable to recommend a substitute.
97th Foot... ...	Saugor.... ...	Col. Turner.	760	4th April	...	0 11 0	....	...	American Drill is procurable at this Station, but the price is very high, being 11 Annas per yard.

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98th Foot... ...	Umballah ...	Col. Bourchier...	103	8th April	...	0 12 0	...	Long Cloth..	American Drill has risen from 80 to 100 per cent. at this Station; the rate at which it is now selling varies from 12 to 14 Annas per yard. Recommends Long Cloth as a substitute.
101st Regiment..	RawulPindee	Major Salisbury.	91	9th April	...	0 10 6	...	Loodianah Durrie.	American Drill is not procurable in large quantities here. Has made a contract for the supply of white clothing. Encloses a sample of Loodianah Durrie, which he recommends in substitution.
101th Foot... ...	Bareilly.....	Lieut.-Col. Birch	491B	19th April	...	0 8 0	...	...	American Drill of a fair quality, and at eight Annas per yard is procurable here. Prefers Drill to any material used in the making up of summer clothing.
107th Foot... ...	Lucknow ...	Lieut.-Col. Patton	77	19th April	..	0 12 0	..	...	American Drill is procurable here in small quantities at 12 Annas per yard. Anticipating an increase in the price of that material, he purchased a supply in Calcutta, and is now making up 1,500 suits for the Corps.
2nd Bn., R. Bde.,	Delhi ...	Lieut.-Col. Fyers..	...	6th April	..	...	...	...	A supply of Doosootee to meet the demands of the Battalion has been ordered from the Meerut Jail (sample enclosed). Drill will be again taken into use as soon as its price comes within the limits of the Soldier's means.
3rd Bn., R. Bde.,	Meean Meer...	Colonel Macdonell.	...	17th April	...	0 9 0	...	Loodianah Durrie.	American Drill cannot be procured here under nine Annas per yard. Recommends Loodianah Durrie as a substitute, which can be had at three Annas per yard.
13th Foot ...	Dum-Dum ...	Lieut.-Col. King...	1018	6th April	0 5 0	0 7 0	0 2 0	Nil ...	American Drill is procurable at this Station at seven Annas per yard. No substitute for that material. Suggests for reasons given that Government be recommended to bear the expense of a suit of white clothing every second year.
43rd Foot ...	Fort William.	Lieut.-Col. Booth..	136	15th April	...	...	...	English Drill for Trowsers and coarse Cotton for Tunics.	American Drill cannot be procured except at a very high rate, the price of that material being 12 Annas per yard. At present a Tunic and pair of Trowsers cannot be purchased under Rupees 3-12. Recommends the substitutes noted.
3-25th R. A. ...	Fort William.	Lieut. Fairfield ...	175	7th April	...	...	...	Nil ...	A medium quality of Drill is obtainable here at eight and a half Annas per yard.
F. By., 16th Bde.,	Barrackpore..	Major Dowell ...	121	24th April	...	...	...	Blue Serge for Tunics.	American Drill is not procurable at this Station; its current rate in the Calcutta market is from 10 to 12 Annas per yard. Recommends, for reasons given, that blue Serge for Tunics be substituted.

Tabulated Abstract—(Concluded.)

Corps.	Station.	Officer Commanding.	Letter. No.	Letter. Date	American Drill. Old rate. Per yard. Rs. A. P.	American Drill. Present current rate. Per yard. Rs. A. P.	American Drill. Difference in excess. Per yard. Rs. A. P.	Recommends in substitution.	Remarks.
East Indian Regt....	Dacca. ...	Captain Lance ...	299	6th April	...	...	...	English Sheeting.	Obtains the necessary supply of American Drill from Calcutta, where its price is from nine to ten Annas per yard. Recommends English Sheeting in lieu, which can be had at from five to six Annas per yard.
Lahore Light Horse...	Barrackpore. ...	Lieut. Barnes ...	181	2nd April	0 5 4	0 10 0	0 4 6	Patna Doosootee.	Formerly the price of American Drill was three yards a Rupee, it is now ten Annas per yard, and is rising in price daily. Recommends Patna Doosootee in lieu.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for report.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 14. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 7th September 1863, No. 252.

Judicial Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference relative to the supply of American Drill before the 1st December from the Jails of this Presidency, and in reply to state that no supply could be furnished by that date, and that for such Drill as is made a price can be obtained that would not allow of its being sent to Bengal without loss.

2. With East Indian cotton at four and five times the usual rate and with labor at near double the former rates the value even of country thread precludes the out-turn of cheap cotton goods.

3. I think the best and cheapest cloth I know in the Presidency, suited to the purpose, is that made by the Rajahmundry weavers, I used to get them large orders, and when I was staying there in May, I bought a little, and though I do not recollect the price, I know that I was suprised to find that the price was not higher.

4. I bought some excellent punjum tent cloth at Cocanada at 6 Rupees for 20 yards, I should ten years ago have got 36 yards for the money, but I thought it cheap.

5. If due notice is given and a continuance of demand and price guaranteed, the workshops for weaving may be extended, but I doubt if Drill can be produced of good quality under 6 Annas a yard, and it would hardly pay to send this to Bengal.

6. There can be no cloth for overalls superior to the Rajahmundry six twisted thread and eight thread (that is four in the web and four in the woof, "*Lunkoni Gooda*") woven of the red cotton or what is called "*Méleya nool.*"

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1863, No. 1,585.

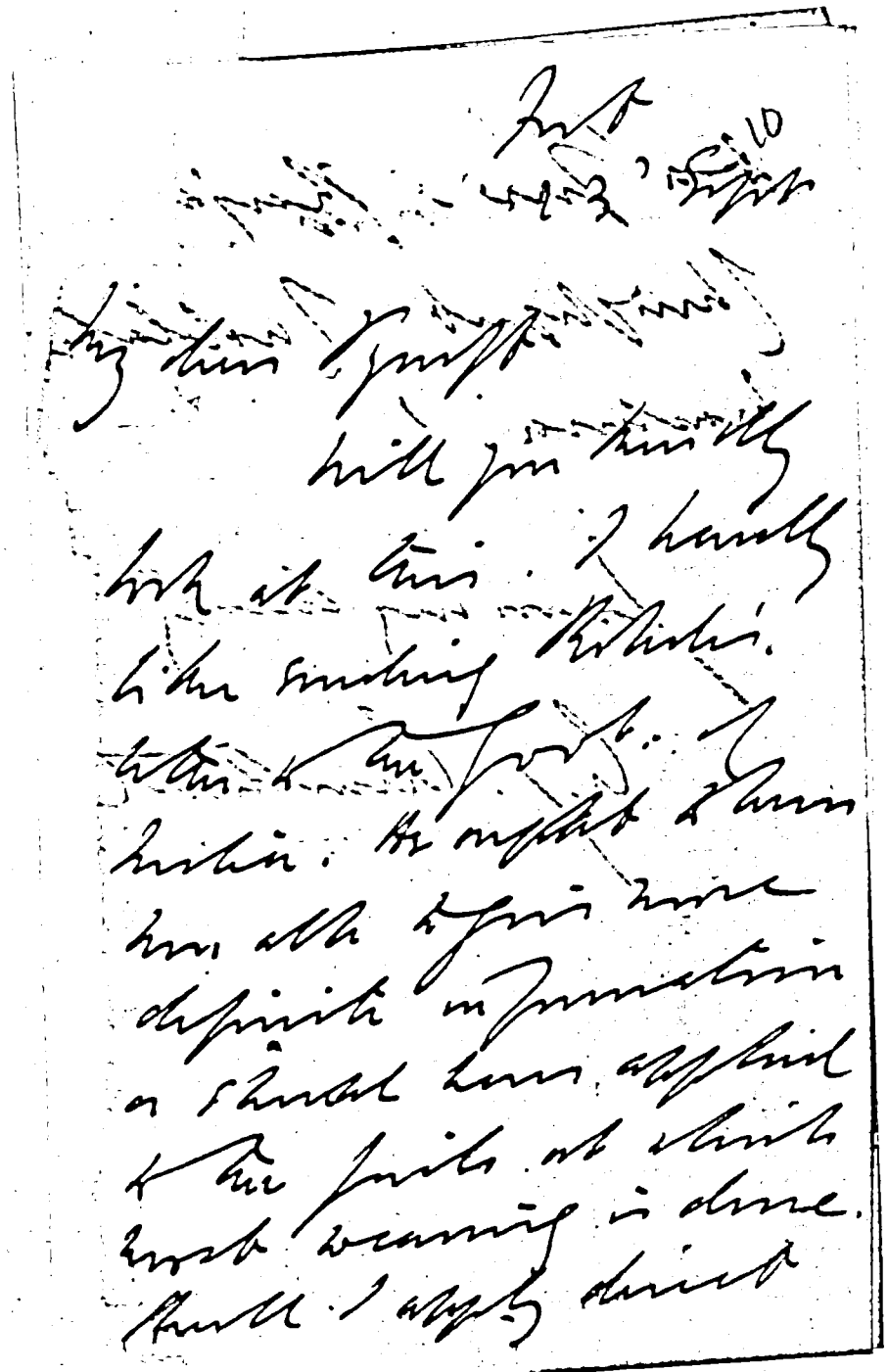
Resolved that the Officers in charge of the Jails at the stations named in the margin, be requested to submit, each in respect to the Jail under his charge, a report to the effect required by the Government of India.

Rajahmundry. Chingleput. Cuddalore. Madura.

2. With reference to paragraphs 3 at 6 of Mr. Rohde's letter, the Collector of the Godavery District will ascertain what description of cloth, and what quantity could be produced by the weavers of Rajahmundry. He will also furnish samples of the fabrics, with the prices noted on them.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMoorty.



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No 3852.

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Acting Govr of Saida

R. J. Arbuthnot Esqre
Chief Secy to the Govt of
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