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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

14th May 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 133. From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 2nd April 1867, No. 628.

General Department.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of the Resolution* of this Government, No. 609, dated 30th ultimo, and to request that, with the permission of the Government of Madras, you will be good enough to state, with reference to the concluding paragraph thereof, whether the higher grades of Police Officers in the Madras Presidency do not receive a larger sum than Rupees (4) four on account of clothing.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay, in the General Department, dated 30th March 1867, No. 609.

Read the following papers :—

Letter from the Committee (G. NORMAN, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, and Major J. W. HENDERSON, Acting Commissioner of Police) appointed by Government to inquire into the question for supplying Clothing to Police and other Subordinates in the Civil Department, to F. S. CHAPMAN, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th November 1866, No. 5.

With reference to Government Resolution, No. 1131, dated 8th June 1866, we have the honor to offer the following remarks with reference to the question of the source whence Police Clothing should be obtained.

2. We find that, except in the Province of Sind, cloth required for making up Police clothing has hitherto been obtained from the Superintendent of Army Clothing. In Sind the Police are clothed in the cold season in "buruk," a cloth manufactured in Afghanistan from camel's hair, and during the hot weather they wear coats of cotton.

3. Under the orders now in force all Superintendents, both in Sind and elsewhere, will have to make their own arrangements for obtaining cloth for their men. As this system has not yet been tried we cannot speak with certainty as to the result, but we believe it will be found to be both extravagant and inconvenient.

4. We consider that, under the departmental system, however much a Police Superintendent may exert himself to clothe his men in the most economical manner, it is scarcely to be expected that he will obtain his cloth in the cheapest, and at the same time the best, market. In most cases, we believe, the Superintendents, from having no personal experience in the cloth trade, will be compelled to rely on agents in Bombay, who will, of course, make their own profit out of the transaction.

5. Another difficulty under this system will be to guard against loss arising from the use of inferior material, or from any other cause. It is scarcely to be expected that every Superintendent will be able to find a Contractor willing to bind himself to such an extent as to guard Government against the possibility of a loss, and unless this be done losses will surely follow.

6. The Police Establishment of the Bombay Presidency numbers about 450 Officers, and 20,000 Non-Commissioned Officers and men, exclusive of Railway Police, Cantonment Police, and a few Local Corps, such as the Kolapoor Infantry, &c. Of this number about 50 Officers and 2,000 men are mounted, the remainder being foot.

7. They are all allowed a coat once in two years, the cost, as given in Appendix D, page 203, in Sir George Clerk's Minute on the reorganization of the Police Force, being in the Foot Police Rupees 4-1-5 for a Sepoy's coat, and in the mounted branch Rupees 10-6-5 for a Sowar's; the Officer's clothing being calculated at about double the above rates.

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8. It requires about two yards of cloth to make an "angrica" for a Mounted Policeman, exclusive of binding. For a Foot Policeman about 1½ yards will suffice. It has hitherto been the custom to use three different descriptions of cloth—one for the Officers, another for the Non-Commissioned Officers, and a third for the Privates. We are of opinion that two descriptions will suffice in future, the Non-Commissioned Officers and men being clothed alike.

9. It appears, therefore, that in the Police alone the biennial consumption of cloth amounts to—

Mounted.

50 Officers, at two yards..... 100 fine.
2,000 Non-Commissioned and men, at two yards. 4,000 coarse.

Foot.

400 Officers, at 1½ yard..... 700 fine.
18,000 Non-Commissioned and men, at 1½ yard 31,500 coarse.

being 800 yards of fine cloth and 35,500 yards of coarse, or a yearly consumption of half that amount. To this must be added the quantity consumed by the Superintendent of Stationery for Peons' clothing, being about 400 yards of fine cloth, and 2,600 yards of coarse cloth, per annum.

10. We consider that all Police throughout the Presidency should have the same uniform, and that all Peons attached to public offices should also be dressed alike. The same description of cloth might be used for both. At present the uniforms in the several Police Corps vary considerably, and the same may be said with regard to Peons in public offices.

11. The Superintendents of Police are unanimous in the opinion that they should be allowed to make up the clothing for their men themselves, and by employing Policemen they could, no doubt, perform the work cheaper than it could be done elsewhere. They also consider that they can purchase material for lining at a lower rate than it could be procured from England, and in this opinion we also concur.

12. We, therefore, recommend that the woollen cloth alone should be obtained from England, the exact description of which must be fixed upon before we shall be in a position to estimate the cost. We believe, however, that the estimated cost of Police clothing, as given in Sir George Clerk's Minute above quoted, is considerably below the actual cost.

13. We beg to enclose various patterns as per annexed list, and we would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners of Police be requested to decide upon the descriptions best adapted for their purpose.

14. One of the patterns, marked No. 9, is of the description now used by the Police in the town of Bombay. This cloth was obtained by Major Henderson from the manufacturers, Messrs. Arthur and Co., of Glasgow, who are willing to supply it at the rate of 5s. 2d. a yard. This cloth appears to wear very well, and if a very large quantity were taken no doubt a better description might be obtained at the same rate.

15. We would beg to recommend that the pattern selected be sent to England, and that the Home Government be moved to supply on Indent the quantity annually required.

16. In order to save the expense of a large Office Establishment in Bombay, we would recommend that arrangements be made in England for packing up the quantity of cloth required by each Superintendent separately, so that the packages need not be opened in Bombay, but may at once be forwarded to their destination.

17. We can at present form no estimate of the probable cost of the extra Establishment it would be necessary to entertain in Bombay for the transaction of this business, but we would recommend that the duty be entrusted to the Superintendent of Army Clothing. We think that Officer should receive some extra remuneration for the additional work he will have to perform, and that he should be permitted to entertain a few Clerks for this special duty.

18. In conclusion, we would beg leave respectfully to remark that the sooner the question is finally disposed of the better for the interests of Government. The coats last supplied to the Police are rapidly wearing out, and if the orders now in force for obtaining a further supply be carried out we feel confident that Government will be a heavy loser.

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List of Patterns of Blue Woollen Cloth.

No.	Cost per yard.			Remarks.
	RS.	A.	P.	
I.....	3	6	11	Patterns obtained from the Superintendent of Army Clothing—Cost in India. No Custom duty charged.
II.....	3	1	5	
III.....	3	5	7	
IV.....	2	9	3	
V.....	8	1	6	
VI.....	7	7	9	Bombay Police Cloth—Cost price in England.
VII.....	5	0	8	
VIII.....	4	3	3	
£ s. d.				
IX.....	0	5	9	Patterns received from Messrs. Arthur of Glasgow—Cost price at Glasgow.
X.....	0	2	11	
XI.....	0	4	10	
XII.....	0	5	3	
XIII.....	0	5	3	
XIV.....	0	6	0	
XV.....	0	6	3	

Memorandum by J. KING, Esq., Acting Under Secretary to Government, No. 2333, dated 20th November 1866.

Forwarded in succession to the Officers noted in the margin. Each Officer will be good enough to record his opinion, giving the number of the pattern and the price of the cloth which he selects, and will pass the papers, &c., on to the next as soon as possible, the last on the list returning them to this Office.

Commissioner in Sind.
Police Commissioner, N. D.
Police Commissioner, S. D.

Memorandum by S. MANSFIELD, Esq., Commissioner in Sind, No. 40, dated 17th January 1867.
The Commissioner in Sind has the honor to forward this correspondence, with patterns of cloth attached, to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., and to record the following observations for the information of Government.

2. The Commissioner concurs generally in the opinion expressed by the Committee. He considers that Officers and men should be allowed coats once in two years, and that two descriptions of cloth will suffice; the superior description for Officers, and the inferior for Non-Commissioned Officers and men. After a careful inspection of the patterns of cloth forwarded by the Committee, the Commissioner has decided upon recommending that pattern No. VIII. be used for the latter, and pattern No. V. for Officers. He considers that the cloth now supplied to the Bombay Police is of too coarse a description. Such cloth is apt to catch the dust too readily, and from its liability to friction to wear white at the elbows and seams sooner than cloth with a more dressed surface. The cloth now recommended for use will not only look better, but will, the Commissioner believes, be found more economical than that of a cheaper and coarser description.

3. Superintendents of Police should indent on the Superintendent Army Clothing for the cloth, which should be procured from England by that Officer packed in the manner suggested in paragraph 16. The samples of cloth recommended for the Police will serve equally well for Peons.

Memorandum by A. ROGERS, Esq., Police Commissioner, N. D., No. 254, dated 14th February 1867.

Passed on to the Commissioner of Police, Southern Division.

2. Since the 1st of January 1867, the Native Commissioned Officers of the old Police in the Northern Division have merged into Head Constables 1st and 2nd Class, and Havildars and Naigues

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into Head Constables 3rd and 4th Class, and the Police Commissioner, Northern Division, is of opinion that the cloth for the uniform of the two former classes should be superior to that for the latter.

3. The cloth last supplied for the rank and file of the Surat Police was of the description of No. II. (Rupees 3-1-5 per yard). This is excellent cloth, and should be adhered to as the sample when issuing supplies for Constables.

4. Head Constables 3rd and 4th Class should be allowed coats of No. VIII. (Rupees 4-3-3 per yard), and Head Constables 1st and 2nd Class of No. VII. (Rupees 5-0-8 per yard).

5. No. VI. (Rupees 7-7-0 per yard) will do for Chief Constables, and No. V. (Rupees 8-1-6 per yard) for Inspectors.

6. Cloth Coats are supposed to last two years, but owing to the manner in which they are worn by the Constables, and the heat and dust in the warm weather, they begin to look shabby after one year. To prevent this, and to give the Police a neat appearance, the Police Commissioner, Northern Division, would advocate the issue of a Khakee Coat with the cloth uniform for use in the months of March, April, May, October, and a part of November. The cost would not be much, and might, with a small grant from Government, come out of the allowance of Rupees 4 per annum sanctioned for clothing in the new arrangements.

Memorandum by J. W. HADOW, Esq., Police Commissioner, S. D., No. 387, dated 28th February 1867.

The Police Commissioner, S. D., begs, in returning these papers to Government, to state that he agrees entirely in the opinions expressed by Mr. Rogers in his Memorandum, No. 254, of the 14th instant.

2. Mr. Hadow begs to add that as clothing for the Police is in some of the districts of this Division already long over-due, it is very desirable that an early decision should be passed by Government on the subject of these papers.

RESOLUTION.—The Committee have misapprehended the orders of Government quoted in paragraph 3 of their report. It was never intended to entrust the duty of purchasing the cloth to the District Superintendents, but to the Police Commissioners, who would have arranged for their whole Divisions.

2. The course recommended by the Committee in paragraphs 15 and 16 of their report should be adopted.

3. The descriptions of cloth as per margin should be purchased for the several grades, and the District Superintendents should be required to submit Indents accordingly to the Police Commissioners, and a general Indent, showing the quantity of each description of cloth required for each district, should be sent in to Government by the several Commissioners.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council fully concurs in the opinions that have been expressed as to the difficulty of making one coat last for two years, and is pleased to authorize any savings there may be out of the allowance of Rupees 4 per man per annum being expended on Khakee, or other light clothing.

5. Inquiries will be made as to whether the higher grades of Police Officers do not receive under other administrations a larger sum than Rupees 4.

Ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to—

The COMMISSIONER IN SIND,
The POLICE COMMISSIONER, N. D.,
The POLICE COMMISSIONER, S. D.,
The SUPERINTENDENT of STATIONERY,
The COMMISSIONER of POLICE, Bombay,
The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
The JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT of the SECRETARIAT,
The MILITARY DEPARTMENT of the SECRETARIAT.

(Signed) H. E. JACOMB,
For Chief Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th April 1867.

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

No. 134. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 2nd May 1867, No. 736.

General Department.

In acknowledging the receipt of letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated 2nd April 1867, No. 628, referred to me for report, I have the honor to state that the Police of this Presidency receive no clothing allowance.

2. Clothing as per margin is supplied by Government.

YEARLY.
2 Suits of Cotton clothing.
1 Turband.
2 Pairs of Sandals.
BIENNIALY.
A warm coat.
A country blanket.

No. 135. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th May 1867, No. 754.

Account Department.

With reference to your docket Memorandum of the 4th instant, No. 134, I have the honor to inform you that the present annual cost per man of the clothing issued to the Police is as shewn in the margin.

	RS.	A.	P.
Constable.....	12	8	2
Deputy Head Constable.....	12	10	8
Head Constable.....	14	0	8

No. 136. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 14th May 1867, No. 777.

Adverting to your letter, dated the 2nd ultimo, No. 628, I am directed to state, for the information of the Government of Bombay, that the Police Constables in this Presidency are supplied by Government with clothing. The allowance per man is—

Yearly.
Two suits of cotton clothing.
One turband.
Two pairs of sandals.
Biennially.
A warm coat.
A country blanket.

14th May 1867.

2. The annual cost per man is—

	RS.	A.	P.
Head Constable... ..	14	0	8
Deputy Head Constable. ...	12	10	8
Constable... ..	12	8	2

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

21st Dec 17/5-

Judicial Department

No. 777.

2-
His Chief Secretary to the
Government of
Bombay.

Sir,
Adverting to
your letter dated the
2^d ultimo, No. 628, I am
directed to state for
the information of the
Government of Bom-
bay that the ^{supplies to the} Police force in
this Presidency are:
- certain allowances
for clothing are supplied
to Govt. Police.
- The Clothing Sup-
- ply for the Police force is
- made by Govt. for
- nearly
- two suits of Cotton clothing
- one handkerchief.
- two pairs of Sandals.
- Bismillah.
- A warm Coat.
- A Country blanket.

No

1. The annual
cost per man, is:

- ① Constable — Rs 12.8.2.
- ② S. & P. Constable — Rs 12.10.8.
- ③ Head Constable — Rs 14.0.8.

Int. St. George
14 May 1867