

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1850

Dated 4th Sept: 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF TENTS.

Approving the draft rules submitted by the Inspector-General of Police regarding the----, subject to the omission of rule 9 which should be embodied in a separate order as it relates to a distinct matter.

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Enclosure No.

To letter No.

From Inspector-General of Police.



Order.

It is notified that the Government has recently sanctioned the supply of Government tents to each officer in the superior grades of the Police service down to Assistant Superintendents.

The allotment for the year will only suffice for the supply of four sets of tents for the Inspector-General and the Deputy Inspectors-General and eight sets of Superintendents' tents and six sets of Assistant Superintendents' tents besides one set of tents for hill work.

It is hoped that the Jail department will be able to supply these before the end of the official year.

The accompanying set of rules are issued for general information. They will apply to all officers who will be supplied with a set of Government tents.

Very careful attention must be paid to them. The Inspector-General intends to begin by supplying all the officers who have come or will come from furlough in the current year and the recently-appointed Probationary Assistant Superintendents. These officers are—

Mr. Fullerton.

Mr. Miller.

„ Robinson.

„ Gover.

„ Carmichael.

„ Waring.

„ West.

„ Walker.

„ Hasted.

Besides the above it is hoped that the Deputy Inspectors-General will also be supplied in the current official year.

Rules for the maintenance of Government Tents supplied to Police Officers.

1. *Supply of tents.*—With a view to enable officers proceeding on inspection tours to command the greatest amount of convenience possible during such tours in respect of proper accommodation for themselves and for their offices, Government has sanctioned the supply of tents.

2. *Allotment of tents.*—The allotment of tents has been fixed as follows:—

Inspector-General and Deputy Inspectors-General of Police.

1 Swiss cottage tent (14' x 14').

1 tent with bath-room (14' x 14').

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- 1 shooting-pal (10' x 10').
- 1 servants' tent (12' x 12').
- 1 necessary tent (4' x 4').

Superintendents of Police.

- 1 hill tent with bath-room (14' x 14').
- 1 shooting-pal (12' x 12').
- 1 servants' tent (12' x 12').
- 1 necessary tent (4' x 4').

Assistant Superintendents of Police.

- 1 hill tent with bath-room (12' x 12').
- 1 shooting-pal (10' x 10').
- 1 servants' tent (12' x 12').
- 1 necessary tent (4' x 4').

Special scale applicable to Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents stationed in Malabar, South Canara or hill tracts—

- 1 miniature Swiss cottage, bamboo poles, three folds cloth (10' x 10').
- 1 shooting-pal, bamboo poles (10' x 10').
- 1 servants' tent (10' x 10').
- 1 necessary tent (4' x 4').

Date.

3. Tents issued to Inspector-General, Deputy Inspectors-General, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police are intended for the use of the offices to which they are supplied.

4. *How to keep tents when not in use.*—When not in use, tents should generally be kept in a dry place on stands about 18 inches high so as not to be damaged by rats or whiteants. But during the monsoon, when they are not in use, they should also be spread out in the sun to dry not less than once a month.

Instructions for pitching and striking tents.—The following instructions are laid down for pitching and striking tents. Attention to these will surely make them last much longer than they would do otherwise. The failure on the part of any officer to comply with these instructions should, therefore, be promptly reported to the Inspector-General of Police for orders:—

(1) Tents should on no account be pitched under tamarind trees.

(2) When tents are being pitched or struck and the ground is at all muddy, the tent bags or some straw should always be spread below them to keep them clean.

(3) Great care must be taken in pitching tents that the pegs for the ropes are placed in a straight line with the canvas in the fly, so that the strain may be direct and equal and not happen to be exactly in the true line, which will seldom be the case. It is the safest plan never to allow them to be tied to trees. The tents bag at the corners, the ropes, which pass up inside the round the pole, must be pulled moderately tight and tied to the corner ropes so as to make the strain come on them and not on the canvas.

(4) In stormy weather, the corner and storm ropes of tents should invariably be 'bushed.' If bushes cannot be procured—as in sandy tracts, it may sometimes be the case—a hole should be dug and a tent peg be buried at right angles to the direction of the rope at a depth of a couple of feet, the rope tied to it and the hole be filled in and the sand firmly rammed down. It will be found that ropes so secured will hold in sandy soil far better than if tied to pegs driven in in the ordinary way.

(5) When rain comes on, all tent ropes should be slightly slackened off, so as to allow for the shrinkage of the ropes and canvas when they get wet. Ropes are otherwise liable to be broken and canvas to be torn, and it often happens that their shrinking pulls the pegs out of the ground, especially in the dry weather when the ground is hard, and the pegs have probably not been driven in deep. If this should happen at night as it frequently does, the fact that the pegs have drawn is likely to pass unnoticed and the tents will be liable to be blown down if the wind should rise.

(6) Care should be taken not to strike and pack tents when damp from rain or dew. A march had better be a little delayed than that a tent be spoilt from mildew, which is the certain consequence of packing tents when damp.

5. *Allowance for repair of tents.*—No allowance will be made for the repair of tents for twelve months after their original issue, save under special circumstances to be reported for orders. In subsequent years, the Deputy Inspectors-General of Police may authorise annual expenditure for petty repairs not exceeding an average for their ranges of Rs. 20 per set of tents for the first three years, Rs. 25 for the next two years and Rs. 30 per annum for any further period. If larger sums are required for the repair of tents, an estimate must be submitted to the Inspector-General of Police for orders with a full explanation of the necessity.

These allotments are made merely to meet fair wear and tear. Damage due to negligence must be paid for by the officers causing it. It should be understood that Government has no intention of supplying lascars for the care and pitching of tents. Officers must make their own arrangements in this respect as they have done in the past with respect to their own tents.

6. *Report on the condition of tents by officers.*—Officers assuming charge of offices to which tents have been allotted will report on the condition of the tents taken over by them in Form A. The report should be submitted in duplicate through the proper channel to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, who will forward one copy to the Inspector-General of Police with his remarks, if any, and retain the other for record in his office. Before forwarding these reports to the Inspector-General of Police, the Deputy Inspectors-General of Police, through whose hands they pass, should give the necessary orders as to repairs which can be executed locally.

7. *Inspection of tents.*—Superintendents of Police are requested to make a practice of inspecting their Assistants' tents and Deputy Inspectors-General the Superintendents' tents, which should be

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pitched for the purpose, at frequent intervals. They should notice the condition of tents in their reports on their inspection and submit an annual return of inspections on the 1st of April in each year in Form B. These yearly reports on inspection of tents should be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police with a copy of their remarks in special cases. The responsibility of officers for proper upkeep of tents in their charge is personal and should invariably be enforced.

8. *Tents when and where to be repaired.*—Repairs found to be required should be completed as early as possible, so that all tents may be in perfect order. For repairs required in excess of the scale sanctioned in paragraph 6 above, they should, as a rule, be sent to the Vellore Jail whenever that can be done without inconvenience. The Inspector-General of Prisons has directed the Superintendent of Central Jail, Vellore, to receive all tents that may be sent to him for repairs and to use his utmost endeavour to do the work satisfactorily.

9. Every officer, whether permanent or officiating, of and above the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, shall provide himself with two horses or one horse (not under 14'2") and one pony.

Form A.

Report on the Condition of Tents on assumption of charge by Mr. _____ from Mr. _____

District.

Particulars.	Report of the officer assuming charge.	Report of the officer giving over charge.
1. Place of manufacture.		
2. Date of receipt (of each tent separately, if whole set was not received at one time).		
3. Particulars, date and cost of repairs up to date.		
4. Present condition of—		
(a) Swiss cottage tent.		
(b) Hill tent.		
(c) Shooting-pal.		
(d) Miniature Swiss cottage (bamboo poles, three folds cloth).		
(e) Necessary tent.		
(f) Servants' tent.		
5. Repairs required at the time of the assumption of charge.		
	Signature.	Signature.

Note.—Heads 1, 2 and 3 need not be filled in by the Relieving officer.

Form B.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

From

The Deputy Inspector-General
of Police, Range.

To

The Inspector-General of Police.

Dated

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Date.

Date.

Subject.

Report on the inspection of tents
for the year ending

No. G-48.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 4608.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary

to Government.

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SIR,

Enclosure
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I have the honor with reference to G.O. dated
8th May 1895, No. 957, to submit for approval
draft rules regarding the maintenance
and repair of tents. They have been taken
from the orders of the Board (Separate
Revenue) and seem to meet the requirements
of the Police. Experience may suggest additions
or alterations and these can be made as
necessity arises.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

M. Hammick,

Inspector General of Police.

CURRENT NO. 3887
Jad. (1895) DEPARTMENT.

FROM
M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

To
THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

No. 4608.

Dated 14th August 1895.
Received 15th
Regd 16th
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SUBJECT.

Submitting, for approval,
draft rules regarding the
maintenance and repair
of tents.



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Two more sent to
D. S. 17/8. Cover

Rules for upkeep of P. & T. Tents.
G.O. 957-8-5-95-enc.
no. 4 papers

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For orders
As to whether the draft rules may be
approved? The last rule (no. 9) seems the
out of place in a set of rules relating to the
"maintenance of Govt. Tents."
The draft rules have been copied from the Govt. Circular
orders contained in pages 20 & 21 of the Vol. put up.

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* In contents i. 12
Yes - better find some
other place for it
31/8/95

Order 84 September 1895, No. 1850.
Min.

The draft rules regarding the main-
-tenance & repair of tents are approved, subject
to the insertion of rule no. 9
which shall be embodied in
is out of place in a set of rules relating to
the maintenance of Govt. Tents, and the LG should
find some other place for it.

(For orders)
To C. S. 17/8. Cover
Copy to LG of Police & to order 9/9/95
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AD AGAIN G.O., No.
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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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