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2. Much unnecessary time has been lost in determining the exact samples which should serve as standards for the cloth, of which a large quantity is required by the Commissariat Department, for the manufacture of tents issued to the Quartermaster-General's Department.

3. As regards carpets required by the Commissariat Department, there has been an uncertainty as to the quantity which would be accepted by the department, and as to the price to be paid for the carpets.

4. There has also been doubt as to the final acceptance of articles by the Quartermaster-General's Department.

5. On the part of the Police there has been, in some instances, an apparently capricious rejection of serviceable articles. For example, sandals manufactured by the same jail have been warmly approved by one Superintendent of Police, while they are strongly condemned by another Superintendent. The same capriciousness appears to have been shown in respect of cumbies, some Police Officers considering the cumbies made in the jails too light, while others consider them too heavy. In the matter of Police clothing there has been undue severity as to the standard of cloth which would be accepted, and the result has been that, in contravention to the well-understood intention of the Government, the greater portion of the cloth required by the Police for 1872 has been ordered from England.

6. The Inspector-General of Jails is in part responsible for this failure in carrying out the wishes of the Government. There has been a want of regularity on his part in ascertaining the requirements of the several departments, and in furnishing to these departments exact information regarding the capacity of the jails to supply articles within a fixed date. It would have been well if he had brought prominently to the notice of Government the impediments which he has experienced in organizing a continuous and active manufacture in the principal jails under his control.

7. The Governor in Council desires again to impress on the departments concerned the very great importance that is attached by Government to utilizing the large amount of convict intramural labour which is available for the supply of articles which are required by Government, and which can be successfully manufactured in the jails of the country. With a view to removing all further doubts and departmental controversies on the subject, the Governor in Council proceeds to specify the articles which shall be supplied by the Jail Department to the Commissariat and Quartermaster-General's Departments, and to the Police. In respect of these articles no requisitions for tenders shall in future be published, or contracts made, without the special permission of the Government.

8. For the Commissariat and Quartermaster-General's Departments—

1. Tent cloths including outer, inner, and lining cloths.
2. Tape for binding.
3. Ropes.
4. Carpets.
5. Gunny-bags for packing tents.
6. Barrack furniture as far as possible.

9. For the Police—

Cotton cloth for Police clothing.
Cumblies.
Sandals and boots.
Turbans.

10. The Government understand that samples of the first five articles indicated in paragraph 8 have been submitted by the Commissariat and approved by the Quartermaster-General's Department. These samples with the price now paid for each article, as per sample, will be transmitted to the Inspector-General of Jails, who will instruct the Superintendents of Jails to conform with the utmost care to the samples thus issued. These officers will be held strictly responsible for any departure from the required standards. It is a well-ascertained fact that, with careful and continuous supervision, there is no difficulty in working up to these required standards, and the Government have, therefore, no hesitation in imposing this responsibility on the Superintendents of Jails.

11. The exact quantity of each article required, and the date on which and places at which it should be delivered, will be distinctly stated to the Inspector-General of Jails by the Commissariat Department. The Inspector-General of Jails will report to Government his acceptance of these orders, and state the quantity and description of articles assigned for manufacture to each jail.

12. As regards Police clothing more than sufficient discussion has taken place, and the Governor in Council has determined that the cloth, which is described as "Coimbatore cloth," and of which a sample will be furnished to the Inspector-General of Police, shall, after 1872, be the sole material used for the light clothing of the Police.

13. Samples from which no deviation can be admitted without the special sanction of Government will be furnished to the Inspector-General of Jails, by the Inspector-General of Police, for

Sandals and Boots,
Turbans,
Cumblies.

The exact quantity of each of these articles required for the year 1873 will be stated. The acceptance of these orders, and the jails at which they are to be manufactured, will be reported to Government by the Inspector-General of Jails. The samples submitted by the Inspector-General of Police will be selected from articles certified to have been in store and approved by the Inspector-General of Police on the date of this order. The price actually paid for each of these articles will accompany the samples.

14. The foregoing remarks and orders apply to the articles to be manufactured by the jails, and supplied to the several departments, for the year 1873. It only remains for the Government to give their orders regarding the manufactured articles at present ready for issue to the Commissariat Department and Police, or which are in course of preparation.

15. The Government have not exact details in respect of these articles, but the information furnished regarding the stock in the Coimbatore Jail enables the Government to decide on the disposal of this stock, and upon the principle which shall be observed in disposing of the stock existing in other jails. A detailed report on the exact stock, and the work actually in hand of this description in other jails, will at once be furnished to Government by the Inspector-General of Jails.

16. In the Coimbatore Jail there are, in round numbers, 20,000 yards of tent cloth of various kinds, but all of a good serviceable description. As laid down in the G. O., dated 17th August last, No. 2635-B, paragraph 2, this cloth will be received by the Commissariat and Quartermaster-General's Departments.

17. Of cloth suitable for Police clothing there are in the Coimbatore Jail, in round numbers, 2,000 yards. This cloth will be sent to the Inspector-General of Police, who will have it made up and issued to the Force.

18. A portion of this last-mentioned cloth is of the kind known as "Coimbatore cloth," which is to be used by the Police Force during 1873. The price of this cloth, which is of a superior description, will, for the present, be fixed at six Annas and ten Pice a yard, the price hitherto paid by the Inspector-General for stout Manchester drill.

19. The broad principle which will be observed by all departments supplied with articles in stock, or in course of manufacture in the jails, is that no article, which is *bona fide* a serviceable article, shall be rejected.

20. The Government are aware that, in some instances, articles now supplied by the jails may not be exactly in accordance with the standard of articles occasionally procurable in the open market, and that as regards the Police there may be, for a short time, a want of uniformity in the equipment of portions of the Force; but the Governor in Council is certain that these defects will be speedily remedied, and he has determined that no article made at present in the jails, which is of good materials and serviceable, shall be rejected in any department. The inconvenience that may temporarily result from this resolution is trifling, compared to the advantage that is secured by a continuous and regular demand for jail manufactures.

21. In accordance with these instructions, the sandals made in the Rajah-mundry Jail, and the boots made in the Coimbatore Jail, will be accepted by the Police. On the receipt of the priced samples described in paragraph 13 of this Order, the Government will determine the price to be charged for these articles, of which specimens will be furnished by the Inspector-General of Jails.

22. The Governor in Council considers that it may be desirable, in allotting the manufactures of the articles required by departments among the several jails, that the several articles should not be distributed proportionately to all the jails, but that distinct manufactures should be assigned to particular jails.

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In like manner the carpets and turbans might be assigned to distinct jails.

23. The Governor in Council desires to receive, at an early date, a report from the Inspector-General of Jails, showing what orders have been received and accepted by him from the several departments, how those orders have been allotted among the various jails, and what arrangements have been made to ensure their punctual and economical execution.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Inspector-General of Jails.

- .. Inspector-General of Police.
- .. Commissary-General.
- .. Quartermaster-General.
- .. Military Department.
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Alm. Potacammund, dated 2nd October/71, N^o 1368

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Statement showing the amount realized during the underrmentioned months in account of sale proceeds of sail & manufactures.

Months	Sale proceeds Charges in of Sail & turned for the manufactures articles sold		Net profits	
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April 1871	7313 12	5566 17	2 11	1486 11 10
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Certified true
18 September 1871

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To
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