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No. 41. Read the following letter from Mrs. A. RIDEOUT, Contractor for the supply of Hospital Clothing, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 13th September 1866.

I have the honor to request you will submit for the consideration of Government, the following circumstances connected with the supply of clothing for the Civil Hospitals at the Presidency, the contract for which I have undertaken, in order to give employment to the poorer classes of European and East Indian women, widows and wives of Pensioners, and others, residing in Madras, Palaveram and at Saint Thomas' Mount—a great boon to the class of persons in the present season of scarcity.

2. In preparing the contract for the present year 1866-67, I took, as my guide, the rates which I found sufficed in 1865-66, but I now discover that, in consequence of the unprecedented rise in the price of blue country cloth, used chiefly in making up the Hospital quilts, gowns, and trowsers, I shall incur a direct loss of 7 Annas on each quilt, 4 Annas on gowns, and 3 Annas on trowsers.

3. The rate at which I contracted to supply these articles was respectively at Rupees 1-9-0, Rupees 1-14-0, and 15 Annas; whereas, with the smallest remuneration for the women employed in the work, I find they will cost Rupees 2, Rupees 2-2-0, and Rupees 1-2-0.

4. I may mention that I have been allowed the option of cancelling the contract, but this I am unwilling to do, as the work is one of charity, and the loss of it would fall particularly heavy upon a deserving and industrious class. I shall, therefore, feel much obliged if Government will, under the exceptional circumstances now brought to notice, sanction an alteration in the contract rates for the particular articles of clothing I have mentioned, and thus enable me to continue the work.

5. All the remaining articles I am prepared to supply at the present prices.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1866, No. 1002.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, and adverting to the fact that the contract referred to has been entered into for a purely charitable purpose, the Governor in Council authorizes the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department to alter the terms of the contract to the extent proposed by Mrs. Rideout.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To Mrs. A. Rideout.
To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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