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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th September 1871.*

No. 77. Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 8th September 1871, No. 170-G :—

Ordnance Department.

With reference to the Resolution of Government, recorded in Proceedings, No. 752, dated 2nd June 1871, Public Department, directing information to be obtained as to whether tape, common paper, and any similar articles required by the Stationery Dépôt can be made in the jails and supplied to Government offices on payment, I have the honour to state that the Inspector-General of Jails was furnished with a memorandum and samples of the above description of articles, and the quantities that have been issued by the Stationery Dépôt during three years, 1868-69 to 1870-71.

2. From the report of the Inspector-General of Jails, it appears that paper has not hitherto been manufactured in jails, except at Chittoor and Rajahmundry ; and samples were furnished of a few other articles, such as white tape, country, coloured cotton thread, twisted cotton thread, and blue salampore. Samples were not received of country paper, pasteboards, red tape, red sealing-wax, black scaling-wax, and wax-cloth. Jute rope has been discontinued to be manufactured at the Madras Penitentiary.

3. I annex an extract from a letter from the Superintendent of Stationery, reporting upon the quality of the samples and the prices. Country twist and plain coloured thread appear to be the only articles that can, with advantage, be purchased from jails.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Superintendent of Stationery, to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 30th August 1871, No. 290.

I have the honour to append a memorandum of the articles for which samples have been received from the Acting Superintendent of Central Jail at Coimbatore, showing the cost at which they are offered to be supplied, compared with the prices at which they are now purchased by contract. It is not stated whether the articles will be delivered in Madras at these rates, or if transit hire is to be paid, in addition, by this Department.

Cotton rope is never used by this Department.

The blue cloth is of much better quality than that ordinarily used by the Stationery Department. It does not admit of a doubt that the better quality need not be supplied at so great a difference in cost, when the purpose for which it is wanted is simply for the annual issue for pen-wipers and dusters.

There is a great difference in the prices of tape asked by the Jail authorities as compared with its purchase from Contractors ; the quality, too, is only very slightly superior, and this amount of superiority even is of no advantage, as what we have hitherto got is of sufficiently good quality. The Contractors supply the article “ bleached ” while the sample received is “ unbleached,” which description I presume it is intended to supply, judging from the large quantity received, for the Government office. Magenta, light and dark-green should be added to the colours for “ coloured cotton thread.”

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16th September 1871.

MEMORANDUM of samples received from the Central Jail at Coimbatore.

	Jail prices.			Present contract rate.			Remarks.
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Blue lining cloth, per yard	0	11	0	0	4	10½	Never used in the Stationery Department.
Cotton tent rope, „ lb.	0	10	0	...	...	...	
Tape, ½ inch, 50 yards, per Roll	0	12	6	0	4	2	
„ ¼ „ 50 „ „ „	0	8	4	0	3	10	A little thinner than the samples will better answer stationery purposes.
Country twist, „ lb.	0	9	0	0	9	6	
„ „ coloured yellow, per lb.	0	9	6	}	...	...	
„ „ pink „ „	0	12	0				

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. L. BARROW, Colonel, R. A.,
Insp.-Genl. of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1871, No. 1413.

Communicated to the Acting Inspector-General of Jails who will place himself in communication with the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines with a view to undertaking in jails the manufacture of country twist and plain coloured thread.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
„ „ „ of Jails.

Ordnance Department

ORDNANCE OFFICE,
Fort Saint George
1871

No. 778.

From,

Colonel L. S. Darrow & Co.

Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to the Resolution of Government recorded in Proceedings No. 752 dated 2nd June 1871, Public Department, directing information to be obtained as to whether Tape, Common paper and any similar articles required by the Stationery Depot can be made in the Sails and supplied to Government Offices on payment, I have the honor to state that the Inspector General of Sails was furnished with a memorandum and samples of the above description of articles, and the quantities that have been issued by the Stationery Depot during 30 years, 1842 to 1871.

From the Report of the Inspector General of Sails, it appears that Paper has not hitherto been manufactured in Sails, except at Chittoor and Rajahmundry; and samples were furnished of a few other articles, such as white Tape, Cotton, Colored cotton thread, Twisted cotton thread.

Govt. of 11871 Ordnance.

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To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF
ORDNANCE AND MAGAZINES,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 16th.

Recd.

Enc.

G. O. 16th September 1871, No. 1413

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 77-78.

Directing the Inspector-General of Sails to communicate with the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines in view to manufacturing in jails the country twist and plain coloured thread required by the Stationery Department.

Government Office - Magenta, Light and Dark
green should be added to the colors for Colored
Cotton thread."

Memo: of Samples received from the Central Jail at Comblaton.

	Sail Price	Present Contract Rate	Remarks.
Blue lining cloth ——— per Yard —	" 11 "	" 4 10 1/2	
Cotton Tent rope ——— " lb —	" 10 "	" —	} never used in the stationary Department.
Tape 1/2 inch 50 Yards ——— " Roll —	" 12 6 "	" 4 2	
" " 50 " ——— " " —	" 8 4 "	" 3 10	
Country twist ——— " lb —	" 9 "	" 9 6	} a little thinner than the samples will better answer stationary purposes.
" " Colored Yellow ——— " " —	" 9 6 "	" —	
" " " Pink ——— " " —	" 12 "	" —	

True Extract

J. Barrow & Co. Colonel R. A.
Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines.

of the 18th of Oct 1871

to the
The Inspector General
of Customs & Excise

The Chief Clerk
to the Government

Patent 818
Hawthorn 11.3

Mr. 24
No 10/1918

Replying to the
regarding the manufacture of
certain articles in which and
applied to Government Office
on August 1st.

With an order.

of the 16th of Oct 1871 No 11, 13, 15
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Public

To the Sup^t. Genl. of A. S. & T. S. & C. S.

Dated Sept^r. 16. }

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. Sept^r. 1871, No 413

Nos. 77-78

Directing the Sup^t. Genl. of A. S. & T. S. & C. S. to Communicate with the Sup^t. Genl. of A. S. & T. S. & C. S. in view to manufacturing in India the Country twist and plain colored thread required by the Stationery Dept.