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[Despatch Abstract.]

PEONS' CLOTHING.

Requesting the sanction of the Government of India to certain proposals for the supply of warm clothing to members of the inferior establishments accompanying Government to Ootacamund.

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warm clothing to inferior
establishments accompanying
this Govt. to Ootacamund*

Pears clo
Annual

- 1 Scarlet suit lined sh
- 1 blue comm suit say
- 1 turban
- 1 cumby

Annual

- Boots
- Flannel
- Socks

2/32
 16

3 1/2

2 3/4

5 1/2

27.5.0

Cost of Tailor
 Coat & trousers
 3 yards cloth (P. No. 2)
 6 " lining " No. 4
 Making, cotton, laces
 Silver monogram
 4 1/2 Silver hand (P. No. 4) 5.0
 24.10

Cost of Serge Coachman's
 long coat & trousers
 6 yds Serge (P. No. 1) No. 6
 6 " lining " No. 4 1.8
 Making, cotton, laces 2.8
 monogram and
 cloth facing
 No hand 1
 11

SAMPLE TICKET.

Name Edith Emma Green Whitelie
 Width 5 1/4 inches
 Rate

ARMY CLOTHING FACTORY,
 Madras, 18-2-1895.

Native Goods

SAMPLE TICKET.

Name Sape Middle Red yellow 1/2
 Width
 Rate

ARMY CLOTHING FACTORY,
 Madras, 18-2-1895.

Native Goods

SAMPLE TICKET.

Name Sape Scarlet Ordinary
 Width D. No. 5 1/4 inches
 Rate

ARMY CLOTHING FACTORY,
 Madras, 18-2-1895.

do their persant
 ahead of anything
 it, though similar (in
 "intention") is a very warm
 lace compared with Ooty &
 that nothing like as much
 warm clothing can be required.

Yours very truly
H. W. Hips

26/23. 1895

My dear Price
 I quite agree that it is
 not possible to do the the dress at
 Rs 10 a head, even supposing that
 the rules (which I have not seen)
 allow of the change being made
 for all the dress suit merely for
 those actually taken to the hills.
 The actual cost which we incur
 for servants' clothes of similar
 cut - i.e. long coat, but
 not as long as the dress, and
 trousers - is, for a little servant,
 Rs 24-10-0, and for coachman
 Rs 11, as per memo enclosed.
 But of course blue serge is
 much cheaper than

select. Inferior servants,
such as horsekeepers, come
cheaper, because they ~~were~~
bear were jackets & short
trousers. On the other hand,
as a measure of economy,
before allow servants a
rough working suit as well
as a suit & wear while
on duty.

I observe that Kelly makes
no allowance for lining - that
clothes won't wear well lined.

I make a rough guess of
my idea of the minimum cost
of turning the persons out decently.
It comes to Rs 27.5.0 p.a.

without any allowance
bella or $\frac{1}{6}$ more.
great coat - one
whole, I don't see how
you could get under
something close on Rs 30
ahead - I don't own
indoor servants cheaper,
no doubt, but then I don't
give boots or flannel or
socks - If the man get a
working suit they might
perhaps do without the
flannel.

I see nothing for it but
to spend more money, if
necessary after refer to
India - I'll warrant they

6.5.

Peori's Clothing

We are allowed
10 Rs. a year per head
for warm clothing -
we supply biennially -
or are supposed to - Very
often the articles do
not last the allotted
time - Last year the
cost was:-

	<u>Rs.</u>
Suit of clothes -	11-8-0
Turban ———	3-8-0
Boots ———	3-4-0
5 yds flannel -	2-10-0
1 Cumble ———	2-6-0
1 pair socks -	5-0
	<u>Rs. 23-9-0</u>

This is probably the
cheapest it has ever been
done for. In previous
years the balance was
charged off somehow.

I have been through
the clothes in store and
I find that requirements
this year are:-

1 red suits.
4 " coats.
7 " trousers

to re-
place un-
serviceable.

The red suits would
use $3\frac{3}{4}$ yards of the
this sample, so that
the cloth alone would
cost Rs. 13.6.6. The
laund and making
would bring the cost
up to 17/-. The cloth is
excellent and I shd.
much like to see the
men clothed in it. The
amount required this
year would $55\frac{1}{4}$ - say
56 yards. Next year
nearly 30 suits ~~would~~
will be required. The
excess expenditure wd
then be very heavy.
The great mistake has
been in making
the trousers too small
in the body - the men
invariably squat down
in them and ample
room is necessary
up to 16 ft. Shd.

has issued - says that
he awaited - she has a field we got
last year - was the jail cannot
but the boots were mos-
disappointing

35/3

We now make the people
use their old suits when
off duty. A blue suit
seems unnecessary.
Even if we took 10/- per
head of men we take
up the 390 Rs. would
not cover expenditure
in some years. We have
effected a saving in
white clothing by ex-
tending the time of wear
and cutting down the
cost. 98(j) Civil Acct
Code allows Govt. to
issue its own rules in
regard to liveries and
other warm clothing.

The Simla Allowance
Code does not fix the
cost of Chobdar's & peons'
warm clothing - para 22
of the Madras Hill Allow-
ance Code fixes Rs. 10 per
annum. As this Code
was approved by India
any increase in the
figure shd be subd.
which shd be subd.

returned ~~that~~ that the provision
for warm clothing to the Superior
Servants (Rs 15 p.a) was double
of that given by the G.P. J. to the
Superior Servants. But in the Simla
Code the word is "messengers" and
these are apparently men who carry
about bags and letters as our messengers
(hand) did until circulation cash was
started. This Govt. when writing
of Superior Servants evidently meant persons
in attendance on members of Council etc
and thinking apparently that the
G.P. J meant the same persons cut
the allowance down to Rs 10. We never
clothed our messengers.
It is evident as you will see
from G.P. J (i) & (f) & the C.A Code
Vol 1. p 34. that a mistake was
made.
Apparently under (f) this Govt. can

issue rules as to cost of liveries and
do so without consulting India.

The figures for India are Rs 22.8.30. &
so far as I believe that the
Certainly Bengal Govt House & Restaurant people
I never saw
any of them wear all the year round red instead
in everything
but red as here red half the year and white
during the other.

This allowance applies to liveries only
and not to other things such as socks, boots,
blankets, flannel and such like.

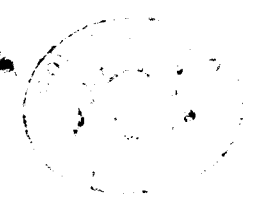
It seems to me that Govt. can sanction
an outfit now and lay down rules
making fixing the maximum cost
of liveries to be worn etc.

I think that we might do about
getting the liveries wanted this year
made up. I think the Bombay cloth
the best money worth as it will probably
wear better than the other and
certainly look better. 40 yards

of cloth would be required. You will
 find enough to say that you would
 get the red cloth ~~from~~ from Bombay:
 will you kindly do this for me. I can
 get the blue cloth ^{in hand} & yellow broad here.
 I don't think that there is anything
 else to say. I am driven half dead
 with these legislative Council questions
 so I may have overlooked something.
 If I have please let me know
 what it is.

Yours very sincerely
 Frederick Charles

My dear P. - I think you are
 right - There is a clear distinction
 between liveries and warm clothing, see
 in particular the connection in the 13th
 list appended to Art 98 (i) iii on
 p. 35 of the C.A.C., entry relating to Bah-
 chistan "warm clothing... ^{also} ~~may be applied~~
 ... to any sort of servant... who is ~~not~~ ^{not} entitled
 to livery." I will write further at the date
 The annual allow- Yes, under the parcel to
 with hands cover with ^{with a parcel} ~~with a parcel~~
 with a parcel to ^{be sent to Mr. Bird}
 livery, take it. 8/3/95



March 6 5

My dear Bliss

I have been so
 very busy of late that I have not
 had time to go into the matter
 of peon liveries. I have now done
 so and find that owing is a blunder
 committed in 1881 peons have been
 taken to be covered by the term "superior
 servants"
 In 1881 when a revised Hill Allowance
 Code was sent up to India, a
 remark was made when the Code

1 reasonable - The C.A. Code
4 held to be the superior
7 ruling.

1 In many cases no fixed
4 sum is required. It
7 would be better to
10 depend as necessity
13 dictates - the limit of
16 Col. has invariably been
19 exceeded. It will be
22 time enough to take
25 action when the acct
28 dept. objects which it
31 has never done before.

1 The clothes should
4 be ready by the 1st proc.
7 It is submitted that a
10 trial may be made this
13 year of the Bombay
16 material. Col. Shelley
19 wd. no doubt get it
22 made up. We might try
25 size suits of it as an
28 experiment and let
31 the others be done the
same as last year -
Early orders are requested.

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1/3/95

Regd. 6. 196.

The draft for reference.

23rd Decr. 5

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My dear ~~Mr~~ Harrison

Will you kindly let
me know whether there is
any objection to the issue
of the accompanying
draft f.o.

Yours sincerely

F. G. Harrison Esq. } dated 20/12/95
with an enclosure. 20/12

Order

Under Article 30 of the Simla Allowance Code messengers receive a suit of country woollen cloth costing not more than Rs 7½ yearly or Rs 15 Every 2nd year, & under Article 22 of the Madras Hill Allowance Code inferior servants on any establishment moved to Ootacamund with the Head Quarters of Govt receive warm clothing at a cost not exceeding Rupees ten a year.

2. The foregoing sanctions relate solely to those inferior servants who are not in attendance on officers of Govt or in exclusively indoor employ, but only to men whose duties lie outside the office in the delivery of covers & such like out-door work.

3. The question of the supply of liveries to the peons of the Secretariat Dept was dealt with in G.O. No. 26 Pubd/13th Jan^y '94 to which was appended a statement of the white livery & warm clothing ordinarily supplied, & a set of rules. But no limit of expenditure per annum was fixed in either case. That there is a distinction between warm clothing & livery is apparent from Article 98th Civil Account Code Vol I page

under Article 98 I where the charge is Provincial livery may be supplied under rule issued by the local Govt, & under clause 1 of Article 98 I inferior servants attached to officers of the Govt of India are allowed liveries at a biennial cost of Rs 22-8-0 for a messenger, + Rs 30 + 60 for Jemadars according to the rank of the officer on whom they attend. Under other offices should be brought under the rules issued by local Govts for Provincial Establishments.

In accordance with para 3 of Appendix B to G.O. N° 26 Pubd 18th Jan 94 the number of peons supplied with white livery in the various depts of the Secretariat is as follows:-

Chief Secretariat

Honble Members of Council	{ Chobdars 4
	{ Peons 10
Council Chambers ..	Council Dubash ... 1
Office	{ Duffadar 1
	{ Peons 12
	{ Moschee 1
Local & Municipal Dept. ..	Headpeon 1

Revenue Secretariat

Duffadar	1
Peons	9

Public Works Secretariat

Duffadar	1
Peons	6

5. The details of supply are given in para 5 of Appendix B. The system at present in force is to supply white livery biennially. Two jackets, ^{pair of} trousers, 1 puggee, 1 cummerbund & half a piece of mull are obtained in the Egmore Women's Workshop for Rs 10/12 & the remaining two jackets & two pairs of trousers ^{will be} issued at the expiration of two yrs from the date of the first issue. The total cost will therefore not exceed Rs 18 for the complete set. That sum is accordingly sanctioned for expenditure biennially on white livery for peons & one moschee, & Rs 28 for white livery for the Council Dubash, Duffadars & Chobdars. The increase in these cases is due to the gold lace used on their belts and turbans. The belts worn with the white livery should be renewed when rendered unserviceable by fair wear & tear. The Supdt. of State onery will be requested to report what limit of cost should be fixed for them.

6. Details of the warm clothing provided for the peons Establishment proceeding to the Hills with foot are

umbrella

carried over No 20.8.

Umbrella	--	--	Rs 1-8-
Turban	--	--	" 3-8-
Total	--	--	<u>Rs 25-8-</u>

Annual for Penn.

1 pair boots - -	Rs 3-4-0
5 yds of flannel - -	" 3-4-0
2 pairs Socks at 6 as per pair =	0-12-0
Total	<u>Rs 7-4-0</u>

This allows for a maximum expenditure per head per annum of Rs 20, which the

Govt considers is by no means
in excess of actual requirements

8. The foregoing scale will also be applicable to Duffadars & Chobdars with the exception that the limit for their suit of clothes ^{will} ~~shall~~ be Rs 50 + for the turban Rs 5/8. It will also hold good for attendants, munchis & maties with the exception that they will be supplied with a suit of dark cloth instead of red at a maximum cost of Rs 10. Great-Coats shd be supplied once in five or six seasons under special arrangements to be ~~arranged~~ ^{made} ~~in connection to be made~~ ^{for the}

Supst of Stationery

9. That officer will be requested to prepare & submit for approval a draft set of rules to govern the supply white libraries and warren

lotting to the person est-
of the Secretariat.

Pems' Clothing

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
FORT ST. GEORGE.

the 15th of June 1895.

Yours do. J. D. S. L.

My dear Sir

I enclose the following objection
to the draft G.O. herewith returned.

Para. 2. The title allowance code
does not distinguish between widow
and out-door servants.

Para. 7. 2d. The maximum under
Art. 22. is only 10 Rs.

As the title allowance code has been revised
G.O. sanction the change will also
require that sanction. Yours do. J. D. S. L.

g-H [$\frac{G}{g}$]
200-15-8-95.

26 D, 13-1-94

Smile will allow a code (6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041

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From F. C. Hamner, Esq. Sec

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Enclosures The draft of O. not received.

SUBJECT.

Stating his objections to
the Draft G.O.

Fort St. George
31st January 1896.

My dear Austin,
I send herewith the
draft of a letter which
we propose to send to
India regarding the cost
of warm clothing for
peons &c. Will you kindly
let me know as early
convenient whether you
consider that the limits
proposed are sufficient.
Yours sincerely
(Signed) F. Price

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W. P. Austin Esq^r J. C. S. with one?

20.68 N.C.B.

My dear Alice

Immediate receipt of your
note of yesterday of 1. FEB 1968
and Sub 1 & 2. We are
of opinion that the limits
for purpose are sufficient, at
any rate for the present.
This, of course, supposes that prices
will not go up to any great
extent.

Yours truly
W. G. Lusk

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SUBJECT.

Giving his opinion on the
Subject of 'Peas clothing' asked
for in D.O. 45 of 31.1.96.

^{Note}
Lenny - Whitten also
to draw India's attention
to the fact that during the
season when it is at
least it is a much colder
season than Simla?

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4/2/96

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Please see this
note. May the draft
issue with the addi-
tion to para 4 or 5
it go back to the
Secy?

3.5.13.
6/2/96

Sp. Secy Secy

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6/1

Public Dept:

LETTER No 196 of 6 Feb 96

To

The Secy: to the Govt. of India,

Home dept.

Dated 7/2/96

Sir,

Under para: 22 of the Madras
Hill Allowance Code, the cost of warm
clothing to be supplied to inferior
establishments accompanying the Govt.
to Ootacamund ^{should} ~~shall~~ not exceed Rs.10 a
year. ^{per head.} This paragraph was originally
based on para: 30 of the Simla Hill
Allowance Code. In the first instance
the maximum cost per annum suggested
by this Govt. was Rs.15, but the Govt.
of India pointed out that this was
double that allowed at Simla and reduced
it to Rs.10. It is clear, however, from
para: 30 that the limit of Rs.7½ yearly
or Rs.15 every second year applies only
to "messengers" who are not in personal
attendance on officers. No inferior
servants of that class accompany this
Govt. to the hills. The local delivery
work there is ^{performed} ~~done~~ by temporary hands
who are engaged for the season and to
whom no warm clothing is given. All
the members of the inferior establish-
ment who are taken up are engaged on
in-door duties either in attendance
on the officers of the Secretariat or
in their offices. It has been found
quite impossible to clothe these men

on Rs. 10 a year and the Govt. therefore desires that ^{the matter may be} ~~some definite rules on the subject may be issued.~~ ^{reconsidered.} At present the following clothing is issued; and the prices paid for last year are ~~shown~~ ^{first} opposite to each article as also the limit ^{the} which this Govt. proposes to fix for ~~future guidance~~.

BI-ENNIAL for PEONS

	Price paid in 1895 Rs. as. ps.	Maximum proposed Rs. as. ps.
One suit of red serge, consisting of a long coat and trousers with waist belt.	16 - 12 - 6	18 - , - ,
Blanket - - - - -	2 - 6 - ,	3 - 8 - ,
Umbrella - - - - -	1 - 4 - ,	1 - 8 - ,
Turban - - - - -	3 - 1 - ,	3 - 8 - ,
	23 - 7 - 6	25 - 8 - 0

ANNUAL for PEONS

One pair of boots - - - - -	3 - 4 - ,	3 - 4 - ,
5 yards of flannel - - - - -	2 - 13 - ,	3 - 4 - ,
Socks (one pair) - - - - -	4 - 3 - ,	4 - 3 - ,
	6 - 5 - 3	7 - 12 - , (2 pairs)
		7 - 4 - 0

This allows ^a ~~however~~ maximum expenditure per head of Rs. 20 which this Govt. is convinced is by no means in excess of actual requirements. In addition to the articles enumerated the men receive an issue of great coats once in ^{five or six} ~~four or six~~ years as becomes necessary through fair wear and tear. ^{Under the} ~~The prices paid hitherto~~ vary considerably. Sometimes it is possible to obtain them from the Army clothing stores at other times they have to be purchased in the local market.

2. The system at present in force in the Secretariat depts: is that all clothing is returned into store by the peons when they ~~return~~ rejoin the office at Madras; any necessary repairs are carried out before re-issue and new suits

are not issued unless the old ones show distinctly that they will not stand another season's wear. New suits are worn only when the

~~are allowed to be worn only when the~~
~~peon~~

the peon is actually on duty; ^{or} when off ^{he} the duty he wears the suit that ^{he} has already ^{had} ~~been~~ in use for two seasons. By this means the clothing is ~~pe~~ preserved and re-issues are not made unless absolutely necessary. In the case of Choddars and Duffadars, the trimming of ^{the} warm suit and belt is somewhat more elaborate and it is found that ^{which is in use for these classes of} Rs. 150 ^{is} the lowest sum for which a suit of the accustomed pattern ^{which is in use for these classes of} can be obtained. They also receive a somewhat better ^{description} of turban at a cost of Rs. 5/8 for which it is proposed to fix a maximum of Rs. 5/8.

3. The attenders or ^{men who take time} ~~reference~~ ^{He would prefer to use for reference} ~~peons~~, the muchis and the maties who go to the halls are provided biennially with a black serge suit which cost last season Rs. 9/13/2. It is proposed to fix Rs. 10 for this. These increases are considered absolutely necessary as the price of material is ~~steadily~~ steadily on the increase and it is found impossible now to obtain clothing for ^{the prices} ~~prices~~ at which it was once available.

That during the portion of the year that the Govt is at Ootacamund the weather there is much colder than at Simla and

4. I ^{am to} ~~would~~ point out that owing to the ^{S.W.} ~~monsoon~~ heavy monsoon and ~~continued~~ continued wet weather which is invariably experienced ~~at Ootacamund~~ it is found absolutely necessary to provide the peons with great coats, socks, boots and umbrellas. They should in fact receive also a waterproof cape to protect their clothing when proceeding backwards and forwards between their lines and the office but it has not been

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been found possible to take this as he
to the fact.

As arrangements will very
shortly have to be made for this season,
in case of some clothing, I am directed
to request that should there be
no objection, the Govt. of
India to those proposals not be con-
sidered at a very early date.

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I have consulted Mr. Austin
and he asks for DO approval
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