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Recording of. G. O. G. O. recording letter from the President of the Tent Committee submitting copy of letter from the Inspector-General of Prisons reporting the steps taken by him in regard to the prevention of mildew in tent cloth.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon'ble Mr. J. THOMSON, I.C.S., President of the Tent Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th March 1898.

In continuation of paragraph 7 of the report of the Tent Committee, I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, copy of a letter from the Inspector-General of Prisons in which that officer reports the result of the correspondence between himself and the Chemical Examiner to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh in regard to the prevention of mildew in tent cloth.

ENCLOSURE.

COPY of letter from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras, No. 898-C., dated 28th February 1898, to the Board.

With reference to the arrangement made at the recent meeting of the Tent Committee that steps should be taken to obtain expert opinion as to the best method of preventing mould in tent cloth, I have the honour to state as follows :—

2. In paragraph 7 of his annual report for 1894, Mr. E. H. Hankin, Chemical Examiner to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, wrote as follows :—

"7. *Mildew in Canvas.*—Lieutenant Smallwood, R.A., Ordnance Officer, Agra, has called my attention to the fact that mildew on canvas for tents, &c., causes a loss to Government of two or three lakhs yearly. I have carried out some researches with the object of finding a substance that will prevent the development of mildew. I have already found a method of arriving at this result so far as test-tube experiments are concerned, and I believe that the substance employed will not be washed out by rain. If I can find time, I propose to carry out a series of experiments with Lieutenant Smallwood with the object of finding whether it is equally efficient when applied to tents in the open air and sufficiently cheap to be practically useful."

3. In April 1896, I inquired whether any method of preventing mould in tent-cloth had been discovered and Mr. Hankin replied that "the investigation is not yet completed."

4. Since the Tent Committee met, Mr. Hankin has been again addressed, and in a reply dated 18th February 1898, No. 152-G.—2., he states that he "has not succeeded in discovering a practicable method of preventing mildew in canvas."

ORDER—No. 720, Judicial, dated 4th May 1898.

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(True Extract.)

J. S. Roberts

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Prisons.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Raiff.

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