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CAPTAIN CROWTHER'S REPORT:

LETTER OF COMMANDANT.

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Staff Office, 6th February, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to call your attention to Parliamentary Paper No. 77, 1879, Tasmania, Legislative Council.

2. This Paper proclaims itself to be a "Report of Captain Crowther to the Commandant;" but I find, introduced with this Report, certain addenda which I now read for the first time, and which I must respectfully protest against being made to appear as part and parcel of the Report. I refer to the two lines of a P.S. immediately following the Report, and to the twelve paragraphs intituled, "Reasons why the Artillery and Rifle Corps cannot in the matter of reduction of Capitation Grant be treated alike."

3. The Report itself was forwarded by me with a covering letter to His Excellency the Governor as Commander-in-Chief; was returned to me with His Excellency's remarks thereon; and was, by me, forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Department in the usual course. The addenda, I repeat, I now see for the first time; and I trust the Government will see fit to take such steps as may be necessary to dissociate a Report which has been addressed to the Commandant, and forwarded on by him to superior authority, from the addenda which now accompany it.

4. While on the subject it may be as well, with reference to No. 3 on the list of "Reasons" above alluded to, to inform the Government that, so far from it being considered necessary in the Regular Army to provide the Royal Artillery with any additional articles of clothing to those Infantry of the Line receive, the reverse is, to a small extent, the case. A private of Infantry receives every two years 1 pair of boots more than the Artillery branch. In every other respect the grant of clothing to the two services is almost exactly similar, as will be seen from the Memo. I have the honor herewith to enclose. Nor in the Volunteer Service of Great Britain does the Capitation Grant vary: Artillery and Infantry are treated alike.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
W. H. ST. HILL, Col., Commandant.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

MANNER OF ISSUE OF CLOTHING.

Equipment Regulations, 1876.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.	No. recd.	PRICE.	INFANTRY OF THE LINE.	No. recd.	PRICE.
<i>Annually.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>Annually.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
Tunic or Jacket { Tunic	1 {	19 6	Tunic or Frock { Tunic	1 {	16 5
Jacket (1)		13 6	Frock		12 7
Pairs of Trousers or Overalls.....	1	13 0	Pair of Trousers	1	8 9½
Pair of Gloves	1	2 0	Pairs of Boots, each	2	8 6
Pair of Ankle-boots.....	1	10 0			
<i>Biennially, (additional).</i>			<i>Biennially, (additional).</i>		
Pair of Trousers	1	13 0	Pair of Trousers	1	8 9½
Pair of Wellington Boots (2).....	1	15 0			
<i>Triennially.</i>			<i>Triennially.</i>		
Pair of Leggings (if unserviceable)	1	3 4	Pair of Leggings (if unserviceable)	1	3 4
Helmet (3)	1	10 6	Helmet	1	6 7

E. M. TUDOR BODDAM, Capt., Staff Officer.

(1) Not reckoning the "jacket" in the one case, or the "frock" in the other, the annual differences amount to 2s. 3½d. between the two branches, the Royal Artillery being supplied with gloves.

(2) The Royal Artillery are supplied with Wellington boots to carry spurs.

(3) The Royal Artillery Helmet is more expensive from its elaborate ornament.

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