Timothy Pickering to Congress, June 11, 1779

Specifications for Continental Army Shirts

"Shirts for soldiers, well made, of strong bleached dowlass or Garlix linen, the shirts of two sizes, half of each the smallest one yard long in the body, the largest one yards and one 1/16 long in the body. (1/16 is one nail...so a yard and 2.25 inches). The sleeves smallest size nine sixteenths of a yard long (20.25inches), the sleeves of the largest ten sixteenths of a yard long (22.25 inches). 2 buttons on the collar, and one on the under part of each sleeves, with button hole on the other parts."