

CLOTHS for OFFICERS & GENTLEMEN.

CASSIMERE.

Cassimere (sometimes also called *Kerseymer* in the 18th Century) is a lightweight woollen twill fabric which was widely produced in the West Country during the latter part of the 18th Century. The twill weave gives the fabric a slight spring which makes it ideal for making breeches and pantaloons. Its relatively light weight, when compared with broadcloth, also made it popular for waistcoats and lining coat tails.

In common with other types of cloth from this period Cassimere was produced in different weights and qualities. A number of different sources have been consulted in order to gather sufficient information to allow this fabric to be reproduced. It is intended to produce a superfine quality as it was frequently used for Officer's waistcoats, breeches, turnbacks, lining coat tails and sometimes collar linings. It was also apparently used for lining Heavy Cavalry Officer's coats.

Cassimere was most commonly produced in white or buff for military dress breeches and mixture greys and blues for pantaloons. For civilian wear various drab shades were popular for day-wear, buff and white and black for formal dress.

Initial development is currently underway, and initial samples have now been received.

Specifications:

Type:	Cassimere
Fibre:	Woollen Warp and Weft
Weave:	2 / 2 Twill
Finish:	Heavily milled, raised, cropped
Width:	54"
Weight:	12 oz per Yard ²