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No. 11. Read the following letter from Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 26th April 1875, No. 882 :—

I have the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 550, of the 10th ultimo, to submit a report from the Curator of Government Books, from which it will be seen that none of the books therein referred to are likely to find any sale in the Educational Department.

From V. KISTNAMA CHARRY, Curator of Government Books, to Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 20th April 1875, No. 418.

Referring to the G.O., No. 550, of the 10th ultimo, I have the honor to report that I have visited the Stationery Depôt and inspected the books adverted to in paragraph 2 of the Order, and regret to state that they are not required for the Educational Department.

2. The religious tracts which contribute the bulk of the stock are, for evident reasons, utterly unsuited to Government Schools, and are not likely to find a ready sale even in aided schools, as such tracts are usually supplied, if supplied at all, either gratuitously or at a merely nominal price.

3. "Carpenter's Spelling" was at one time considered a very good book for elementary English classes, but it is now out of date, and is not used in any Government School at present.

4. With regard to Orme's History of India in three volumes, the only valuable book in the collection, I think that the only purpose to which it could be applied is to supply a copy to the library of each of the Government Colleges and other High-class Schools; but this, I find, has already been done since the purchase of 500 copies of the work by the Government in 1861 from the late publishing firm of Messrs. Pharoah and Co.

5. I must own, therefore, that I do not see how this Department can find any sale for the books in question even at reduced prices. A list of the books is enclosed for reference.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1875, No. 974.

Under the circumstances represented, and with the exception of Orme's History, all the books remaining in the Stationery Depôt, which are not required for distribution to the Army, will be sold by public auction.

(True Extract,)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Superintendent of Stamps.

Exd. J. Wright.

Memo

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Come for all things are ready	500
Death of a Christian Soldier	500
First steps to ruin	500
Fools Pence	500
It is sometimes too late	500
I don't mean what I say	500
Not last though late	499
No lie thrives	460
One Glass more	500
Piety in the camp	500
Prayers for soldiers	500
Stop	500
Tales of Military life	470
The Beacon light	500
The Fire escape	500
The Rough Riders	500
The Roll call or how will you answer it	500
The soldier out of uniform	500
The soldier twice enlisted	500
The Soldiers wife	500
The Swearers end	500
The widows son	500
The widow and her son	500
Tomorrow	500
Why do you swear	500
Why are you not a communicant	500
Miss Hoton's Index 200 to	396 - Rs
Carpenter - Spelling Book	1096

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Govt Central Book Depot
Madras. 20th April 1875

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The Curator Govt Books

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Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

J. Westmacott

Curator of Govt Books.

No. 882.

Office of the Director
of Public Instruction.
Madras, 26 April 1875

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From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort St. George.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedt. Servant,
R. M. Macdonell

Director of Public Instruction.

Recd 28 Apr 1875

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To The Director of
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Dated 26th April 1875
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The Directory
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Madras.

To The Chief Secretary
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Fort St. George

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