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No. 345. Read the following letter from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 3rd October 1864, No. 536 A-4,946 :—

Sir,

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1,889, dated 29th June 1864, replying to the Resolution of the Government of India on the Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the system of Public Works Accounts in India.

2. In reply I am to express the satisfaction of the Government of India at finding the opinion of the Government of Madras so much in accordance with its own on the general principles of the scheme recommended by the Commissioners, and as to the value and importance of the reforms which they propose.

3. As regards the new rules for dealing with the Reserve, to which objection is taken in paragraphs 5 to 10 of your letter, I am to intimate that the whole subject having been referred to the Secretary of State, it will be desirable to await his reply before taking any further action in the matter. Meanwhile, the Rules as now prescribed will continue in force.

4. For a similar reason the Government of India desires to suspend for the present its final opinion as to the propriety of forming the Public Works Controllers into one body for purposes of promotion. The report of the Commission with the Resolution of the Governor General in Council thereon was forwarded to the Secretary of State several weeks ago, and a reply may be shortly expected.

5. The reference about the re-organization of the Establishments of the Madras Public Works Department, consequent on the introduction of the new system of Account, will form the subject of a separate letter, and I am to take this opportunity to request that in future all proposals about Establishments may be sent up in a separate letter from that which treats of other matters.

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ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1864, No. 3,319.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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