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No. 115. Read the following Circular 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 Fort William, 6th April 1864, No. 10:—

(For Accounts Circulars Nos. 1, 2, and 3, see Public Works Circulars Nos. 5, 6, 8.)

SIR,

1. The Commissioners on Public Works Accounts have brought to notice that in almost every station visited by them, the accounts of the Executive Engineer are burdened by the retention on his stock returns of a number of useless or worn out articles, which are a mere encumbrance in the store yard: and they recommend (para. 73 of their report) that all such articles be at once got rid of, and the sale proceeds brought to account.

2. The Government of India entirely concurs in this view, and I am to request measures may be immediately taken for giving effect to the recommendation. All articles of stock which are unserviceable, or which are not likely to be required for use during the next twelve months, should be at once disposed of to the best advantage, unless there be some urgent reason to the contrary. Contractors should be invited to take such of the surplus stock as would be useful to them at fair market rates, and the difference between the values thus derived, and the values at which the articles are now standing on the Public Works books, may be written off by Controllers as "depreciation of stock" in the accounts of the year.

3. Chief and Superintending Engineers should be held responsible that no needless delay occurs in giving effect to these instructions, and I am to request that an early report may be furnished of the measures adopted for carrying them out.

4. For the future it might be regarded as a standing rule, that all articles of stock on which there have been no transactions for six months, should be sold off, unless special authority be given to retain them. This of course would not apply to Tools and Plant.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain, R. E.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1864, No. 1,302.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers who will be requested to submit a clear statement of all articles of stock (tools and plant excepted) in their respective Divisions which are unserviceable, or which are not likely to be required for use during the next twelve months.

2. In the event of the Superintending Engineers considering that it would be inadvisable to dispose of any of the articles included in the statements now called for, the grounds on which their retention is recommended should be briefly stated.

3. The particular attention of the Superintending Engineers is requested to the orders in paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

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Regarding the disposal of unserviceable articles
of stock, and bringing the sale proceeds to account.

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