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No. 620. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 19th May 1864, No. 145:—

SIR,

1 Circular No. IV, dated 18th May 1864.
* With Circular No. 15, from the Government of India, dated 13th April 1864.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of the Circular Instructions issued by me for carrying into effect the provisions of G. O.* No. 1,365, dated 11th May 1864.

2. The value of tools and plant (including machinery), and of instruments received from England or purchased in the country, appears in the books of this Office under the head "Stores of the Public Works Department," but no details of the articles in Store at the Presidency or in use in Districts, are furnished to this Office. As the value of such stores is to be written off in the books of this Office for the past year, an Account Particular of details has been called for from Superintending Engineers. Like particulars will have to be furnished to this Office of the tools and plant including machinery which were in Store on the 30th April 1864, in the General Store Department, at the Presidency, and I request that this may be ordered to be supplied.

3. As the value of future supplies of tools and stores is to be written off in the books to a special Budget Estimate head of Service and not be kept on a stock account as hitherto, it will not be necessary to carry out the plan of adding five per cent. to the stock value of all such supplies as required by paragraph 2 of G. O. 12th February 1862, No. 188, in order to meet the charges for carriage, packing, cleaning, and setting up of machinery and stores. It will be sufficient to debit these charges at once to the same head of Account, to be adjusted in the same manner as the outlay on works.

4. It will be for the Government to decide whether the Presidency Store Department is to continue to keep Ledgers showing the invoice valuation with subsequent additional charges, incurred on account of each article of store. These will not be necessary in the Controllers Office according to the plan of keeping up simply a numerical register, such as that provided for in the Circular of the Government of India, half yearly returns according to which will have to be furnished to this Office for check with those to be sent from Districts.

5. As respects the method of obtaining funds for the purchase of stores, I recommend that the course pursued in drawing funds for Public Works, be adopted. At present in some cases applications are made to this Office which has to send up the same for the sanction of Government, which will not be necessary for purchases under 500 Rupees.

Paragraphs 7 to 11 of Circular by the Government of India.

6. It would be desirable to make an apportionment in the current year as in the past, of the allotment on account of stores, for English stores expected and for charges of freight, packing, landing, carriage, cleaning and setting up, as well as for purchases to be made in the country.

Circular Memorandum from Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, to all Superintending Engineers, dated Madras, 18th May 1864, No. IV.

Proceedings of Government, No. 1,365, dated 11th May 1864, with Circular No. 15, from the Government of India.

1. The sub-heads given in the margin of paragraph 3 of the above Circular are to be subordinate to the head "District Stores." In the Account Particulars appended to the Account Current for April 1864, the balance under the head "District Stores" should be detailed under the above sub-heads. If the Account Current had been despatched prior to the receipt of this Circular Memorandum, a separate Account Particulars of this balance should be prepared and forwarded, giving the details now called for.

1. Small stores.
2. Building materials.
3. Timber
4. Metals.
5. Fuel.
6. Thatchers' materials.
7. Painters' stores.
8. House fittings.
9. Cordage
10. Road metal.
11. Miscellaneous.

2. If any unserviceable articles remained on hand on the 30th April 1864, of which a report is required by G. O. No. 1,392, dated 6th May 1864, the stock value thereof should be shown in a distinct item in the Account Particulars of balance on the 30th April 1864 now called for.

3. Tools and stores of the kind described in paragraph 2 of the Circular of the Government of India, were brought into the District Accounts, under the head "Stores of the Public Works Department," when purchased in *cash* from the local market or from the Advance and Stores. An Account Particulars of the balance under this head on the 30th April 1864, should be forwarded to the Controller either with April's Account Current or soon after its despatch. The value of the several descriptions of articles remaining under the head of "Stores of the Department of Public Works" should be arranged under the sub-heads* forwarded for the purpose.

* Tools and plant. (including machinery) Instruments. Furniture and Camp Equipage, Live Stock.

4. Machinery and instruments which were furnished from the General Stores at the Presidency, and which were not paid from cash and therefore not brought into the District Accounts, should not be included in the above Account Particular, but should be shown in a separate return, describing each article. In this should also be entered a descriptive list of the Office furniture and Office tents in use. No valuation need be given.

5. If live stock was at any time purchased, and was remaining on hand on the 30th April 1864, a descriptive list should also be added with information on a foot-note as to the source from which funds for the original purchase was obtained and how charged in account.

6. Any "Tools and Plant," &c., coming under this sub-head, which may have been purchased from advances and debited to the head "District Stores" should be shown in a separate item in the Account Particulars of "District Stores," called for in paragraphs 1 and 2, and a descriptive list of such stores also should be added to the return called for in paragraph 4.

7. It is intended to write off in the books of this Office for 1863-64, the value of all tools plant, &c., whether standing under the head "Stores of the Public Works Department" or "District Stores." The former head will thus disappear from the books, and the latter will be confined to articles coming under the eleven sub-heads given in paragraph 3 of the Circular of the Government of India. The numerical return of tools and stores, of which a form is given in the above Circular for the half year ending 31st October 1864, when furnished to the Controller, will be checked with the returns called for in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Controller and Auditor of P. W. Accounts.

No. 621. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1864, No. 1,548.

1. The particulars of the stores referred to in the latter part of paragraph 2 will be furnished to the Controller by the Store Department.

2. The Ledgers now kept in the Store Department will be continued as they contain much useful information.

3. The suggestion in paragraph 5 is approved.

4. With reference to paragraph 6, the following distribution is ordered of the sum of Rupees 1,00,000 provided in the Budget, under the head "Stores":—

	Rs.
For stores expected from England	70,000
For charges for freight, shipping, landing, packing, cleaning, setting up, and despatching	20,000
For stores to be purchased in India	10,000

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Store Department.
" Superintending Engineers.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

yearly Returns according to which will have to be furnished to this Office for check with those to be sent from Districts.

5. As respects the method of obtaining funds for the purchase of Stores, I recommend that the course pursued in drawing funds for Public Works, be adopted. At present in some cases applications are made to this Office which has to send up the same for the sanction of Government which will not be necessary for purchases under 500 Rupees.

6. It would be desirable to make an estimate in the Current year as in the case of the establishments, on account for Stores, for Engineer Stores especially and for charges of Freight, Packing, Cooling, cleaning and setting up, as well as for purchases to be made in the country.

I have the honor to be Sir, Your Most Obedient Servant

Madras 19th May 1864

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Executive Engr. of Civil Accounts

Dr. Colonel C. H. Orr C.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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Enclosure in a letter from
The Consulting Engr. R.R.B.
Madras
To The Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
Madras

Dated 19th May 1864.
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G.O. No 2252/64

Memo. of the Accounts due from the Agents Offices on the 10th May 1864.

11th Mdy 1864 Nos 244-
245-

C.S. No 1532/64.

No. 622-64.

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From,
Lt Colo C. V. Wilkieson R.E.
Contr & Audr of C.W. Accounts.

To
Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.
Secretary to Govt C.W.D.

Dated 19th } May 1864-
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Enclosure 1.

No. 1518 — 27th May 1864.

Forwarding for information a copy of the circular instructions issued by the Controller for carrying into effect the provisions of G.O. No 1365 dated 11th May 1864.

I am &c. Order

To The Controller of C.W. Stores
" " Store Department
" " Superintending Engineer
" " Accountant General C.W.

Dept 30th May

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No 1518

The particulars of the Stores referred to in the latter part of para 2 will be furnished to the Controller by the Store Department

2 The Ledgers now kept in the Store Department will be continued as they contain much useful information.

3. The suggestion in para 6 is approved.

4. With reference to para 6, the following distribution is ordered of the sum of Rs 1,00,000 provided in the Budget under the head "Stores"

For Stores expected from England .... Rs 70,000
For charges for freight, shipping, landing, picketing, clearing, setting up, and despatching ..... " 20,000
For Stores to be purchased in India " 10,000

Chesapeake } 27th May 1864. } GHH