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No. 352. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account), dated Simla, 18th September 1866, No. 77 :—

Rules for the purchase of Reserve Stock.

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(True Extract.)

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