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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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21th October 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 521. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Tellicherry, 15th October 1867, No. 110.

1. I have the honor to report on the subject of G. O. No. 2,861 of 16th September, that if it be an object to effect a reduction of Rupees 4,800 per annum on the cost of Superintending Engineers' Establishments, such saving may better be carried out by lowering the salaries of future Managers of their offices from Rupees 200 to Rupees 150, than by abolishing Storekeepers, whose retention as 'second Clerks and Examiners' I think desirable.

2. The appointment of Manager is one which can best be filled by a man who has risen in the office; and an addition of Rupees 80 a month to the next highest salary drawn in the office will be sufficient inducement to work for the promotion.

No. 522. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 25th September 1867, No. 140.

1. With reference to G. O. No. 2,861 of 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I am of opinion that the services of the Storekeeper in the Superintending Engineer's office should be retained under the designation of "Accountant."

2. Although the stores in charge of the Storekeeper attached to this office were some time ago transferred to the Range Officers, yet his services are fully utilized; his duties are to check the several Indents received from the Range Officers for stores, stationery, &c.; to prepare and furnish to the Store department the several returns connected therewith; to take charge of the stores landed at Vizagapatam, and distribute them to the Ranges concerned, and to assist in preparing Appropriation Registers, &c.

No. 523. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 1st October 1867, No. 95.

1. With reference to G. O. No. 2,861, dated 16th September, requiring an expression of my opinion regarding the Storekeepers attached to the Superintending Engineers' offices, I have the honor to state that the Storekeeper in this division has always been actually employed in that capacity at Bezoarah, and that he is only paid through this office.

2. With the large amount of stores required for the anicut, workshop, and other works, the services of such an individual are indispensable; but as it is undesirable that his salary should be charged to "Direction," I would propose that it be debited to "Construction," in the same manner as the pay of the Lithographic and Store Establishments at the Presidency.

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No. 524. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Iyaloor, Nundial Talook, 23rd September 1867, No. 1,716.

With reference to G. O. No. 2,861 of the 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you that though the stores have been transferred to Range Officers, the services of the Storekeeper cannot be spared, as the Returns from the Ranges must still pass through this office. If there is an objection to the designation of Storekeeper, it might be changed to Accountant or Assistant writer.

No. 525. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th October 1867, No. 3,201.

1. With reference to the Order of Government No. 2,861, dated 16th September 1867, I have the honor to report that though the Storekeeper of this office is not now employed in the receipt and issue of District stores, yet there are somewhat analogous duties devolving upon him in connection with the Stationery Department, the receipt of Indents for such supplies, and the issue to Ranges having to be checked in this office. There are also the half-yearly compilation and revision of returns of machinery, tools, and stores to be checked.

2. It is true that the Storekeeper of my office has been more especially engaged of late on other duty, such as preparing the receipt and despatch registers of letters, but the work referred to above has been taken up for him by a Clerk and Examiner in the office.

3. I cannot recommend that his salary should be saved to the State, as the pressure of business in my office is more than the establishment is fairly equal to. I regret to find that the work is apt to fall into arrears, and I fully believe that the strength of the establishment should be increased, not decreased in amount. If the designation of the appointment in this office is to be changed, the incumbent might be termed the Clerk to keep Registers, not Storekeeper.

4. The correspondence in my office is extremely heavy, and though by the system of docket it is reduced to a minimum, the number of papers despatched yearly amounts to more than 7,000, and the letters received exceed this number.

No. 526. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 24th September 1867, No. 121.

With reference to the Order of Government of the 16th September 1867, No. 2,861, I have the honor to state that the services of the Storekeeper cannot be dispensed with, without impairing the efficiency of the Superintending Engineer's office establishment, but as he has no longer charge of stores, I beg to recommend that his designation be altered to Assistant Accountant.

No. 527. From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 5th October 1867, No. 974.

1. In reply to G. O. No. 2,861, dated 16th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the stores in this Division consist of a large quantity of machinery, which

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was sent down some years ago, and though much of it has never been used and is not likely to be used, it must be looked after and cleaned and be placed in the custody of some intelligent and responsible person.

2. The stores are at Trichinopoly, and the Storekeeper besides looking after and issuing the stores and the stationery, attends the office of the Executive Engineer, where he makes himself generally useful, and without his aid the Range office establishment would be unable to perform the duties which devolve upon it. I would, therefore, deprecate the removal of the Storekeeper.

3. It is not clear what the Controller means by stating that there are no stores to keep. The machinery which is not in use, and stores of all sorts, on their receipt, are kept in Trichinopoly, and are issued on Indents passed by me; the pay of the Storekeeper is drawn in my abstract, and he has one of the Lascars belonging to my establishment under him, he is to all intents and purposes the Storekeeper of the Division, though he attends the Range Office at Trichinopoly when not engaged in the stores, as my head-quarters are at Tanjore.

No. 528. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Pereacolum, 25th September 1867, No. 1,230.

With reference to G. O. No. 2,861 of the 16th September 1867, I have the honor to report that although the stores have been transferred to the first Range Officer of the Madura District, the Storekeeper has ample employment. He has charge of all the stationery, instruments, &c., he prepares the Indents for tools, stores, &c, that are obtained from Madras; he receives the same on their arrival, and despatches them to Range Officers; and broken or damaged articles come to his care for repair, or return to the General Stores, in fact he cannot be designated otherwise than as Storekeeper, and his services cannot be dispensed with.

No. 529. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 12th October 1867, No. 2,720.

Eight Enclosures.

* To be obligingly returned when done with.

1. In forwarding Circular* No. 13, dated 30th July 1867, from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, and that Officer's No. 1,065* of

the 24th September 1867, I have the honor to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the check over "Stock" has hitherto been left entirely to the Superintending Engineers, no half-yearly Returns having been sent to this office.

2. The Government of India Code evidently very distinctly provides for the necessary check being made by this office, and it is on these grounds, I presume, that the Accountant General has addressed me on the subject.

3. In some of the Ranges the stock balances are very high, varying from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 91,000, and the half-yearly Returns must be very voluminous, great care being necessary in checking the rates of each item.

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4. Should the Governor in Council decide that the check should be exercised by this office, I submit a draft Circular to Range Officers, for approval; but I would state that I am confident my present establishment is unequal to the task of going through additional Returns from all the ninety Ranges of this Presidency, besides the usual work now on hand; nay, I think it right at once to state, that this additional work cannot be done, unless Government sanction another Accountant on, say, 80 Rupees a month, not only to check in a systematic manner the Returns in question, but also the half-yearly Returns of "Tools and Plant," which are but very imperfectly scrutinized from want of time, and insufficiency of office hands.

5. I take this opportunity to enclose Progress Reports published to all India, by the Accountant General, Public Works Department, from April to August, for the information of Government, from which it will be seen that Madras does not stand so favorably as other Presidencies and Provinces do; because, owing to the large number of Ranges in comparison with them, the work is already too heavy for the strength of the establishment; any extra work thrown on it cannot but impair its efficiency still more.

6. I would suggest, if the Superintending Engineers are to continue the check now exercised by them, that the half-yearly Returns of both "Tools and Plant" and "Stock" be sent to them by the Range Officers, whose "Certificates" of having counted stock, &c., should, after the countersignature of the Superintending Engineer, with an endorsement as to the correctness or otherwise of the Returns, be submitted finally to this office. This, if not sufficient for all the purposes required, will at all events be an improvement.

CIRCULAR No.

* Detailed in page 1 of Book of Forms accompanying Manual of Public Works Accounts
† Do. in pages 2 and 3 of do.

1. The Returns of "Tools and Plant" and of "Stock,"† for the half-year ending 30th September 1867, being, it is presumed, now closed, the undersigned requests attention to the following points concerning them:—

2. First, as to "Tools and Plant." The Manual, Section I, paragraphs 26 to 30, clearly lays down the procedure regarding them, and this procedure should be strictly adhered to, especially in the matter of taking stock, and the course to be followed thereon.

3. Range Officers are therefore solicited to require, that Talook Overseers take stock of Tools and Plant in their presence, for the half-year ending 30th September 1867, dealing with discrepancies as pointed out in paragraphs 28 and 30 of Section I, and in submitting the Return† to this Office, with the required Certificate, agreeably to the provisions of paragraph 29, to state in detail the action taken in cases of differences discovered between the Range Officer's books and the tools actually counted.

4. Notice is called to the instructions of paragraph 27, that the Superintending Engineer's orders are necessary for the disposal of "Unserviceable Tools," and to the kind of voucher wanted, in support of sales by auction; for, in many instances, no authority is quoted, nor voucher submitted for the entries in Account Current under the head of "Tools and Plant."

5. And now, as to "Stock." As by Manual, Section I, paragraph 25, Talook Overseers are not permitted to keep "Stock materials," Range Officers will, it is hoped, be the more enabled to count their actual stock on the 30th September 1867, making allowances for receipts and issues since 1st October, and this, they are requested to do—vide Section II, paragraph 27 of

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Manual, and to submit the result in Form A. A. to this Office, giving the information required in columns "Rate" and "Amount"

6. The half-yearly Returns for Stock though kept, it is presumed, by Range Officers, have not been furnished to this Office for the necessary check. This will now be done; and it is expected that every Range Officer will exert himself to get the Returns completed as early as possible, to enable this Office to take up the whole matter of "Stock" with a view of bringing it under due control, and in order to this, the following remarks are made for guidance:—

I. Range Officers are directed by Section II, paragraph 9 of the Manual, to purchase materials of stock for particular works when wanted for those works, to be charged at once directly to them. This they may do on their own responsibility. But should they require stock for general purposes, to be brought on the Stock Account, the Superintending Engineer's sanction must be obtained prior to the purchase; and the sanctioning letter quoted in support of outlay, on the submission of the monthly accounts; without which authority the outlay will, in future, be summarily disallowed. In like manner, materials manufactured for particular works should be charged to those works; but if manufactured for general purposes, the sanction of the Superintending Engineer is absolutely wanted before the manufacture is undertaken.

II. On counting "Stock," the actual quantity of stock on hand should be shown in comparison with the balances as arrived at from the monthly Returns of receipts and issues, as shown in the accompanying form, and it should always be noted in the column of Remarks by what Officer the count was taken, and his remarks should be recorded on the Return, or a separate certificate should be sent up with it to this Office.

III. When stores become unserviceable, a report should be made to the Superintending Engineer, who will give orders for the stores to be sold or otherwise disposed of.

IV. All articles of stock, on which there have been no transactions for six months, or which are not likely to be required during the following twelve months, should be sold, or otherwise disposed of to the best advantage, unless special authority be given by the Superintending Engineer to retain them.

V. No public stores may be sold otherwise than by public auction, except by permission of the Superintending Engineer, and Commission not exceeding 5 per cent. may be allowed to the Auctioneer, not being a departmental subordinate.

VI. Finally, the rates of the stock actually on hand as counted, should be fixed on all articles high enough to cover not only the cost of manufacture or purchase, but also breakage, loss, or deterioration, for, unless these are provided for, the actual value of the stock in hand must inevitably fall below the book value, for instance, 50,000 bricks are burnt at a cost of, 500 Rupees, 40,000 of these are used on works, only whole bricks of course being used, and charged at Rupees 10 per thousand. There should be 10,000 bricks left; but on actually counting them, after rejecting brick-bats, there are only 5,000 left, at the value of Rupees 100. The rate at which they should stand on the 1st October will be 20 Rupees per 1,000, instead of 10 Rupees as in the previous half-year, and at the former rate will they be issued to works after the 1st October. Depreciation and waste are the necessary conditions of all building operations. When these are moderate, they may be provided for by the rates on materials actually used, as already shown, but when these rates will materially affect the outlay on works, in comparison with the estimated rates, then they should be reduced to the fair market rates in existence at the time, and the difference in book value be written off to profit and loss, on application to Government, through the Superintending Engineer of course, serious losses by fire, &c., should be reported and adjusted at once.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF
P. W. ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.

(Signed) P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To all Range Officers.

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24th October 1867

Stock Register of the No. 1 Range, Ranepoor Division, for the half-year ending 30th September 1867.

Class.	Names of Articles.	Balance brought over.	RECEIPTS.								ISSUES								Balance as per this Return.	Actual balance on 1st October as counted.	VALUE AS PER PRESENT RATES		VALUE ADJUSTED TO COINCIDE WITH AMOUNT OF LEDGER BALANCE		Remarks
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Building Materials	Bricks, No. 23,000		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	20,000	50,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10	50	20	100	The loss of 5,000 bricks is owing to depreciation from heavy falls of rain, &c, &c.				

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24th October 1867.

No. 530.

ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1867, No. 3,306.

ACCOUNT, No. 52.

1. The Government are of opinion that the check over "Stock" should continue to be exercised by the Superintending Engineers, who, from their local knowledge, and the opportunities they have of personal inspection, are in a position to perform this duty most effectively.

2. In the sanctioned scale of establishment for the Offices of Superintending Engineers, provision is made for a Storekeeper on a salary of Rupees 50 per mensem. On a full consideration of the papers above recorded, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the designation of the post should be altered to that of Accountant, and that the incumbents of those appointments should be charged with the duty of systematically checking and scrutinizing the periodical Returns of "Tools and Plant."

3. The Superintending Engineers will give effect to the suggestion contained in paragraph 6 of the Controller's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with eight Enclosures.
" Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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C. P. - Finn

Supy. Engrs Office 3rd Div
Camp Station
Munro's Valley
Kern Co. District
23rd September 1887.
The Superintending Engineer 3rd Div

To: The Secretary to Government.
P. M. D.

Sir:

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W. H. B. May 1887
Superintending Engineer
3rd Div

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The Superintending Engineer
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Secy. the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 28 September 1867.
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From
To
Col. Col. G. V. Winscom R.E.
Superintending Engineer
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government

Sir
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Madras. 7. October 1867.
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From
Lieut Colonel J. Bean R.E.
Ag. Supg. Engineer & Director
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Colonel C. A. Orr. N.E.
Secretary to Government C.W.D.

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Your most Obedt Servant.

Reuben L. L. L.

Asst. Secy. of the Treasury, &c.

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Asst. Supt. Engineer 1st Division.

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Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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*To the Government.
Alfred.*

Dated 7th October 1873
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J. P. Kiley Capt R.E.
At. Sup. Engineer

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Superint. Eng. Office, 5th Division
Salem 24th September/67

N. 121.

From

Lieut. Col. C. A. Ford R.E.,
Superintending Engineer
5th Division

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Colonel C. A. Ford R.E.,
Secretary to Government
D.P.W.

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C. A. Ford Lt. Col. R.E.
Superint. Engineer
5th Div.

Supr Eng's office 6th D^o
Faujre 5 October/67.

From 21
Capt R. H. Baker R.E.
Supr Engineer 6th D^o

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The Deputy Engineer
5th Division

To
The Secretary to
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Dated 24th 7th
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as my Head Quarters are at
Punjab - Hence the honor to be

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Yours most Obedt. Servant
W. F. Bates Capt & R. E.
Superintendent B. & S.

No 110

Superintending Engineer's Office
Camp Tellicherry 15 October 1867

I am

And the following papers:-

Colonel G. M. Walker R. E.
Superintending Engineer y^r D^y

Colonel L. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government. D. P. M.

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G. M. Walker Col. R. E.
Superintending Engineer y^r D^y

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The Super Engineer
G. M. Walker

To the Secretary
to Government
D. P. M.

October 25th
Received 23 October

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From
Captain W. S. Sandercock R.E.
Off. Superintending Engineer S. & C. Division

To
Colonel C. A. Carr R.E.
Secretary to Government S. & C. D.

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W. Sandercock Captain R.E.
Off. Superintending Engineer S. & C. Division

For 1867
No. 1230
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To the Secretary to Govt
S. & C. D.

No. 110
Seraicolum 18th September 1867

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15th Oct 1867 C.A. Carr

25th Sept 1867

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Mordreas, 12th October 1867.

From, The Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To, The Secretary to Government: D. O. W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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*To Mr. J. H. [unclear] (to [unclear])
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of this Presidency, besides the usual work now
in hand; may, I think it right to state,
that this additional work cannot be done, unless
government sanction another Accountant on say
30 Rs. a month, not only to check in a systematic
manner the Returns in question, but also the
half yearly returns of "Tools and Plant", which
are but very imperfectly scrutinized from want
of time, and insufficiency of Office hands.

5. Take this opportunity to
enclose Progress Reports published to all India,
by the Accountant General P.W.D. from
April to August for the information of
Government, from which it will be seen that
Madras does not stand so favorably as other
Presidencies and Provinces do, because, owing to
the large number of Ranges in comparison
with them the work is already too heavy
for the strength of the Establishment; any
extra work thrown on it cannot but impair
its efficiency still more.

6. I would suggest, if the
Superintending Engineers are to continue the
check now exercised by them, that the
half yearly returns of both "Tools and Plant"
and "Stock" be sent to them by the Range
Officers, whose "Certificates" of having examined
Stock &c. should, after the countersignature
of the Superintending Engineer, with an
endorsement as to the correctness or otherwise
of the Return, be submitted finally to this
Office. This, if not sufficient for all the
purposes required, will at all events be

an improvement.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant.

Wm. H. Stoll
Controller, Public Works Accounts.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th October 1867

Read the following papers

- From the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Div. 15th Oct 1867 No 110
From the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Div. (Here enter 20th Sept 1867 No 110)
From the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Div. (Here enter 1st October No 95)
From the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Div. (Here enter 23rd Sept No 110)
From the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Div. (Here enter 7th October No 121)
From the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Div. (Here enter 24th Sept No 974)
From the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Div. (Here enter 5th October No 1230)
From the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Div. (Here enter 25th Sept No 2720)
Controller of P.W. Accounts No 12th October No 2720

The Government are of opinion that the check over "Stock" should continue to be exercised by the Superintending Engineer who, from their local knowledge, and the opportunities they have of personal inspection, are in a position to perform this duty most effectively. In the sanctioned scale of establishment for the Office of Superintending Engineer

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provision is made
for a storekeeper on
a salary of Rs. 50
per mensem. On a
full consideration of
the papers above recorded,
His Excellency in Coun-
cil is of opinion that
the designation of the
post should be altered
to that of ~~Assistant~~
Accountant, and that the
incumbents of those ap-
pointments should be
charged with the duty
of systematically check-
ing and scrutinizing
the periodical Returns
of Tools and Plant.

The Supg. Engrs will
give effect to the suggestion
contained in para 8 of the
Controller's letter.

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To
4 The Controller with Encl^{re}
119 S. Engrs.
4 Capt. Kennedy
Sept 25/1907

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Issuing instructions
for changing the designa-
tion of Storekeepers attached
to Supp. Engrs' officers to that
of Accountant.

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