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No. 253. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th October 1873, No. 3,516 :—

In obedience to G. O., No. 2,232, dated 10th September 1873, paragraph 4, calling for a special report with reference to the discrepancies pointed out between the stock registers and inventories of tools, etc., in the Workshop Stores, I have the honour to report that the discrepancies noted by the Deputy Controller, on his audit of the accounts of the Workshops, were caused by the non-entries of receipts and issues of stores in the books.

2. Until the year 1871-72 there were no regular stock registers kept in the Workshops, when the Controller prescribed a form of registers to be kept, showing receipts and issues of all stores. Previous to 1871-72 articles as required for works were obtained from the Public Works Stores or purchased in the market, and, on receipt, issued and written off at once to the work concerned, so that there appeared no necessity for keeping registers. By and bye, however, remnants of articles issued to be manufactured began to accumulate. Stock received from the Public Works Stores, and by purchase, but not manufactured or else returned into store, in consequence of orders having been cancelled or dimensions altered, also accumulated. Large quantities of tools were being manufactured for meeting requisitions, and with a view to prevent such materials being lost sight of the Controller considered it necessary that stock registers should be kept of all stores received and stores issued to the works, etc.

3. The man employed on this duty was formerly employed under Captain Curley, when Superintendent of the Public Works Stores, as Book-keeper, and by Mr. Moncrieff as Workshop Storekeeper; but pressure of work owing to the increase in receipts and issues, as the operations of the factory expanded, was too much for a single individual to cope with, and although he was assisted at times the books fell into arrears and confusion.

4. Measures have, however, been adopted for ensuring a correct record of all receipts and issues of stores being accurately kept. Registers are now maintained commencing with the current official year, the opening balances being the quantities found in store on stock-taking.

No. 254. Order thereon, 18th November 1873, No. 2,793.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

In Proceedings dated 10th September 1873, No. 2,232, His Excellency the Governor in Council called for a special report of the discrepancies which were discovered by the Deputy Controller on his examination of the accounts of the Chepauk Workshop, between the stock registers and inventories of tools and timber. The letter above recorded, purporting to comply with this requisition, cannot be accepted as the *special* report which was required, reconciling, as far as possible, the discrepancies pointed out by the Deputy Controller. It is clear, however, from the facts reported by the District Engineer in his letter read at the head of these Proceedings that any attempt at the present time to reconcile these differences is hopeless, but accepting the

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18th November 1873.

assurance that a fair start has now been made in the maintenance of a correct register of receipts and issues commencing with the current official year, based on the recent stock-taking, His Excellency the Governor in Council hopes that the Controller's report for next year will exhibit a more satisfactory state of things.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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From

Lieutt: Col. W. J. Goddard R.E.
District Engineer, Presidency

To

Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Sir,

In obedience to G.O. No. 2232 dated 10th Septr 1873 para 4 calling for a special report with reference to the discrepancies pointed out between the Stock registers and Inventories of Tools &c. in the Workshop stores, I have the honor to report that the discrepancies noted by the Dy: Controller in his audit of the accounts of the Workshops, were caused by the non-entries of receipts and issues of stores in the books.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Jno. Spears Lt. Col. R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency.

Fort St. George
24 Oct. 1873.

No 2730 P.W. Office

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Dated

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Papers & Letters on letter from the Dist Engr. Presidency reporting on the discrepancies noted by the Accountant & P.W. Accts. in his audit of the accounts of the Workshops.