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16th May 1874.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 370. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer, Tinnevely, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 9th March 1874, No. 200.

I HAVE the honour to request permission, for the following reasons, to remove from the category of Tools and Plant the ordinary beetle or rammer employed on road repairs:—

- 1st.—They are perishable articles not lasting more than two or at the outside three years; this causes numerous entries in the register of tools.
- 2nd.—They are generally used only on one road, and hence the charge of the original cost to the maintenance of that road would be fair.

2. The retention of these tampers in the tools list is, I conclude, intended to guard against dishonesty, but as when a tamper breaks it generally breaks into two pieces, and in counting the tools it is generally difficult to say how many tampers are actually represented by the fragments produced.

No. 371. From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th April 1874, No. 327.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 234, of the 1st instant, approving of the proposal of the District Engineer, Tinnevely, that road rammers should not be treated as items of "Tools and Plant" under that distinct head of account, but be charged as part of the cost of maintenance of the roads for which they may be purchased.

2. The reasons for the proposal are, 1st, that the rammers are perishable articles and are not usually made use of for other than the work (road) for which purchased; and, 2nd, that much trouble is experienced in accounting for them in the registers of Tools and Plant. The first reason is certainly worthy of consideration, but I submit that a change of the kind if made should be general and not confined to one district. At present the practice of charging for rammers as Tools and Plant renders it easy to compare the charges for maintenance of roads in the several districts, with reference to the rates for labour, but if we exclude charges for Tools and Plant in some districts from the cost of maintenance and include them in others, the above advantage of easy comparison will be lost.

3. According to the existing rules of the department, all expenditure for items classed as Tools and Plant is chargeable to the Budget head of service "Tools and Plant," and therefore if any change be made I would suggest that the sanction of Government be obtained to the same.

No. 372. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1874, No. 1,322.

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that for the reasons explained by the District Engineer, Tinnevely, road rammers may with advantage be struck off the list of Tools and

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Plant and form part of the cost of maintenance of the works for which they may be purchased. The rule will have general application.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.

Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To the Special Executive Engineer, Wynnad.
To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 200 District Engineer's Office, Trinnevelly
Palamcottah, 9th March 1874.

From, J. W. Randall Esquire
District Engineer, Trinnevelly

To, Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

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2^d They are generally used only on one Road and hence the charge of the original cost to the maintenance of that Road would be fair.

3. The retention of these Tampers in the Tool List is I conclude intended to guard against dishonesty, but as when a Tamper breaks, it generally breaks into two pieces, and in counting the Tools it is generally difficult to say how many Tampers are actually represented by the fragments produced.

Wm. Pundall
District Surgeon.

From the Office of the Controller of Public Accounts and

With reference to your Memo
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The Controller of
P.W. Accounts

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.
Fort Saint George.

No. 327

Dated 11/3
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Remarking on the
proposal of the District
Engineer to remove
from the list
of Tools & Plant Ordinary
hammers used on
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From the District Engineer
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