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No. 350. Read the following letter 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, 30th June 1874, No. 2,709:—

I HAVE the honor to suggest that orders be issued with the view of securing uniformity in dealing with tools and plant supplied to Contractors, and so preventing loss to Government.

2. When tools are given out to Contractors security is usually taken from them, and it is supposed that the security is regulated according to the value of the tools; but there is apparently no rule for subsequent production or examination of the tools, and there are instances in which tools have, for long periods, been held on the books as "with Contractors," while Contractors have been content to allow their security to remain for years in the Savings' Bank.

3. When Contractors obtain tools without charge, according to the terms of their agreement, I think some rule should be introduced for the regular inspection of the tools, to prevent Contractors misappropriating them by the substitution of old articles sold by auction as useless on some previous occasion. Security lodged in such cases will be of no advantage to Government, if the lapse of time simply be held as sufficient to account for the unserviceable condition of tools.

4. When Contractors borrow tools which, strictly speaking, they should provide themselves, I think they should be required to pay, either the full value*

* *Vide* G. O., No. 3,982 of 21st December 1868. of the articles (if necessary by monthly deduction from the sums that may be due to them for work done) or (eventually)

the difference between the original and depreciated value of the articles, this latter course being followed in cases in which Range Officers may consider the tools returned by Contractors to be still serviceable.

5. Considering the frequent changes of Range Officers, I consider some such rules as above suggested to be very necessary, in order that Contractors may not improperly benefit by the arrangement under which they obtain the use of tools and plant from the Public Works Department.

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1874, No. 1,933.

ACCOUNT, No. 17.

COMMUNICATED to District Engineers, who will report on the practice now obtaining in their districts in regard to tools and plant supplied to Contractors, and submit their opinion on the suggestions of the Controller.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy.
To the Officiating Controller Public Works Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Office of the Controller of
P. & A. Accounts.
No 2709 Madras 30 June 1874.

To
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Vide G.O. 3982
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Your most Obedt Servt

James

Off Controller of P.W. Accts.

P. W. 1874 Department.
No. 4003.
From

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The Secretary to Govt.
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To

The District Mags.

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