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No. 161. 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 Fort St. George, 5th September 1874, No. 5,027:—

In my letter No. 3,103, of the 13th July 1874, (to which no reply has been received,) I brought to the notice of Government the practice followed in the Public Works Store Department in dealing with and adjusting the value of Tools and Plant, and I have now the honor to report that in addition to the two heads, *Imperial* and *Provincial*, therein mentioned, it is apparently intended to have a third head, viz., *Irrigation*.

2. In a letter, No. 847, of the 31st ultimo, the General Superintendent of Stores has applied to me for instructions relative to stores indented for and shipped for the use of the Irrigation Department. Mr. Grainger wants to know whether the stores "are to be kept and accounted for separate and distinct from Imperial stores as in the case of Provincial stores, and whether issues from Irrigation stores to Imperial or other services are to be recovered by transfers," and he concludes with the remark, that "tracing cloth and memorandum books form the two consignments on the way out, and as these articles must be transferred to the Stationery Depôt under G. O., dated the 19th May 1874, No. 103, I beg to solicit your instructions as to how they are to be accounted for." Not having received particulars of the stores, (*vide* my letter on this subject, No. 3,425, of the 3rd September 1873, printed with G. O., No. 483, of the 26th February 1874,) I applied to the General Superintendent for information, which he has supplied by furnishing a copy of the bi-monthly return of stores under provision by the Director-General of Stores for India up to 30th June 1874. From this return (a copy is probably with Government) I find that with the exception of gauges (enamelled iron, tidal) the articles detailed under the head "for Irrigation Department" are not of a kind exclusively used for Irrigation Works, and which might therefore have been indented for under the General head "*Imperial*" for issue to any head of service needing them, *vide* Clause II., paragraph 6 of my letter mentioned in the 1st paragraph.

3. Probably the Chief Engineer for Irrigation could decide on the distribution of the gauges above referred to. If this be done the General Superintendent could adjust their value by at once debiting, under transfers, the districts or ranges in which the gauges are to be used. In the same way, if thought desirable, the drawing materials may be transferred to Irrigation Districts* and not to the Stationery Depôt. But if to the Stationery Depôt, perhaps the Civil Department would not object to accept a debit of the value of the drawing materials in consideration of the fact that under G. O., No. 103, of the 19th May 1874, the transfer of a large stock for general issue to all departments was made *without charge*. It might be explained that in the present case this department desires a different course, because the articles, unlike those already transferred, have yet to be paid for. If the debit be accepted, the charge for Tools and Plant in the Public Works Department will be less to the extent of the debit. As regards the other

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articles, I would suggest that they be charged and classed under the present head "*Imperial*," and be issued and otherwise treated as per Clause II., paragraph 6 of my letter mentioned in the 1st paragraph.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1874, No. 3,185.

IRRIGATION, No. 11.
Account.

THE Government are of opinion that, as the way in which the Accounts of Irrigation Works are to be maintained has been prescribed by the Government of India, the method of dealing with Tools and Plant required for Irrigation Works should be in accordance with the practice followed in the Provinces under the immediate control of the Government of India, and the Controller should ascertain from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, and conform to that practice.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Fort St George 5 September 1874.

No. 5027

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The Offg Controller of
P. W. Accounts
Fort St George

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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Your most obedient Servant

Off. Controller of
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Dated 5th September/74.
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