No. 313. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel N. G. CAMPBELL, R.A., Officiating Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th September 1874, No. G/210 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that it has been brought to my notice by the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort St. George, that of late unserviceable articles of no use to the Ordnance Department, and not worth the carriage from out stations, have been forwarded to the Grand Arsenal by Officers of the Department Public Works, and that a considerable and unnecessary expense is thereby incurred.

2. With the view, therefore, to obviate the recurrence of such a practice, I beg to forward thirty copies of Circular Order* respecting the carriage of unserviceable stores to Madras, and request you will be so good as to cause the same to be circulated for the information and guidance of the officers and subordinates of the department under your control.

* No. 2, dated 14th January 1870.

No. 314. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1874, No. 3,531.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

THE Governor in Council resolves to comply with the request of the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, but in lieu of circulating an obsolete order of the Military Board he directs that Range Officers and others concerned will be careful to avoid returning to the Ordnance Department unserviceable articles of little or no intrinsic value and useless to that department, the carriage of which causes unnecessary expense.

2. Stores of such a nature should be sold and the proceeds credited in the usual manner to Revenue, Miscellaneous. In doubtful cases the Range Officer should ascertain from the Inspector-General of Ordnance whether the articles he has on hand are worth transmission before he disposes of them.

3. Powder barrels are articles very commonly supplied to the department, and as they are, if in good condition, valuable for ordnance purposes, care should be taken to open them without injury.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
,, Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines. through the Mily. Dept.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

No. II. of 14th January 1870.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Stores Unserviceable—not worth carriage how to be treated by Officers Commanding Corps.

It having been brought to the notice of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines that Unserviceable stores, not worth carriage, are occasionally returned to the Grand Arsenal from distant stations, thereby causing unnecessary expenditure, the attention of Officers Commanding Corps is requested to Circular Order of the late Military Board No. XL of 12th June 1855, hereto annexed, and they are requested to adhere to the instructions therein contained.

MILITARY BOARD'S CICULAR ORDER.

The attention of the Military Board having recently been drawn to the charges incurred for the conveyance of unserviceable Stores from an out-station to the nearest Magazine, the Stores so conveyed being in many instances of little value, far below the cost of their carriage, it is to be understood in future that in place of despatching old and useless articles of litte value, the same are to be disposed of on the spot, either by sale, by burning, or otherwise.

When sold, the disposal will be made by public Auction under a person totally unconnected, if practicable, with the Corps or Department in whose charge the articles had been in use, but before selling the articles, care will be taken to render them totally useless for the exact purposes for which supplied by Government, and in all cases, the Officer in Command will specially sanction the sale or distruction of the articles, specifying his decision on the list, which will be submitted to him by the Corps or Department, and which list will accompany the accounts as a voucher.

In cases where doubt may exist as to the value or uses to which articles can be applied or as to whether the articles are worth the cost of conveyance, a reference should be made to the nearst Ordnance Officer for information : and it should be borne in mind, that there are many articles which though unserviceable in one state, may by conversion in an Arsenal, be made useful in another form.

(By order,)

A. H. HOPE, Secretary.

Judicial Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE :
Fort Saint George,
18 September 1874.

No. 6/210

3

From,

Lieut.t Colonel N. G. Campbell R.A.,
Off.g Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that it has been brought to my notice by the Commissary of Ordnance Fort Saint George, that of late Unserviceable Articles of no use to the Ordnance Department, and not worth the Carriage from out Stations, have been forwarded to the Grand Arsenal by Officers of the Department Public Works, and that a considerable and unnecessary expense is thereby incurred.

2.— With the view therefore to obviate the recurrence of such a practice, I beg to forward (30) Copies of Circular Order (a) dated 14th Sept.r 1870. respecting the Carriage of Unserviceable Stores to Madras, and request you will be so good as to cause the same to be circulated for the information and guidance of the Officers and Subordinates of the Department under your Control.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Nap.r G. Campbell Lieut.t Colonel, R.A.,
Off.g Insp.r Genl of Ord.ce Magz.s

Encl.s

Memorandum

It is respectfully represented that the wording of the Circular in question, in which the Rule is distinction of certain Articles has to especially sanctioned by the "Officer in Command" (i.e living on the hills. Army Board Circular of 1855) is in. Effect; and that the kind in view will be better attained with to use: Powder Barrels are the only articles returned to Arsenals. on account of their value generally to the Ordnance. It is very rarely that they are returned in a

Public Works 1876 Department
Rec'd 30th Dec
No. 5891.

From
The Offg Inspector General
of Ordnance and Magazines

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Dated 8th September 1876.
Rec'd 13th September 1876.

Encl. 1

No. 2/210

Forwards copies of Circular Order prescribing Carriage of Double Shotted to Madras for Circulation.—

(Enclosure of 308 Copies)

G. O. No: 3531. 16-12-76.

Circ. 11-76
Received 16 Oct 1876

Fabulous Conditions. 5891

E. W. Walker Coll. Rl.
Secretary to Government
P. W. Dept

Fort St George
December 1874

P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following

From the I. G. of Ordnance and Magazines } (M. E. No. 4/210 d/ 18 Septr. 1874)

No.
3531

[The circular transmitted with the above letter and proposed for communication to the Officers of the Public Works Department is hardly in its terms applicable to them, but the Government direct that Range officers and others concerned will be careful to avoid returning

Secy

The Q. & Quarters & Engineer at the request of the I. G. Ord.

C. 3-12 T4 OR. 7.12.74

returning to the Ordnance
Department unserviceable
articles of little or no
intrinsic value and
useless to that Depart-
ment, the carriage of
which causes unneces-
sary expense.

Stores of such a
nature should be sold
and the proceeds credited
in the usual manner
to Revenue Miscellaneous.
In doubtful cases the
Rank Officer should
ascertain from the Ins-
pector

Inspector General of
Ordnance whether the
Articles he has on hand
are worth transmission
before he disposes of them.

Powder barrels are
articles very commonly
supplied to the Departt:
and as they are, if in
good condition, valuable
for ordnance purposes
care should be taken to
open them without injury.

Adt S
Genl.

170
26

D. Engineers ✓
Dr: Engr. Brynaad ✓
Mily Deptt ✓ Dr. Gl of Ord. & Mcgregor thro' the Military Deptt ✓ despatch 18/12/74.

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Dy. Supts

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 16 Dec 1874, No. 3531

Nos. 313-314.

Unserviceable Articles

Ancelng Range Officers &
Others concerned to be care
ful to avoid returning to
the Ordnance Depôt articles
of little or no intrinsic
value unless the Depôt
the carriage of which causes
unnecessary expense with
certain instructions -