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4. Work abstracts are now prepared as suggested in the last report (paragraph 5) so far as is necessary. The register of works is well kept and generally complete. The grant for *Repairs, Military*, in the current financial year, Rs. 35,000, has apparently been used very freely by the barrack master, who is in the habit of sending up requisition after requisition for works costing less than Rs. 50 each regardless of the state of the grant and of the Executive Engineer's own appropriation of it. Considering the comparatively heavy and important works resting with the Executive Engineer, he would perhaps do well to move the Superintending Engineer to get the barrack master's portion of the grant for the year arranged at a certain sum, subject to alteration from time to time as occasion might require.

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