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27TH JUNE 1887, No. 1715 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From H. H. O'CONNELL, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores,
to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Madras, 12th March 1887,
No. 1207.

The Government, in their order, No. 2270 W., dated 15th September 1884, fixed the limit of reserve stock in the Public Works Stores at Rs. 1,50,000. The work-shops, moreover, were prohibited from keeping a reserve stock exceeding Rs. 5,000 (*vide* paragraph 4 of letter from Examiner, Public Works Accounts, recorded in G.O., No. 858 W., dated 30th March 1886). It becomes necessary, therefore, that the Public Works Stores should be prepared to supply the shops with their wants. To this end, the undermentioned articles, amounting in value to Rs. 1,23,861-7-11, were borne on the reserve stock accounts of the Public Works Stores on the 30th September 1886 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Timber	27,790	9	5
Coke	3,602	7	8
Metals	92,468	6	10
Total	123,861	7	11

2. If the above were eliminated from the reserve stock, the balance would amount to Rs. 75,050 ; this amount represents only the value of stock articles. Tools, instruments, machinery and plant are borne on the books numerically—As it has been found impossible to reduce the reserve stock to Rs. 1,50,000 without serious loss to Government, the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, in his audit note for July 1886, suggests that I should apply to you to obtain sanction of Government to raise the reserve limit, and I request that, under the circumstances, the Government may be moved to raise the limit of reserve stock in the Public Works Stores to Rs. 2,50,000.

3. I would further point out that all unnecessary stock in the Public Works Workshop and divisions are frequently transferred to the Public Works Stores, thus increasing the reserve balance.

No. 6400.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1186 W., dated 11th May 1886.

2. Under the circumstances reported by the General Superintendent, it seems at present impossible to reduce the stock limit of the Public Works Stores division, and that it is necessary to increase it by 1,00,000. I request that sanction may be given to the stock limit being Rs. 2,50,000.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

24th March 1887.

Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 20th May 1887, No. 122.
" to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 26th May 1887, No. 1788 C.

From A. JOYCE, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Madras, 8th June 1887, No. 225 S.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1108, dated 1st June 1887, on office note from Examiner, Public Works Accounts, I have the honor to state, with reference to paragraph 3, that tenders were called for, by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, in June and July 1886, for the purchase of the surplus stock in the Public Works Stores, while printed lists of the surplus stores were freely circulated to departments and Native States as well as to private firms and individuals, but the circulation has not been made to the extent noted by the Examiner.

2. Taking into consideration paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Examiner's note, as to the speediest way of reducing the surplus stock, I concur in his opinion that the most practical way is by reducing the book price by 50 per cent. This would most assuredly clear the greater part of the raw materials in a very short time, but I cannot recommend so arbitrary a reduction until all other means have failed. The market rates are constantly fluctuating. For instance, the price of steel now received from England is annas 2 and pies 10 per pound, while the book rate is annas 4 per pound. Iron is quoted at 9 and 10 pies per pound, the book rate is 10 and 11 pies, and, considering the length of time the metal has been in stock, it may have slightly deteriorated. The South Indian Railway frequently send me memoranda of stores required, and ask if they can be supplied at their rates. Bound by paragraph 1669 of the Public Works Code, I am precluded from making the smallest reduction, and in many cases their indents are negatived. It will be apparent therefore that some discretionary power should be vested in the Superintendent of Stores to effect a reduction in the surplus stock, and I would ask to be allowed to exercise that discretion by reducing the book value of all surplus stores to not more than 30 per cent. according to market rates of the articles. The Code rule will stand good as regards all stores not surplus.

3. I beg to propose that this method be first tried, and the result reported after a lapse of 12 months.

4. G.O., No. 1008 W., dated 5th April 1887, will receive attention in a separate communication as soon as replies are received to references abroad.

5. The papers received with Examiner's note are herewith returned.

No. 1285.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his endorsement, No. 1788 C., dated 26th May 1887, returned.

2. I concur with the views of the General Superintendent, and recommend that the suggestion that the book value of all surplus stores be reduced by not more than 30 per cent. be allowed a year's trial.

3. I should mention that the notice of sale of surplus stores was published not only in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, but also in the *Madras Mail*, *Bombay Times* and *Bangalore Spectator*, in addition to circulation of printed lists of the surplus stores to departments, Native States, private firms and individuals.

BANGALORE,
16th June 1887.

(Signed)

H. M. VIBART, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

ORDER—dated 27th June 1887, No. 1715 W., Public Works.

The suggestion that the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, should have the power to reduce the value of surplus stores by any amount not exceeding 30 per cent., if necessary, is approved.

2. A report should be submitted at the end of twelve months, showing the results of the reduction in price.

3. Paragraph 1669 of the Public Works Code will be modified in accordance with paragraph 1 of this order.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Secretary, Code Committee.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Subt. of 1887 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 27th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 27th June 1887, No. 1715 W.

JUNE.

Public Works Stores, Madras

Approving the proposal to let the General Superintendent, —, have the power to reduce the value of surplus stores by any amount not exceeding 30 per cent. if necessary.

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Description of Articles

Rate of per
deducting
10 per cent
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Book value
More Less

Barometer Mountain

Best hydraulic thermometer 24"

Camera lucida

Compass with 18" scale and stand

do with 18" scale and stand

do small with stand

Chain line fabricated measuring 50 feet with minus

do 18" 2nd

do 2nd hand

Compass triangulation

do lines 4"

Mathematical instrument 18" brass 18" 2nd hand

do 18" 2nd hand

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Pen circular ruling with box of wheels

Planimeter

do 2nd hand

Paper Transfer in case

Protractor ivory rolling 8"

Quadrant Gunners

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Sir,
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To this end the undermentioned
Articles

to the order of the Govt. of India
 as to the disposal of surplus Stores
 of State Railways, see Govt. of India
 Circular No. XXX. Railway of 10th.
 November 1882. Cast iron rules of this
 sort for gradually reducing the
 book value of surplus Stores, with a
 view to getting rid of them, may seem
 very arbitrary; but the fact is it is
 very difficult indeed to make up
 ones mind to write off a very large
 percentage - 30 or 50 per cent say -
 all at once, even though this may
 afford the only reasonable
 prospect of getting rid of them;
 and probably the plan laid down
 in this circular is as practical a
 way as any of getting out of the
 difficulty.

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 P.W.C. No 3865
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Ch 1108

Forwarded to the
 General Superintendent
 P.W. Stores and Workshops
 for report on paras 2, 3
 and 4 of the Examiners
 Office note Ch 102 dated
 20 May 1887.

W. H. B. B. B. B.
 General Superintendent
 15 June 1887.
 15 Circle

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 30-5-87
 No 17982 d/26 May 1887
 To.
 S.E. Circle
 with a copy of circ xxx
 For favor of further remarks
 with reference to the Examiners
 note and G.O. No 1003W dated
 5 April 1887.
 16.5.87
 S.W.

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Public Works Store Department
 Madras 8 June 1887

Ch 2258

From
 Alfred Joyce Kestye
 Genl. Superintendent
 P.W. Stores &c.
 To
 The Superintending Engineer,
 5 Circle
 Mysore.

With reference to your order
 ment Ch 108 dated 1 June 1887 on
 Office note from Examiners P.W.
 Accounts, I have the honor to state
 with reference to para 3 that Tenders
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 (Ch 102).

2. Taking into consideration
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 I concur in his opinion that
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 This would most assuredly clear
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per. Regards all stores not surplus.
3. I beg to propose that this method be first tried and the result reported after a lapse of 12 months.

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4. G.O. No. 1008 dated 6 April 1887 with reference to the above. I beg to propose that the communication be sent as soon as replies are received to the references above.

5. The papers received with Examiners' Note are herewith returned.

I have the honor to
Yours faithfully
J. S. Joyce
Genl. Superintendent P. W. Stores.

O.P. 1285.

Forwarded to the Chief Commr. - Genl. P. W. Department with reference to his Order No. 1788 dated 26 May 1887 referred to.

2. I concur with the views of the General Superintendent and recommend that the suggestion that the book value of all surplus stores be reduced by not more than 30 per cent. be adopted as a year's trial.

3. I should mention that the

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Superintending Engineer

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P.W. No. 4661

The Supy. Engineer

(16) 5th mile.

To The Chief Engineer

P. W. Deane

Dated 16:

Sept 17:

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Apr. 1285.

Stock limit of P.W.

Shares Division.

Forwards Copy of letter

No. 225 of 8th June 1897

from Genl Supt. P.W.

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For orders.

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The suggestion that the
by S. & should have the
power to reduce the value
of shares ^{if necessary} by 30%.

is approved -

A report will be submitted
at the end of 12 months
showing the results of the
reduction in price.

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Para 1669 of the Code
will be altered accordingly.

of twelve months, showing
the results of the
reduction.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

27th June 1887

Read the following

From the Genl. Supt. P.W. Stores H.E. No 1207 dated 12th March 1887
Endorsement thereon by S.E. V circle H.E. No 6400 d/ 24th March 1887
Office Note from the Exec. P.W. Accts H.E. No 122 d/ 20th May 1887
- d/ to the S.E. V circle No 1788 c d/ 26 May 1887
From the Supdy. Engr. V circle H.E. No 1285 d/ 16th June 1887

The suggestion that
the General Superintendent
P.W. Stores, should have
the power to reduce the
value of surplus stores
by any amount not exceeding
up to a maximum of
30 per cent, if necessary,
is approved.

2. A report should be
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of twelve months, shewing
the results of the
reduction

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Gobt. of (1887) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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G.O. 27th June 1887, No. 1715

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Approving the proposal
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