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No. 555. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. McLEOD INNES, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account-General,) to the Governments of the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department; the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, in the General and Irrigation Branches; the Consulting Engineer, Calcutta; the Engineers-in-Chief, Northern Bengal and Tirhoot State Railways, dated Fort William, 23rd April 1874, Nos. 261—68 A—G:—

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter* and its annexure, received from the Officiating Inspector-General of Military Works, I am directed to inquire whether any use could be found in the Public Works Department, Madras, for the steam-engine and saw-bench, and other miscellaneous tools to be used in connection therewith therein referred to, and if so, to say that arrangements could be made for transferring them at a reasonable cost.

From the Inspector-General of Military Works, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 23rd February 1874, No. 1,043.

I HAVE the honour to apply, for the sanction of Government, to sell to the best advantage the steam-engine and saw-bench at Sonada in the Darjeeling Division. The following is a brief history of the case.

2. The engine and saw-bench were procured before the separation of Military Works from Provincial Establishments, there is not now sufficient work for the machine. It has been set up in the forest about 15 miles from Darjeeling, as long as it remains there a costly establishment must be maintained on it. The engine, etc., was first taken by the Bengal Provincial Public Works Department, but was made over to Military Works Branch in consequence of orders received with Government of India, No. 302 A—G of 10th June 1873.

3. In August last, the Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Military Works, submitted an estimate, amounting to Rupees 448, for establishment employed at the saw-bench for eight months from August 1873 to April 1874, but recommended that the estimate should not be sanctioned, the machine being of no use as there was not sufficient work for it. The Superintending Engineer suggested that it should either be sold on the spot, or transferred to some other division.

4. I have inquired of the Chief Engineer, Military Works, and the Secretary to Bengal Government, whether they require the machine, and would wish it transferred, but both have stated that neither the engine nor the saw-bench is required by them.

5. Two statements showing the cost when the engine was first purchased, and the tools and plant received in transfer are forwarded for information.

6. The favour of early orders is solicited.

Statement showing the original cost of steam-engine and saw-bench at Sonada.

	RS.
10 horse-power portable double cylinder steam-engine...	4,250
Saw-bench	1,620
Circular saws and files, etc.	956
Carriage and packing, etc.	2,696
Total ..	9,522

DARJEELING,
26th November 1873.

(Signed) T. KENOY,
Offg. Exe. Engr., Darjeeling Division,
Military Works.

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List of Tools taken over in transfer with steam-engine and saw-bench.

Names of articles.	Number or quantity.	Remarks by relieving Officer.	Remarks by relieved Officer.
Portable steam-engine	1	Serviceable.	
Travelling saw-bench	1	"	
Cross cut-saws	2	"	
Circular "	17	"	
Driving wheels	1	"	
Cross-cut saw-bench	1	"	
Leather-belt (running feet)	172	"	
Files (round)	26	"	
" (3-sided)	28	"	
" (flat)	28	"	
Chains of sorts (running feet)	208	"	
Tarpaulins	1	"	
Tool boxes	1	"	
Lead plugs	2	"	
Bench rods	1	"	
Shaft keys	10	"	
Bolts of sorts	34	"	
Pillar-blocks	2	"	
Iron rods	1	"	
Gauge glasses	2	"	
Chisels (cold)	2	"	
Punches	2	"	
" for leather	2	"	
Hammers (large)	2	"	
" (small)	2	"	
Handles for saw-bench	1	"	
Water filter (large funnel)	1	"	
Screw jacks	1	"	
" Traversing	1	"	
" Wrenches (Patent)	1	"	
" of sorts	11	"	
Pick-axes	1	"	
Shovels	1	"	
Kodalies	8	"	
Axes (English)	1	All worn out.	
" (Country)	17	Part worn, serviceable.	
Timber clips	2	Part worn, serviceable.	
Hand spikes	1	Serviceable.	
Timber sling carts	1	"	
Crowbars	2	"	
Shaft and pulley bars	1	"	
Bullock yokes	3	"	
Tire irons	4	"	
Hand vices	1	"	

(Signed) C. S. JUDGE, Major, R.E.,

Executive Engineer,

Darjeeling Division, Military Works.

27th October 1874.

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No. 556.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1874, No. 1,422.

ACCOUNT, No. 31.

It is observed that these articles are not required in the Public Works Department, but inquiries will be made through the Revenue Department whether they are wanted by the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

Voluntarily

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,

Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

Erd. S. T. Austin.

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THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION.
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Nos. 555-556

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serving that the articles available for
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Forwarded for report
to the Board of Revenue
5 June 74 C.M.

To Do. M. M. C. 10 June

Vide Board's Order
29 July 1874 No. 1997.

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