SURVEY OFFICE.

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Memorandum re "Lockspits."

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As there appears to be some doubt with regard to the omission of lockspits in certain cases under the last sentence of Clause 61, "Rules and Directions," it is to be noted that the digging of lockspits is not optional—they are required at all line pegs in suitable country as directed in the first part of the clause. The proviso is applicable to such cases only where the lockspits would, owing to the nature of the soil, be of no value whatever.

In future, when advantage is taken of this permissive proviso, a statement to the effect that the soil is unsuitable and lockspits would not have any degree of permanency, must be entered in the field book.

If it is found that lockspits have been omitted in suitable country, the cost of remedying the defect will be charged against the surveyor in default.

Please amend your copy of the "Rules and Directions" by the addition to Clause 61 of the words—

"but a note giving the reason for such omission must be entered in the field book."

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Surveyor-General