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No 501 Read the following letter from Captain J PENNYCUICK, R E,
District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R E,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore,
19th July 1873, No 1,351 —

I HAVE the honour to request that sanction may be given for the entertain-
ment of an additional Overseer and Writer in the Vellore Range, and of a
Draughtsman in the Polur Range

2. Both these ranges, as you are aware, suffered severely from the floods
of last year, and the executive work was greatly increased by the number of tanks
which were breached

3 The Assistant Engineers in charge of both ranges brought their wants
to my notice soon after I took charge of the district, but I was unwilling to make
any application for additional agency until I was able to satisfy myself of the
necessity for it I have now done so, and have no doubt that the additions now
asked for are really necessary.

4 In the Vellore Range sanction was given (by G O, No 1,635, of 6th July
1872,) to the employment of an extra Overseer and a Supervisor up to the end of
last official year, when the former was discharged, and the latter transferred to
South Arcot. But, as will readily be understood, the extra work did not cease
with the end of the official year, as very few of the works began than were
completed on the 31st March

5 There are now on the Vellore Range Progress Return no less than 154
works under the single head of "Repairs, Agricultural," nearly the whole of which
have been brought forward from last year Indeed, I have refused to sanction any
fresh estimates in this range except a few which are really emergent. The range
also includes the Military Cantonment of Vellore, and an average number of Local
Fund Works

6 For the present I only ask for this addition for four months, at the end of
which time it can be decided whether it is wanted any longer. I may say, how-
ever, that I think it will be required till the end of the official year.

7. The Polur Range is circumstanced very similarly to that of Vellore
The irrigation work is very heavy, there being on the Progress Return 139 works
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refuse to pass estimates for any fresh repairs except such as were absolutely
necessary

8 In this range the extra Overseer sanctioned last year has been retained,
the Supervisor having been transferred to the Wallajah Range, and the great
difficulty is with the office work

9 I have already experienced a good deal of inconvenience from the incom-
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Bevan now reports, as indeed I have seen myself, that his office records are falling
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10 I certainly think that this range ought to have at least a second-class
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11. Colonel Boileau, some years ago, brought the necessity of an increase to notice of Government, who (G O, No 2,807, of 2nd September 1868,) declined to grant any addition unless a corresponding reduction were made in one of the other ranges. This does not appear to have been found practicable, and is less so than ever now, the work having certainly not diminished while the number of ranges has been reduced from five to four.

12. Certainly no assistance can be given from either the Chittoor Range with three large Taluqs and two Zemindaries, covering some 5,000 square miles, and containing 435 miles of road, or from the Wallajah Range, almost as large and containing 418 miles of road.

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No 502

ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1873, No 1,925A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 54

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the entertainment of a temporary Overseer and establishment of a Draughtsman on Rupees 40 in the Polur Range till the services of the former can, in the District Engineer's opinion, be dispensed with, and in the latter case till he shall decide on absorbing the Draughtsman into a permanent second-class establishment.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts

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District Engineer (Off)

Vellore 19th July 1873

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District Engineer, North Arcot

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R. B. P. Captain R. B.

District Engineer
North Arcot

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