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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th March 1874.*

No. 342. 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, 25th November 1873, No. 2,690 :—

I HAVE the honour to request the consideration of Government to the position of this district as compared with others in the matter of Office Establishment.

2. It is of course difficult by means of figures to institute a proper comparison between the requirements of different districts in this respect, but it will probably be admitted that the Public Works expenditure, the area and population, the land revenue, the extent of roads, and the number of ranges, all form elements of the calculation.

3. The enclosed statement shows that, as regards expenditure, North Arcot is exceeded, among those districts having second-class establishments, by Malabar, Tinnevely, and South Arcot; but the amount given for Malabar includes the Local Fund Works in the Wynaad during the last year, which cannot be separated from those in the rest of the district, while in Tinnevely more than a third of the expenditure is due to the Streevygoontam Project. The grants for the current year in North Arcot already exceed 4 lakhs of rupees.

4. In area North Arcot far exceeds all the other districts mentioned, and although more than two-thirds of the district is Zemindary, we have at present almost as much work in the Zemindaries as in the Government Taluqs.

5. In land revenue it is second only to Tinnevely, and in population to Malabar, (but this, I think, includes the Wynaad).

6. The column headed number of miles of road, does not profess to be any thing more than an approximation for the other districts.

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9. I may mention that the district appears to have been a second-class one before 1863.

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1874, No. 696.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

As a change of class in the district establishments would only raise the pay of its members, and not increase their numbers, and as North Arcot has advantages over all the other districts named, which should make it easier to get office men at the lower rates, His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no occasion to make any alteration in existing arrangements.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NORTH
ARCOT.

Dated March 14th.

Encl.

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G. O., 14th March 1874, No. 696.

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Nos. 342-343

Establishment.—The recommendation of the District Engineer, North Arcot, for a second class establishment for his district, declined with remarks.

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Comparative Statement showing expenditure on Imperial Provincial and Local Works in the North Arcot District and that of the other 2 Class Districts from the Official year 1869/70 to 1872/73

Districts	Total expenditure		Extent and		Revenue	Population	No of miles of roads in each District as per Annual List of 1873		No of Ranges in each District			Remarks	
	From 1869/70 to 1872/73	Average of 4 years	No Acres in square order	Land Revenue in square order			No in order	No in order	No in order	No in order	No in order		No in order
	Amount	Amount	order	order			order	order	order	order	order		order
<u>3 Class</u>													
North Arcot	1,338,654	334,663	15,146	2,880,416	2,007,667	1163 104 1267	3	1	1	4	* Under G.O. No 1925 A of 31 July 1873 and the District Engineer's No 2547 of 13 November 1873.		
<u>2 Class</u>													
Guddipah	721,590	180,397	9,177	1,816,358	1,343,762	880	2	1	0	3			
Coimbatore	1,001,573	250,393	7,991	2,617,596	1,754,705	990	1	2	1	4			
Malabar	1,581,721	395,430	6,260	1,884,617	2,274,466	900	2	1	1	4	* Including the expenditure on roads in Wynad for 1872/73.		
Nellore	1,142,376	285,594	6,840	2,475,142	1,375,349	390	1	2	0	3	Δ Expenditure on Suruapully channel from the Official year 1869/70 to 1871/72 is Rs 206,509.		
Tinnevely	1,831,124	457,781	5,145	2,732,531	1,689,421	580	2	1	0	3	⊙ Expenditure on Sivanthi Project from 1869/70 to 1872/73 is Rs 664,311.		
South Arcot	1,417,924	354,481	4,779	3,393,659	1,762,525	940	2	1	0	3	* Expenditure on Palundura Street from 1870/71 to 1872/73 is Rs 131,164.		

N. B. The figures entered in the columns from 1869/70 to 1871/72 are obtained from the Appropriation Return Books printed by Government
 D. The figures entered in the columns from 1872/73 are obtained from the Administration Report Book printed by Government

District Engineers Office
 North Arcot
 Nellore 25 November 1873

R. B. Engineer
 Captain P. E.
 District Engineer North Arcot

Dated 25 November 1873
 Received
 By Mr. J. H. ...
 (signature)
 District Engineer
 North Arcot
 1873/74 to 1872/73

No. 2690
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 Vellore 25 November 1873.
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Yours most obedient servant

Richard P. C.

District Engineer North Arcot

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From

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The District Engineer,

North Arcot.

To

The Secretary to Government

P. W. Department

Dated 25

November 1873.

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No. 2690. ✓

Enclosure 1 ✓

Subject.

Forwards a comparative statement
of expenditure &c for the favorable
consideration of Government with
a recommendation for a 2nd class
establishment for the District

No 696-14 dated 1/4

No 342

1/27/74

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 27th January 1874.

Read the following:—

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(Forwarded No 2690/25 Nov
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To The Dist. Engineer
North Arcot.

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G. O. 14¹⁸⁷⁴ Dec No. 696.

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Establishment

The recommendation
of the Sr. Engr. N. Crook
for a Second Class
Establishment for his