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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th December 1874.*

No. 205. 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, 23rd November 1874, No. 2,381 :—

I HAVE the honor to request that, if possible, an additional Overseer and a Supervisor may be posted to this district for the reconstruction of the Palar anicut and of the bridge over the same river near this station.

2. With regard to the former, it is so self-evident that a work of this magnitude cannot be looked after by the Taluq Overseer in addition to his ordinary work that further explanation is unnecessary.

3. My reason for asking for a Supervisor, instead of an Overseer, for the Palar bridge is that I wish to remove the work from the Vellore Range (except as regards the accounts), and make it an independent sub-division. The professional supervision which in ordinary cases would be given by the Range Officer I will give myself, but I cannot undertake to look after the keeping of station books and similar details of expenditure, and consequently wish to have a subordinate in charge of the work of sufficient standing and experience to enable these matters to be entrusted to him.

4. There is one sub-division officer now attached to the district, but it would be very inexpedient to take him away from his ordinary work; the reconstruction of the two anicuts and other important works in the Wallajah Taluq will occupy a large share of the Range Officer's time, and make it essential that he should be relieved as much as possible of work connected with the northern part of his range, especially as the Overseer of the Chendragherry Taluq is young and inexperienced.

5. I am also unwilling to employ the extra Overseer, whose employment was sanctioned by G. O., No. 1,925-A, of 31st July 1873, on these works; there is still a great deal to be done in the Arcot Taluq in the way of repairs, and these should not be stopped if it can be avoided.

6. The Poiney Anicut ought also to have a special Overseer for its reconstruction, but as I am aware that other districts besides this have suffered heavily, and that there will probably be many demands for additional assistance, I will endeavour to manage this work by the aid of the ordinary taluq establishment. At the same time if a man can be spared, I have no doubt whatever that it would be good economy to employ him.

7. I have reported in a separate letter, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, regarding the details of the injury to the two anicuts as far as they are at present to be ascertained; it will therefore be sufficient to state here that the Palar Anicut is completely destroyed for a length of more than 1,500 feet, while the whole length of the Poiney Anicut, except the under-sluices at each end, or a little more than 700 feet, has been carried away.

8. The Palar bridge, as already reported, will require the reconstruction of eighteen arches, besides protective works for its whole length, and the total cost is not likely to be much, if at all, less than Rupees 80,000.

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9. Any additional subordinates who may be sent here should be sent as soon as possible, as the preliminary arrangements for the reconstruction of the works in question may now be put in hand. I need hardly say that men of some experience, and not mere beginners, are required.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1874, No. 3,473.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

In the present emergency the District Engineer is authorized to entertain two additional Overseers while the

Palar and Poiney Anicuts are under construction; making, as usual, his own arrangements for obtaining fit men.

2. The services of a Supervisor not being available for sub-divisional charge of the Palar bridge, those of Probationary Assistant Engineer Ruthnasabapathy Pillay will be made available from the Tanjore District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore.
" District " North Arcot.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 2382. North Arcot.
From: District Engineer's Office
Vellore 23rd November 1874.
To: Captain J. Parry, R.E.,
District Engineer,
North Arcot.
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John Benjamin Captain R.E.

District Engineer.

North Arcot.

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Under date the 187 .

Read the following:—

from
The Dist. Eng^r hortacbeat (H. E. No. 2381 & 232 hortacbeat)
G. O. No. 3473 of 18th December 1876.

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emergency the District
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Mr. 18th Dec 1876
Dist. Eng^r hortacbeat
H. E. No. 2381 & 232 hortacbeat

For the Govt.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D. (Hortacbeat)

Madras

Dated 23rd Dec 1876
Recd 26th Dec 1876

No. 2381

The Engineer
H. E. No. 2381 & 232 hortacbeat
Requesting that the
Government should
authorize and a
sum may be paid
to the District for the
reconstruction of the
Palar Annicut
the Palar Annicut

No. 8-12-76
No. 11-76
No. 105

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Read the following:—

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The District Engineer
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[In the present
emergency His Excellency
the Governor in Council
Considers it desirable
that the number of
Supervisors of the 2nd Grade
be increased from 26 to 30
(or double the number
of Supervisors of the 1st Grade
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 deficiency of Assistant
 Engineers still existing.
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 necessary promotions and
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 under construction; and
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 to be sent to the last
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26-11-74

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

The Dy. Commr.

Bangalore

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1874, No. 3473

No. 205-206

Attachment The Dy.
Commr. is authorized to instruct
2 additional officers while
the Palas & Pomey Amcub are
under construction, and the services
of Probationary Asstt. Engr.
Rathnasabapathy Pillay
made available from the
Bangalore Dy.