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 PUBLIC WORKS.
 To
 Messrs. Ingr.
 & Arcot.
 C. O. 20th Sept. 1875
 Nos. 2704

Nos. 443-444

Competent Supervisor for
 the sole charge of the
 Virdachellum Bridge.
 Passing orders on letters
 from the Str. Engr. A.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th September 1875.*

No. 443. Read the following letter from R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Cuddalore, 30th August 1875, No. 117 :—

THE Virdachellum Range Officer has applied for the services of a competent Supervisor to be placed in sole charge of the bridge across the Manimothanuddy river at Virdachellum which is in course of construction at an estimated cost of Rs. 55,700.

2. He brings to notice that the Local Fund Sub-Overseer of that taluq with 123 miles of road and a bridge of four arches of 20 feet span to look after cannot give that amount of attention to the bridge works at Virdachellum as a work of such importance require, and there is no question that some competent subordinate should be always on the spot with nothing else to do; if he properly supervises this work he will have quite as much as he can do satisfactorily.

3. The Overseer is necessarily obliged to be absent for days and weeks together going over his roads, measuring up and paying coolies, and the Range Officer in like manner is absent for months at a time, as he has got his hands pretty full in that range. Any amount of scamping can be introduced into the work at the bridge at such times, which may at some future period prove fatal to the structure.

4. I consider that the Virdachellum bridge is a work where a Supervisor of experience can be profitably employed, and beg respectfully that the Government will be pleased to take this application into favorable consideration.

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1875, No. 2,704.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 27.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council has no doubt but that an extra subordinate might be profitably employed on the Virdachellum bridge, but the present strength of establishment does not admit of one being detailed for the duty. He observes that Virdachellum is the head-quarters of a Range Officer, and of an Imperial and Local Fund Overseer; also that there is a Special Assistant Engineer attached to the district. The requisition will, however, be borne in mind by the Chief Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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most respect I must K. M.
Note
It is an experienced
Supervisor that is asked
for not an Overseer
South West has, like
every other District, an
Extra Overseer, not in
charge of the District, who
is available for work.
Ted works like these,
in addition to the Super-
intendent West. Engineer
mentioned in the Draft.
I think Mr. O'Leary
the Range Officer, whose
H. 2. 7. me at Vindachel.
him, ought to be able
to manage without fur-
ther assistance. I do

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Not think Major Mead
would have made
the application that
Mr. Harper has done.
There are 2 or 3 Sub-
ordinates here, anyone,
now vacant, for want
of Mr. Harper's tipper.
Subordinate again an-
other extra financial com-
missioner. He is feared
to be all around circles
and all circumstances -
I am afraid he will
be all right. 17975

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 The first of the month
 of the year 1861
 I received from
 the Secretary of the
 Treasury Department
 a copy of the
 report of the
 Commissioner of
 the General Land
 Office for the
 year 1860.
 The report is
 very full and
 contains much
 valuable information
 regarding the
 public lands of
 the United States.
 It shows that the
 amount of land
 sold during the
 year was 1,000,000
 acres, and that the
 proceeds of the sale
 were \$1,000,000.
 The report also
 shows that the
 amount of land
 reserved for
 the use of the
 Government was
 1,000,000 acres.
 The report is
 very interesting
 and contains much
 valuable information
 regarding the
 public lands of
 the United States.
 I have the honor
 to be, Sir, very
 respectfully,
 Your obedient
 servant,
 J. M. Smith

Wm. H. A. Bruce Esq.
Detroit Michigan

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D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No. 117.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp *Seendalane*

Dated *30 August 1875*

From

The District Engineer,

South Arcot.

To

The

Secretary to Government

D. P. W.

Sir,

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4. I consider that the Nidadahellum Bridge is a work where a supervisor of experience can be profitably employed and he respectfully that the Govt will be pleased to take this application into favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Alfred

Offg. Distt Engr

Estab
Public Works Dept
No 2704

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th Sept 1875
Read the following

From
The Dist. Engineer } (H.C. N. 117 d/30th Aug 75)
South Arcot

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
has no doubt but
that an extra sub-
ordinate might be
profitably employed
on the Virudachellum
Bridge; but the
present strength of
Establishment does not
admit

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities for
their consideration.

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From
SOUTH ARCOOT D. P. W.

No: 5629

South Arcot

The District Engineer

To

The also enclosing to Govt

D. P. W.

Date

30th

Despatched 31st August 1875

Received 1st September 1875

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Enclosures

Applying for the
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charge of the Bridges
under construction from and
the Government
Arrival at Virudachellum
S.D. 2704. 26-9-75

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20 Sept.
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