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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1877. No. 1,359.*

No. 488. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 5th April 1877, No. 39 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your consideration, copy of letter from the Vellore Range Officer, representing the cost of travelling expenses of himself and his subordinates in the present season of high prices, and that no extra allowances have been given to North Arcot as they have in some other districts.

2. I have had other representations made to me before on the part of Executive Officers and of office establishment; and my answer has been that every one suffers in hard times, and that the Government, with the information they have of the state of the country in general, have specified certain districts only for which additional allowances were to be given.

3. At the same time, looking to the current prices in the Ceded Districts and Nellore, I do not see that we are better off as to the expenses in country supplies than they are; and when I have been asked, why allowances are not given to this district, I have been unable to give any reason or any further answer than that such is the order of the Government.

4. In Nellore and the Ceded Districts the executive and office establishments all receive special allowances; but also the subordinates in this district see that Overseers transferred to the above districts are put into a higher grade, while the Police Department has extra pay throughout; and the Range Officers see that officers are given appointments on relief works with a handsome allowance, while they themselves receive nothing additional.

5. Hence, in submitting to you as the Head of the Department Mr. Vincent's application, I am bringing to your notice the general feeling in the district staff, viz., that they think they have a claim for some extra remuneration when their circumstances are compared with those districts in which additional allowances are granted.

No. 489. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1877, No. 1,359.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32-A.

THE Government consider that there are not sufficient grounds for extending the special allowances in question to North Arcot District.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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1st No. 30 Vellore Range Office
Vellore 3rd April 1877
No. 3

From The Assistant Engineer,
Vellore Range
To The District Engineer
North Arcot

Sir

I have the honor to address
you again on the Subject of my previous
letters, regarding the granting of Famine
allowances to the Public Works Department
in this District.

2nd I receive such numerous
complaints from my subordinates, regard-
ing the insufficiency of their present
travelling allowances to cover their
actual travelling expenses, that I regret
I am compelled to revert to the Subject,
not only in their interests but in my
own.

3rd I am unable to state what
the actual travelling expenses of
overseers are, but in my own case, the
travelling allowances scarcely ever

cover my actual travelling expenses, including as I do in the latter, carriage of tents, camp and office furniture and keep of horses.

4th The cost of hiring carts has increased considerably, and the cost of keeping horses has trebled.

5 Moreover, I have to move far more rapidly than usual about the Range, which always means increased expense; the reason for this rapid marches being the number of works at present in progress, and the necessity for being frequently in head quarters owing to press of office work.

6 The increased expenses of Public Works Department Officers in other Districts have been recognised by Jamine allowances having been granted to them, and I think on examination, the expenses of Officers in this District will be found to

have increased in an equal proportion.¹⁰⁷
7. May I request therefore that, should you think the case worthy of support, you will forward this letter to Government for orders on the Subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) C. Vincent Apts. Engr.
Vellare Range North Arcot

True copy.

Wm. Sanderfoot Lt. Col. R.E.
District Engineer North Arcot

NORTH ARCOT,
District Engineer's Office,

General

Vellore 5th April 1877.

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Sir
Your most obedient servant
Chas Wendergast, Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer North Arcot

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General

From District Engineer
 North Arcot
 No. 39
 Dated 5th April 1877

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Famine allowance

Forwarded for consideration
 a copy of letter from the
 Tellico Revenue Officer
 requesting the grant of

by G.O. No. April 77 L.O. No. 488

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

Letter from the District Engineer, North Arcot,
 No 39 dated 5th April 77.

FOR ORDERS.

E A Mrd Colonel R
 Secretary to Govt
 I think N. Arcot is in as
 much need of special allowance
 as the other two divisions.
 E.A.

Wm. A. G. G. G. G.
 & his class has
 Wm. A. G. G. G. G.
 judged of prices
 by Dist. Engineer and
 allowed. M. A.

No sufficient
 M. A. G. G. G. G.
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FOR ORDERS.

Ans 3576
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To The M. G. North Street

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Encl.

G. O. 20th April 1877, No. 1357

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Private Allowances. The

Grant of 2 members
who served in the
North Street St,
declined.

sent in Sept.

Consider that there
are not sufficient
grounds for extending
the special allowances
in question to North
Street District.

sent 19/4/77

D. E. North Street
S. A. Q. ✓
dispd 2/5.77

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