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FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying papers* for submission to the Government of India, with the recommendation of this Government that, under the exceptional circumstances of the case, a gratuity of Rupees 2,000 may be granted to the widow of the late Mr. C. E. Gover.

2. The Government have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Gover fell a victim to his zealous devotion to public duties.

3. At the time of his death he was employed in working out the results of the late general census, and the fruits of his labours, which have already reached Government, are most valuable and interesting. The successful completion of this difficult and important work, which may be confidently anticipated, will unquestionably be mainly due to the earnest and skilful manner in which Mr. Gover laid the foundation and carried it out to an advanced stage.

4. The Government have reason to believe that Mr. Gover clung to his post from pure zeal in the performance of his duty, when, had the advice of his medical men been followed, he would have relinquished his task for a time and sought opportunity to recruit his health.

5. They are anxious to mark their sense of his merits by contributing to relieve the family he has left with very inadequate means from some portion of their distress.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th November 1872.

Chief Secretary.

From A. G. GOVER, Esq., to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 5th November 1872.

I have the honour to request you to lay before His Excellency the Governor in Council the enclosed memorial referring to the death of the late Mr. C. E. Gover.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD HOBART,

Governor of Madras in Council.

The humble memorial of ALFRED G. GOVER,
the brother and only next-of-kin in India of
the late CHARLES EDWARD GOVER, of
Madras,

SHEWETH—

That the said Charles E. Gover died on the 18th day of September last, leaving a widow and two children, aged eight and seven years, who are now in England.

That from the 12th May 1861 to the time of his death he was continuously employed directly and indirectly in the public service of the Government of India with great zeal and ability, and had ever given complete satisfaction to his superiors, and earned the warm appreciation of all officers of Government who had examined his labours, and that his death appears to be the direct result of an excess of zeal which led him to refuse the urgent advice of his medical men to apply for leave to go to England. He was too anxious that, having had the honour of being entrusted with the Madras Census, he should remain at his post to finish it.

That in addition to his regular duties he continually laboured in schemes for the public benefit, the outcome of which may be seen in his writings upon the Meteorology of India, upon Reformatories for India, upon Sanitation, and upon the Practisability and Advisability of teaching specific trades in such Asylums as the Lawrence Asylum here and in Bengal, all which had an important influence on the measures upon which they treated.

That on the 12th day of May 1861 he was appointed Head Master in the Normal School of Madras, and, on the 16th day of May 1864, he was, with the direct sanction of the Government, appointed to be Principal and Secretary of the Military Male Orphan Asylum, during his tenure of which office he met with the constant and active approbation of the Governors of the Institution and of Lord Napier and Elphinstone, then Governor of Madras, and upon his leaving that post the Governors passed the following order:—

"On the occasion of Mr. Charles E. Gover's retirement from the office of Principal and Secretary to the Madras Military Male Orphan Asylum after a service of seven years, the Board of Governors deem it due to him to place on record the high sense which they entertain of the zeal, industry, and ability with which he has conducted his duties. The management of the institution during Mr. Gover's incumbency of the office of Principal has, in the opinion of the Board, been thoroughly satisfactory. His unflagging interest in the welfare of the boys and his successful efforts in securing them suitable employment have ever merited the Board's commendation."

(Signed) W. P. S. SMYTH, Lieut. Colonel,
Superintendent, M. M. O. Asylum.

While at the Asylum he was appointed a Commissioner in the Madras Municipality, and in consequence of the zeal displayed by him he was made Secretary of the Sub-Committee which was soon after created to investigate the financial position of the Municipality. Upon the passing of the present Municipality Act, in token of the energy and talent which he had shown in sanitary matters in the Asylum, as a Municipal Commissioner, and in his writings, he was appointed Sanitary Inspector of the Municipality; and the skill and laboriousness with which he performed these duties will be well known to the Honourable Members of your Excellency's Council. He was also appointed by the Municipality, with the approbation of the Government, to carry out the local census of the town of Madras. The Sanitary Inspectorship was his substantive appointment at the time of his death. He was temporarily removed from the duties of the office by his appointment to be Census Officer generally for the Madras Presidency. His death has unhappily prevented his labours in this office being so patently shown as would have been the case had he lived to finish them; but that those who only are able properly to judge of that work were well pleased is shown by the recommendation of the Honourable Board of Revenue that the balance of the whole sum originally allotted as his salary for this work should be paid to his representatives.

That the only resources of the widow for herself and children is a pension of Rupees (60) sixty per month from the Madras Widows and Orphans' Fund, and an uncertain income from the share of her late husband in some house property in Madras, but which will not, your memorialist

believes, amount to Rupees (70) seventy per month. Thus the total income will be but Rupees (130) one hundred and thirty per month.

Your memorialist is not unaware that under the ordinary Pension Rules the widow of the late Mr. C. E. Gover is not entitled, as of right, to any relief whatever, but he humbly prays that your Excellency may, nevertheless, as an act of grace and in recognition of the valuable public services rendered by the deceased in, and in addition to, his official duties, be pleased to ameliorate the sad loss of the bereaved widow by recommending for her a small pension or a compassionate gratuity.

And your memorialist will ever pray, &c.

CALICUT,
31st October 1872.

(Signed) ALFRED G. GOVER.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Financial Department.

No. 1555-

To

The Secretary to the Government

of India,

Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Govt. in Council to forward the accompanying papers for submission to the Govt. of India, with the recommendation of this Govt. that, under the exceptional circumstances of the case, a gratuity of Rupees 2000 may be granted to the widow of the late Mr. C. E. Gover.
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Letter from Mr. A. S. Gover.
with enclosure

J. D. S.

R. S. E.

Forwarding certain papers with the above enclosure that, under the special circumstances of the case, a gratuity of Rupees 2000 may be granted to the widow of Mr. C. E. Gover, late Secretary to the Madras Municipal Council.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 2249.

From Mr. S. G. Gove - Collector

Dated 5th Nov^r 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Gove was a very de-
-erving servant of the
Hon^{ble} Public - and
indirectly of the Govt. It
is hopeless to ask for
a pension for his widow.
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