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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*20th July* 1872.

No. 119. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 29th June 1872, No. 1441 :—

*Enclosure one.*
*Case Proceedings.*

I have the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of Government, copy of proceedings of Captain J. Pennycuick, R. E., Executive Engineer, Dindigul Range, to investigate a claim to gratuity on the part of the widow of a cooly who was lately employed on the Kodicanel Ghaut Road, Madura District, and who, on the 27th December 1870, met with an accident which terminated fatally; and I take the opportunity to recommend that the sum of Rupees 42, being equal to six months' pay of the deceased, may be granted to the widow in consideration of the peculiar circumstances under which her husband died.

2. When the accident occurred the Taluq Overseer was absent on leave. The Police, however, inspected the body of the cooly and made inquiries, but no regular inquest appears to have been held on it.

*Proceedings* of Captain *J. Pennycuick*, R. E., *Executive Engineer*, to *investigate a claim to gratuity or pension on the part of widow of coolly lately employed on the Pavandum Ghaut.*

| Name. | Description of Claimant. | | | | | | | | Description of Deceased. | | | Names and description of witness in support of the claim. | Amount of gratuity proposed. | Record of Evidence and Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Age. | | Height. | | Religion, caste or tribe. | Personal appearance and particular marks. | Name, occupation and whether in receipt of pay or pension from the Government. | Degree of relationship to deceased. | Name. | Occupation and period of service. | Nature of the injury which caused death. | | | |
| Thyagumal *alias* Chinnumal. | Years. 22 | Months. — | Feet. 4 | Inches. 10 | Hindoo, Waiyen Caste. | Colour of the person is black; has on the back above the arm pit on the left shoulder scar of one inch in length, and on the right shoulder has a scar of half inch circular. | Receives neither pay nor pension from Government. Has dry or pounded land, extent about five gunjes; gives contribution for the support of the family consisting of wife, two children, mother, and sister. | Wife. | Pulia Thevan. | Was employed on the Kolakkoil Ghaut Road in blasting operation, &c., as a coolly on a pay of Rupees 7 of December 1871. | While trying to extricate the piece of priming needle which got broken when the needle was pulled out jumper, the charge having been ignited with sparks, the fragments of rock flew into the belly and mortally wounded him. | T. Chinnavenny Pillay was employed at the time of the accident as Mistry on the said work. | G Rupee. | The accident occurred during the Christmas holidays when the Overseer was absent; the Mistry states that he was not at the spot when the man was wounded; the deceased with two others were employed in boring holes and blasting rock on the road; the usual precaution of tieing the priming needle often while the tamping is carried out seems to have been forgotten, and the needle probably was forcibly pulled out after most of the tamping was done, thus it got broken and the deceased an able-bodied coolly of 22 years of age, tried, with the assistance of two other coolies with him, to pull out the piece left in the charged hole by gradually removing the removed materials with the aid of a jumper, but which striking accidentally in the piece of needle broken the charge got ignited with sparks, and sent the fragments of rocks into the body of the deceased and mortally wounded him, and slightly injured the hands of the other two coolies who were standing close by; the former died the day following the accident. Custody of all Rupees ought to be mentioned. No inquest appears to have been held on the body of the deceased coolly. |

CAMP, EDAPPADIPPADY,
*31st May* 1872.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Captain, R.E.,
*Executive Engineer, 8th Division.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*20th July* 1872.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

Fort St. George, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
*5th July* 1872. *Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.*

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No. 120. Ooty camp, 20th July 1872, No. 930.

The proposed gratuity is sanctioned as a charge against Provincial funds, the accident having occurred before the transfer of the roads to the Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Under Secy. to Govt.*

To the Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.

Ed. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1872] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

*Dated July*, 1873.

*Read.* *Ans.*

G. O., 20th *July* 1872, *No.* 930.

JULY.
Nos. 119-120.

Sanctioning the gratuity to the widow of a coolie who met with a fatal accident on the Parvanelum Aliaut in Madura.

Proceedings of Captain J. Pennycuick R.E. Executive Engineer to investigate a Claim to Gratuity or Pension on the part of [illegible] Widow of Corby late employed on the Parvaeshum Phál —

| Name | Age | Description of Claimant | | | | Description of Deceased | | | | Record of evidence & Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | year | month | Feet | Inches | Blemishes or Scars | Name | Occupation and period of service | Nature of the injury which caused death | Name & description of witnesses to the fact | Name & description of witnesses produced by the Claimant |
| Hoffmann alias Chamroo | 22 | — | 4 | 10 | Scar on the back about the centre of the back of the head and on the right shoulder. | Corby | Was employed on the Public Road in Khadung for two months and 15 days. | While digging a cutting to obtain stone from a rock the man struck the rock with a crowbar and a spark of fire flew out of it which ignited a powder charge that had been placed in the rock for blasting purposes. The explosion severely injured the deceased. | Sirdar Ram Singh. Lance Naik Gokal Singh. | Sirdar Ram Singh. Lance Naik Gokal Singh. |

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Camp Kosaraspuddy
31st May 1872

[illegible] Capt RE

[illegible] Lieut Engrs

Lieut A. Jones Lt McCarth RE

Executive Engineer 8th Div

[illegible] Executive Engineer 8th Div

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No. 1441 Superintt Engrs Office 8th Dn.
Madura 29th June 1872

From.

Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Roberts &c.
Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

To. Colonel C. W. Walker RE.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.
Madras.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Sv.
Rich. F. Horne Lieut R.E.
Superintending Engineer 5th Division

Chief
Dr

P. W. 1872 Madras G.

Financial Dept. No. 11481

From

The Secretary to Govt.

No 3208.

8th June

To

The Secretary to Govt.

Dept. W.

Madras.

Dated 29th June 1872.

Received 2nd July 1872.

Read 4th "

Enclosure 1.

No 1285 With a letter

Forwards for the favorable consideration of Government a Copy of Captain J. Burn's Quick's Proceedings to investigate a claim to gratuity on the part of widow of a Coolie who was fatally injured while employed on the Pedda Kanala Planta-

Transferred to the Financial Department.

C. Walker Lt. Col. &c.
Secy. to Govt.

Cold Command
5 July 1872

Noted 20th July 1872 A.G.G.

The proceedings
in question are
submitted for
consideration
& orders.

A.A. —

Public Works Dept
Board of Revenue
Accountt General.

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