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referred to above, and report the result.

To Mr. George, Esq.
29 June, 1857

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Copy to Magistrate of Cuddalore. Disp. 30th

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7. I have reported the case to the Collector with a view to further inquiry being made.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter No. 221 of the 2nd Instant be forwarded to Government for information, with intimation that the District Engineer has been desired to report upon the alleged ill treatment of the relatives of the deceased by the Police authorities of the Cuddree Talook of the Cuddapah District.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,

Chief Engineer.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department, where the necessary orders will be issued to the Magistrate of Cuddapah to institute an enquiry into the alleged ill treatment, by the Police authorities, of the relatives of the Wudder reported to have been killed by the fall of a stone whilst employed in widening the Calingulah channel of the Vittalarayane tank in the Cuddree Talook.

(A true Extract.)

W. E. Miller
Acting Secretary to Government.

To The Judicial Department

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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 30th June 1857.

No. 45. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 23rd June 1857, No. 1220.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th June 1857, No. 1171.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Rauiyachoty, 2nd June 1857, No. 221.

SIR,

I have the honor to report the accidental death of a Wudder whilst employed in widening the Calingulah channel of the Vittalarayanee tank in the Cuddree Talook of this District.

2. It appears that the unfortunate man had separated himself from the rest of the working party and in attempting alone to remove a stone from side of the channel, he loosened a large piece of rock which falling on his chest caused instantaneous death.

3. In the absence of the Tahsildar and Sheristadar from the Talook, Lieutenant Palmer reported the circumstance to a Karkoon, in order that an inquest might be held on the body.

4. 54 hours however having elapsed without any official making his appearance, the relatives of the deceased requested Mr. Owens, Sub-Overseer to allow them to inter the corpse, which was then in a dreadful state of decomposition. Mr. Owens immediately rode over to Lieutenant Palmer's tent, and as there were no suspicious circumstances attending the death, and no signs of any Revenue Official, Lieutenant Palmer told the Wudders that they might bury the body, which they accordingly did on the evening of the 27th Ultimo.

5. Next morning the Talook Sheristadar went to the tank with a number of peons, had the body exhumed, and by his order the Wudders were beaten by the peons with a stick and with slippers.

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(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 737; dated 29th June 1857.

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(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.