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No. 7. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Nursepatam, 4th October 1858, No. 53.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to forward to be laid before Government, the accompanying copies of correspondence with Captain Owen, Commanding the Golgondah Sibundies, on the subject of some gratuity to the families of the men of that Corps who may die on active service, or subsequently by disease contracted whilst so employed.

Rank and Names.	No.	Diseases.	Died.	Caste.	Service.
Private Mahomed Cassim.....	274	Fever....	14th June 1858.	Mussulman..	6 months.
,, Bauppoioo.....	86	Dropsy...	19th July ,,	Pariah.....	6 ,,
,, Ramjoghy.....	178	Beriberi..	7th Aug. ,,	Hindu.....	10 years.
,, Venkiah.....	248	,,	24th Sep. ,,	,, ...	10 ,,
,, Shaik Adam.....	69	,,	24th ,, ,,	Mussulman..	10 ,,
Naigue Venkatasawmy.....	9	Fever,...	24th ,, ,,	Hindu.....	10 ,,

2. The six men named in the margin whose case has led to this application, died it appears in hospital from fever contracted while employed in suppressing the recent disturbances amongst the hills in this neighbourhood, and adverting to the smallness of the pay of the Sibundies, to the absence of any pension, and to the admirable conduct of the entire Corps throughout the harassing duties lately devolving on them, as will be more fully reported on by me hereafter, I have no hesitation in recommending the particular case of these deceased men to the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

3. I am sure such recognition of the services of the deceased will act as a great stimulus to future exertion and fidelity on the part of their comrades, by all of whom it will be gratefully appreciated. I therefore venture to hope that Government will see proper to accede to my recommendation.

4. I would suggest that Rupees 50 be paid to the family of each of the men who have died, and I will myself present it in the presence of the Native Officers, as marking the consideration of Government for those who have lost their lives when in active employ.

5. I am hardly prepared to back Captain Owen's proposal to establish this grant of gratuity, as a matter of right on all future occasions of the kind. I would prefer that it be regarded as a special mark of Government favor towards those who may die while rendering faithful service to the State, and hereafter instances of a like nature can be brought to notice at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, each being governed by its individual merits and circumstances, for all cases might not have an equal claim on Government and it might prove very inconvenient to establish as a precedent that which on many accounts should be regarded rather as a boon; and although I quite recognize the principle, as no doubt will the Government, I still think it objectionable to give the gratuity otherwise than as a favor, since its expectation formed no part of the conditions of enlistment, while irrespective of any such expectations, service in the Sibundy Corps is eagerly sought after.

From Captain W. G. OWEN, Commanding Golgondah Sibundy Corps; to C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam, on Circuit at Nursipatam, dated 29th September 1858, No. 139.

SIR,

Since the employment of the Golgondah Sebundies for the suppression of the disturbances in the Golgondah talook, in May, June, July and August last, several men have died in hospital from the effects of fever and consequent ailments contracted whilst employed on active service. As the Sebundies have but small pay and no pensions, I have the honor to submit for your favorable consideration, that the nearest heir of a Sebundy, dying from disease, brought on whilst employed on active service, may be granted a small gratuity, say 50 or 60 Rupees, supposing the casualty to occur in six months from date of such service, the present service may be considered as completed on the 24th September 1858.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam; to Captain W. G. OWEN, Commanding Golgondah Sebundies, Nursipatam, dated 30th September 1858, No. 275.

SIR,

Before submitting to Government your proposal for the grant of a gratuity to the Sepoys of the Corps dying while actively employed on service, I have the honor to request you will prepare and forward to me a statement shewing the names, caste and particulars of service of the several men whom you state to have actually died in hospital from fever and other ailments contracted whilst so employed in the late disturbances. I shall then be in a better position to support your recommendation.

From Captain W. G. OWEN, Commanding Golgondah Sibundy Corps; to C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, dated Nursipatam, 4th October 1858, No. 143.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose a letter this day received from Assistant Apothecary J. Sausman, attached to the Golgondah Sibundy Corps, which will give you full information, on the subject referred to in your letter, No. 275 of the 30th September 1858.

From Assistant Apothecary J. SAUSMAN; to the Officer Commanding Golgondah Sibundy Corps, Nursipatam, dated 4th October 1858, No. 40.

SIR,

From the 16th May 1858, (the date on which the first party of Sibundies left Nursipatam for the hills) till the 30th September 1858, there were 770 admissions into hospital. Fever as you are aware, being the most prevalent disease, no less than 565 cases having been admitted. With a few exceptions, every man in the Corps has suffered more or less from fever and a great number of them have had as many as 4 or 5 different attacks.

2. On an average a man was kept only 3 days in hospital under treatment which suffering from fever much too short a time for his perfect recovery; but with a small hospital, I could not accommodate the whole, and the men themselves were urgently required for employment on the hills; and I must say that after a few doses of quinine, the men very cheerfully returned to their duty, and it is only a matter of surprise to me how they performed it so well, knowing as I do, the very enervating effects of fever, and the nature of the duty they were called upon to perform.

3. Latterly the cases of fever proved more obstinate and convalescence tedious—the men were very much debilitated and in a few instances Beri-beri supervened.

Six deaths occurred since May, the greater number having taken place towards the latter end of the disturbances and as you will perceive from the statement following, the whole have died from fever, and its consequence contracted during their employment on the hills.

The casualties are as follows:—

Rank.	Names.	No.	Disease.	Died.	Caste.	Service.
Private...	Mahomed Cassim..... ...	274	Fever.....	14th June 1858.	Mussalman....	6 months.
,, ...	Baupooloo.....	86	Dropsy. ...	19th July ,, .	Pariah..... ...	6 do.
,, ...	Ramgoghee.....	178	Beri-beri....	7th Augt. ,, .	Hindoo.....	10 years.
,, ...	Yenkiah.....	248	do.	24th Septr. ,, .	do.	10 do.
,, ...	Shaik Adam.....	69	do.	24th do. ,, .	Mussalman....	10 do.
Naigue...	Venketsawmy.....	9	Fever.....	24th do. ,, .	Hindoo..	10 do.

4. The first of these, Mahomed Cassim, was brought in from the out-post Kistnadavypett, quite insensible, and expired 20 hours after admission into hospital.

5. Private Baupooloo was admitted into hospital with a large ulcer, but had repeated attacks of fever while under treatment, he was discharged and ordered to Sumbsingy, but was forced

to come back into hospital, suffering from general dropsy, he improved very much under treatment, but Beri-beri supervened.

6. Private Ramgogee was in hospital 3 different times with fever, during the intervals he was employed on the hills, his last admission was with Beri-beri.

7. Private Yenkiah was 3 times in hospital with fever, during the intervals employed on the hills, and it was only after the disturbances were over, that he came into hospital with Beri-beri.

8. Private Shaik Adam was attacked with fever while on the hills and was sent into hospital, shortly after was again admitted into hospital with acute dysentery and fever, was sent to his native village for change of air, but returned much worse. Beri-beri having supervened.

9. Naigue Venketsawmy was attacked with fever while on the hills, but did not come into hospital till the disturbances were nearly over. Fever proved obstinate and did not at all yield to the treatment. Beri-beri supervening.

10. The whole of these men had families depending upon them for subsistence, who are now left destitute, and as I promised Shaik Adam, a few days before he died, that I would speak to you about some provision being made for his family after his death, I earnestly beg that you will kindly use your influence in procuring some pecuniary assistance for the families of those who have died during the late disturbances.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) CHAS. W. READE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1586; dated 10th November 1858.

The Government regret that they do not feel themselves at liberty to authorize the grant of gratuities, in the cases submitted with the above letter.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Memo

This requires serious consideration
for it gives to these Sikhindies it must
be also others in Punjab - Punjabi
-mandy Malabar and elsewhere.
I question too whether it could or
should be done without expense
to the Govt of India & must doubt whether
they would allow it point -

These Sikhindies are local corps -
more prone to fault - better disciplined
disciplined and armed - than
ordinary peons - but more polished

bodies sick - patients assisted
& pious to the families of ordinary
poor who might die of disease
contracted on duty - It seems to
that the Liberal distinction attached
- standing these Casualties is
popular - and but indifferently
was ever expected to procure
recruits

JPP

23d/10/55 There is this difference between
Subscriptions & common pensions
that the former are contributed
by the rich to relieve the sick & distressed
wherever & whenever they
please & I have no doubt that
from provision for families left
destitute in Country so poorly

encouraging — On the other
hand the question is a financial
one & beyond our power to grant
as an established practice WC

a pecuniary reward as proposed
by Mr R- seems the best mode of
dealing with the question - & Rodiba
Queen as Sovereign by Prince - Prince
Consort is not the Power to make
such Precedents

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No 1586.

The Journal says that they do not feel themselves at liberty to authorize the grant of protection in the cases submitted with the above letter.

Fort St George,
10 November, 1586.

For Agent Voyages Dupl. 13th

To

Your most Obed.

Charles A Read

Agent to the G

Judl Dept. to Govt. 15th December 1858.

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From

The Agent
to the Governor

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 4th October 1858.
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No. 53.

Enclosure 1

No. 1877.

Forwarding Copies of correspondence with Captain Owen Commg the Golconda Surveyor regarding some gratuity to the families of the Men of that Ships who may die in active Service and Recommending the particular case of the 6 men deceased to the favorable Consideration of Government.

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