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No. 12. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 24th January 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will lay before Government the case of a Convict Appavoo, now released, who has been disabled from earning his livelihood by the explosion of a charge while working at the Guindy Gaol. I would take the liberty of suggesting either a small allowance monthly, or a sum drawn in commutation thereof.

I am not aware of the amount paid by Government to coolies injured under somewhat similar circumstances.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

From W. DOWDESWELL, Esq., Sessions Judge of Chingleput; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 29th December 1857, No. 413.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the case of a released Convict named Appavoo, and request your instructions thereon.

It would appear from the enclosed copies of a letter and certificate received from the Surgeon in medical charge of the Guindy Jail, that on the 5th of November last, the said Convict who was undergoing imprisonment in that Jail was employed in breaking rock for the repair of the public roads, when he received a severe injury in his right hand by the sudden explosion of a mine. In consequence of three of the fingers having been entirely blown away and the other two with the palm very much lacerated, amputation of the hand became necessary and it was accordingly removed and the man has perfectly recovered and been discharged from the hospital.

The Surgeon in charge of the Jail at Guindy certifies that by the amputation of the hand, the said individual has been deprived of means for earning his livelihood; the correctness of which I have satisfied myself by personal inspection. He states that he has no relations to protect him or property to live upon. I do not consider myself justified in ordering him to be maintained at the Jail expense, as his term of sentence expired on the 16th November last. I therefore request you will favor me with instructions how to act in his case.

Copy of the statement taken from the said party is herewith forwarded.

(Signed) W. DOWDESWELL,
Sessions Judge.

From J. M. JACKSON, Esq., Surgeon Artillery, in Medical charge Guindy Jail; to W. DOWDESWELL, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge Chingleput, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 14th November 1857, No. 50.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information that on the afternoon of the 5th Instant, a prisoner named Appavoo, No. 13 of the Cuddalore Calendar of 1843, met with a very severe injury of the right hand by the sudden explosion of a mine when blasting rock for the repair of the public roads.

2. On my visiting the patient on the evening of the accident, I simply placed strips of sticking plaster and arrested bleeding, early on the following morning I had him removed to the Cantonment Hospital in a Dooly, where his hand was amputated above the wrist, three fingers were blown away entirely, and the other two together with the palm of the hand were so lacerated and the bones so broken that it was quite impossible to save the hand, his eyes were much injured as also the left hand and arm.

3. I am happy to inform you that he is now doing well, he is to be liberated on the 16th, on which date he will have completed his 14 years of imprisonment.

4. I conceive it to be my duty to point out to you, with the hope you will be induced to bring the same to the notice of superior authority that by the loss of his hand he is wholly deprived of the means of working for his livelihood.

(Signed) J. M. JACKSON,
Surgeon in Medical charge Guindy Jail.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. DOWDESWELL,
Sessions Judge.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify, that Appavoo, prisoner No. 13 of Cuddalore Calendar of 1843, on the evening of the 4th November 1857, met with a very severe injury of the right hand by the sudden explosion of a mine when blasting rock for the public roads. Three fingers were blown away entirely, the other two with the palm of the hand were very much lacerated and the bones so shattered that it was utterly impossible to save the hand, and for the due preservation of his life amputation was absolutely necessary. He is now perfectly recovered, but from the loss of his right hand he is wholly deprived of the means of working for his livelihood.

Saint Thomas' Mount, 21st December 1857.

(Signed) J. M. JACKSON,
Surgeon in Medical charge Guindy Jail.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. DOWDESWELL,
Sessions Judge.

Statement given by the released Convict named Appavoo.

I am a Pullee by caste. In consequence of the injury I received lately by the sudden explosion of a mine, my eyes are affected. I cannot see objects properly, my right hand having been amputated, I am deprived of means of working for earning my livelihood. I have no relations to protect me nor have I property to live upon. I had before 5 cawnies of land in the village of Peroomathoor in the Bahanagherry Talook, Cuddalore District; but after I was convicted and put into the Jail, I do not know who took possession or what became of them.

(Marked) APPAVOO.

(True Copy.)

Dated 26th December 1857.

(Signed) W. DOWDESWELL,
Sessions Judge.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 176; dated 3rd February 1858.

The Convict Appavoo whose case is reported in the above letter, appears before his imprisonment to have been an inhabitant of the village of Peroomathoor in the Bowangherry Talook of the Cuddalore District.

Resolved that reference be made to the Magistrate of South Arcot who will ascertain what is known of the man and advise Government of what can be done for him under the circumstances.

Meanwhile Appavoo will be supported at the Chingleput or Guindy Jail, at whichever he may now be.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rxd. F. Cartledge.

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3rd February 58

Mag. S. Arcot
Inspector of Prisons
Judge of Chingleput

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From
The Inspector of Prisons.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St George

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Dated 24
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Submits the case of a released Convict appeared who was injured by the sudden explosion of a Mine at the Jail in Guindy & recommending him for the Charitable consideration of Govt.

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W. H. Anderson