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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 1st March 1859.

No. 47. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 28th January 1859, No. 50.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward an application from the Joint Magistrate in charge of the Jail at Vellore for pensions to the family of Mr. Stafford, late Jailer at that station who was killed while in discharge of his duty by a sentry over the Jail who subsequently shot Captain Hart.

2. The account of the case as originally received by me was that the deceased on hearing shots fired came out to see what was the cause and was shot dead by the sentry as he came down the ramp. I am not in possession of the particulars as elicited at the Court Martial.

3. I beg to recommend the case of Serjeant J. Stafford's Wife and Children to the consideration of Government.

From A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, in charge of Convicts, Vellore; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, Madras, dated 26th January 1859, No. 4.

Jail Department.

SIR,

I had the honor in my letter No. 61 of the 13th November 1858, to report to you the circumstances under which the late Jailer James Stafford at this station was murdered by a Sepoy of the 18th Regiment Native Infantry.

2. The late James Stafford was a married man, and at the time he was murdered was living with his second wife by whom he had two Children, these, by his sudden removal, have been left without any provision at all adequate to their maintenance.

3. It was proved in the course of the trial of his murderer that Jailer Stafford was killed when in the execution of his duty and on this ground I would beg to recommend that his Widow and her two young Children may receive an allowance from Government, as regards the Widow, to be discontinued in the event of re-marriage and the Children on their coming of age.

4. I would suggest ten (10) Rupees per mensem for the Widow and 3 Rupees 8 Annas for each of the Children.

5. Jailer Stafford's Children by his first marriage are all provided for, but are scattered all over the country.

Pension Department.

No. 9.

No. 48.

MEMORANDUM.

The Civil Auditor has the honor to inform the Chief Secretary to Government with reference to his Memorandum dated 3rd Instant, No. 52, in the Judicial Department, that he is unable to find in the Records of his Office, any case precisely similar to that of the widow of the Jailer lately killed by a Sepoy sentinel at Vellore.

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Chelsea.*

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have met with accidental deaths, such cases being expressly provided for in Section VI of the Superannuation Pension Rules.

7. Looking to the circumstances under which the deceased met his death, and to the condition of his family, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council begs to commend the application to the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

N^o. 284

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 1st March 1859.

Read letter from the Inspector Genl. of Sails.

Read also
Memorandum by the Civil Auditor
Do. by the Milly. Auditor Genl. —

Here enter N^o. 88. Dated 28th ult.

Enter N^o. 9 of 4th Feby. Inst.

Enter dated 12th idem.

The Inspector General of Sails submits a letter to his address from the Joint Magistrate of Villore, & ^{in support} ~~in support~~ with that officers ^{appeal} ~~request~~ for the grant of charitable allowances to the widow & two children of the late Sergeant Stafford, who, together with Captain Hart, was killed at Villore on the night of the 12th Nov. last by a Sepoy Sentry of the 18th Regiment. M & I

2. The circumstances connected with the murder were communicated to Govt. & are recorded in Govt. Min. Cons. N^o. 1664 dated 22nd Nov. last. Sergeant Stafford was an out-door Chelsea.

Chelsea pensioner, & at the time of his death, held the post of Sailor at Vellore on an allowance of Rs. 50 a month. Mr Sullivan states that it was proved that he met his death while in the execution of his duty, and pleads this circumstance as the grounds on which the bounty of Government should be extended to the family of the deceased, left, by the sudden bereavement, without adequate maintenance.

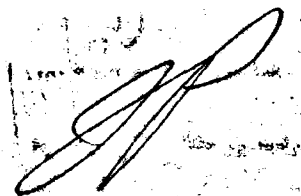
The pensions recommended are Rs. 10 a month to the widow to cease on her remarriage, & Rs. 3½ to each of the children to cease on their coming of age.

3. The children of the deceased by a previous marriage are not in want of aid from Government.

4. The Civil Auditor to whom a reference has been made upon this point states that he is unable to trace on the records of his office, any case previously similar

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to that of the widow there are however numerous instances in which grants of Pensions & gratuities have been made to the families of fore employes and laborers, who in the discharge of their duties have met with accidental deaths such cases being expressly provided for in Section 6 of the Superannuation Pension Rules -

5. Under these circumstances Government resolve that application be made to the Supreme Govt. for the grant of pensions to the family of the deceased as recommended by the Joint Magistrate of North Arcot.



The Inspector Genl. of Sails. Signed

Judicial Department

No. 285

Disposal

To The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to state that this Government have received from the Inspector General of Sails for this Presidency an application for a pension to the Widow and two Children of Sergeant Stafford, who was murdered whilst in the execution of his duty at Vellore, on the 12th November last, by a Sepoy of the 18th Regt. N. I.

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Applications for pension to the family of the late P. H. Stafford

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Contract Ministry of India

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2 The deceased was
an outdoor Chelcea
Pensioner, and employed
at Vellore, as a boiler, on a
salary of Rs 50 per mensem.
The circumstances of his
death as reported by the
Joint Magistrate of
North Arcot are these
"About half past 10 o'clock
last night, the 12th Instth,
November, a Muzulman
Sepoy of the 18th Regt. N. I.,
on duty near the Flag
Staff, and overlooking the
hollow bastion in which
the Jail is situated in
the Fort, suddenly, and
without any apparent
cause, fired his musket
off, twice at or in the di-
rection of the Flag Staff,
and then ran down the
ramp from his post to
the

the front of the Jail,
where he was challenged
by the sentry on duty
at the entrance, that
the European Sailer of the
Stafford, an out Chelcea
Pensioner, came out from
his quarters to see what
the firing was about,
when the Sepoy shot
him dead. The Supt^{nt}
of Military Police, Captⁿ
Farr, of the 39th Regt. N. I.,
having been informed
of the firing, ~~had~~ left his
residence stating, that
he was going to the
Fort to enquire into the
cause, en route, he had
to pass his office and
drove in to get some
peons, not finding them
in the front of the office,
he was driving round
to the back, where the
peons

persons guard room is situated
ed, when the same mid-
-creant suddenly turned
up and after making use
of abusive language & first
to the driver and then to
the unfortunate officer,
deliberately shot the latter
dead; he then started off for
a sort of Mussulman-
-shrine on the Parade
Ground where he began
to sing out "Deer" "Deer," the
was there surrounded by
a Sowdore and party of
the 18th Regt. N.I. and as he
refused to surrender, was
fired into and fell wounded.
These atrocious acts ap-
-peared to have been com-
-mitted under the influ-
-ence of Bharg, the effects
of which still appeared
to be on the man when
the Joint Magistrate
visited

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visited him next morning
3 For this double
murder the Sepoy had
been tried by the Sepoys
Judge of Chittoor convicted
and executed -

4 The Sailer, Stafford
was a married man, and
at the time he was mur-
-dered was living with
his second wife, by whom
he had two children.
These, by his sudden re-
-moval, have been left
without any provision
at all adequate to
their maintenance -

5 The Joint Magis-
-trate has suggested that
a Pension of 10 Rupees
a month be awarded
to the Widow and of
Rupees 3-8-0 to each of
the two children. that
to the Widow to cease
on her re-marriage
that

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respectively coming of
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by his first marriage
are all provided for.
6 The Civil Auditor
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records of his Office any
case precisely similar
to the present. There are,
however, he reports, nu-
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which grants of pensions
and gratuities have been
made to the families of
Government employees and
laborers, who in the
discharge of their duties
have met with accident-
al deaths. Such cases
being expressly provided
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Govt. of India.

John S. Leese, }
1st March 1859 }

J.P.
12/6/59

In Cons: 1st March
Industrial 1839 at 10⁰⁰ AM

No 1835

To the
The day: to the 1st of
March

18th March 1839

Recommending to the
General the completion of
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at 10⁰⁰ AM, who was returned
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his duty at 10⁰⁰ AM