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FROM

T. PYCROFT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated the 1st March 1859.

SIR,

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

2. The deceased was an out-door Chelsea Pensioner, and employed at Vellore, as Jailer, on a salary of Rupees 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 Instant, (November) a Mussulman Sepoy of the 18th Regiment N. I., on sentry 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 direction of the Flag Staff, and then ran down the ramp from his post to the front of the Jail, where he was challenged by the sentry on duty at the entrance. The European Jailer, Mr. Stafford, an out Chelsea Pensioner, came out from his quarters to see what the firing was about, when the Sepoy shot him dead. The Superintendent of Military Police, Captain Hart, of the 39th Regiment N. I., having been informed of the firing, 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' guard-room is situated, when the same miscreant 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 "Deen," "Deen." He was there surrounded by a Jemadar and party of the 18th Regiment N. I., and as he refused to surrender, was fired into and fell wounded. These atrocious acts appeared to have been committed under the influence of bhang, the effects of which still appeared to be on the man when the Joint Magistrate visited him next morning."

3. For this double murder the Sepoy has been tried by the Sessions Judge of Chittoor, convicted and executed.

4. The Jailer 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.

5. The Joint Magistrate has suggested that a Pension of 10 Rupees a month be awarded to the Widow, and of Rupees 3-8 to each of the two Children; that to the Widow to cease on her re-marriage, that to the latter on their respectively coming of age. Stafford's Children by his first marriage are all provided for.

6. The Civil Auditor to whom a reference has been made on the point, states that he is unable to trace on the records of his office any case precisely similar to the present. There are, however, he reports, numerous instances in which grants of pensions and gratuities have been made to the families of Government employés and laborers, who in the discharge of their duties have met with accidental deaths, such cases being expressly provided for in Section V 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.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

*T. Pycroft**Chief Secretary.*

*Fort Saint George, }
The 1st March 1859. }*

Forwarded to the Finl. Department for consideration orders

Home Department }
The 17th March 1859 }

By order of
S. R. Chapman
Under Secy to the Govt of India

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Fort William

Financial Department
The 1st April 1839

The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the grant of the pensions applied for of Six pence per month to the widow, and 8s 3-8-0 per month to each of the two children of Sergeant Clapham; the pension to the widow to cease on her remarriage, and those to the children on their respectively coming of age.

Copy forwarded to the Home Department
for communication to the Government of Madras.

Copy also sent to the Civil Auditors Bureau
for information & guidance.

I appeared at the meeting
the Governor General in Council

Wm. L. G. Smith

Secretary to the Govt of India.

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chrysalis & eggs, and
a few of the cricket of the 10th
of Dec. 1877. I have also
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The 8 April 1839

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W. Chapman
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