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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 5. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 20th May 1857, No. 498.

Read the following letter from JAMES H. DOPPING, Esq., Civil Engineer North Arcot; to Lieutenant J. O. MAYNE, District Engineer of North Arcot, dated Camp Ranepet, 4th May 1857, No. 155.

SIR,

I regret to have to inform you, that yesterday evening a man named Coomarasawmy lost his life in the following way at Timery, Coomarasawmy and his father were paid at the rate of 1 anna per foot for the stone of the Timery fort deposited on the annicut, and knowing, I fancy, that this would be the last day for stones to be brought from Timery, they were anxious to have as large a quantity brought in as possible, and undermined a portion of the wall which fell on the deceased, killing him instantaniously, and crushing his father, only slightly. I examined the place this morning myself, and do not consider any blame is to be attached to any one. And from all I could see and ascertain I believe they would both have had time to escape, if there had not been a large mound of earth in front, which delayed them after they observed the wall beginning to slip. The matter has been reported to the Tahsildar, but I consider there is no necessity *for any further investigation.* I would however recommend that the old man who *is only a bandy man* be allowed his day's wages while he is prevented from working.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to Government, with a recommendation that the person who has been wounded by the fall of a portion of the Timery Fort wall, be allowed cooly at the rate of 2 annas a day, while incapacitated from work, by the wounds received on the occasion.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 1058; dated 3rd June 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits copy of a letter from the Civil Engineer, North Arcot, Mr. Dopping, reporting the death of one Coomarasawmy, and the injury of his father, by the fall of an undermined portion of Timery fort. Colonel Faber recommends that two Annas a day may be given to the wounded man till he is able to work. The Government can consent to this proposition only on condition that the man immediately places himself under Medical treatment in the nearest hospital, the Officer in charge of which will submit a certificate of his state, and give the probable time of his recovery. No enquiry appears to have been made as to whether the deceased has left any heir entitled to receive a gratuity according to the rules passed by the Government of India on 4th July 1856. This information should now be obtained and laid before Government as soon as possible.

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

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Conducing to the proposition of giving two annuities to Late Comdr Casamajor & other, reported by Mr. Dossing to have been enjoined by the fall of an undermined portion of Simcoe Pool, on the condition of his placing himself & undergoing treatment, & requiring to learn, whether the deceased Comdr Casamajor has left any heir entitled to receive a gratuity -

No 506.

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