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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd June 1857.

No. 106. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th June 1857, No. 1171.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp, Rauyachoty, 2nd June 1857, No. 221.

SIR,

I have the honor to report the accidental death of a Wudder whilst employed in widening the Calingulah channel of the Vittalarayanee tank in the Cuddree Talook of this District.

2. It appears that the unfortunate man had separated himself from the rest of the working party and in attempting alone to remove a stone from side of the channel, he loosened a large piece of rock which falling on his chest caused instantaneous death.

3. In the absence of the Tahsildar and Sheristadar from the Talook, Lieutenant Palmer reported the circumstance to a Karkoon, in order that an inquest might be held on the body.

4. 54 hours however having elapsed without any official making his appearance, the relatives of the deceased requested Mr. Owens, Sub Overseer to allow them to inter the corpse, which was then in a dreadful state of decomposition. Mr. Owens immediately rode over to Lieutenant Palmer's tent, and as there were no suspicious circumstances attending the death and no signs of any Revenue Official, Lieutenant Palmer told the Wudders that they might bury the body, which they accordingly did on the evening of the 27th Ultimo.

5. Next morning the Talook Sheristadar went to the tank with a number of peons, had the body exhumed, and by his order the Wudders were beaten by the peons with a stick and with slippers.

6. The Wudders went in a body to Mr. Owens to complain of the ill treatment they had received, and Mr. Owens states that he distinctly saw the marks of blows on their back and legs.

7. I have reported the case to the Collector with a view to further inquiry being made.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter No. 221 of the 2nd Instant be forwarded to Government for information, with intimation that the District Engineer has been desired to report upon the alleged ill treatment of the relatives of the deceased by the Police authorities of the Cuddree Talook of the Cuddapah District.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, No. 1220; dated 23rd June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department, where the necessary orders will be issued to the Magistrate of Cuddapah to institute an enquiry into the alleged ill treatment, by the Police authorities, of the relatives of the Wudder reported to have been killed by the fall of a stone whilst employed in widening the Calingulah channel of the Vittalarayanee tank in the Cuddree Talook.

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

making his appearance), the relatives of the deceased requested

No. 1171

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George
Under date the 15th June 1857.

Read the following

No. 221 of 1857/58

From,

Lieutenant E. Hemery,

District Engineer of Cuddapah.

To,

Colonel C. E. Haber,

Chief Engineer D. P. W.

"Public"

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I have &c

District Engineer's Office,
Camp Rayyachoty,
2nd June 1857.

Signed E. Emery, Lieut.
District Engineer of Cuddapah.

Resolved

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Resolved that a copy of the above letter No. 221 of the 2nd Instant be forwarded to Government for information with intimation that the District Engineer has been desired to Report upon the alleged ill treatment of the Relatives of the deceased by the Police authorities of the Cuddapah Taluk of the Cuddapah District.—

A True Extract

W. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D

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Cour: 23 June No: 1215

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Dated 13th June 1857.
Received 15th June 1857.

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Enclosures None

Communicates for information a letter
from the District Engineer of Cuddapah
reporting the accidental death of a Wudda
whilst employed in widening the Calingulaty
Channel of the Vittalarayanee Tank in the
Cuddapah Taluk in the Cuddapah District.

From Chief Engr dy 31 July 1857 No
538. In Cons: 8 July

Written an Order
No. 1220. 23d June

No. 1220

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by the fall of a stone whilst employed
in widening the Calingulaty Channel
of the Vittalarayanee Tank in the
Cuddapah Taluk.

F. W. St. George
23. June 1857

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