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No. 67. Read the following Extracts from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated 1st December 1857, No. 5623.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer, Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Cussmoor, 25th November 1857, No. 2108.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for your information 2 letters as per margin* from Captain Ritherdon reporting a fatal accident to a man engaged in felling Palmyras on the bund of the Parlapully Tank, in the Talamunchy Talook.

* No. 841 dated 12th November 1857.
No. 867 dated 21st do. 1857.

2. On the receipt of the first letter I wrote to Captain Ritherdon calling for further particulars, and the second letter furnishes nearly all which appeared to me to be requisite, though the result of the inquest (if any) has not been ascertained.

3. The accident appears to be one of a description which it must always be difficulty to guard against, the man appears to have been injured by the fall of the tree which he was himself engaged in felling, and he was removed with care to his own home.

4. Captain Ritherdon recommends that some small sum, to enable the family of the deceased to meet the extra expenses incurred in consequence of the accident, should be given. So far as the information contained in the enclosed correspondence enables me to judge, I should say that the present case is one which does not establish any claim to assistance or compensation, but should Government, standing in the place of the employer, feel disposed to make a charitable donation, I would suggest that 3 months ordinary pay of a Cooly on Rupees 10-8 be given to the widow.

5. A copy of my letter to Captain Ritherdon is enclosed for your information, and should any additional circumstances be reported they will be at once forwarded. A Memorandum on the subject of accidents to work people has been sent to the Collector for insertion in the District Gazette of this week, directed more particularly to the care of injured persons and the duty of obtaining for them the best possible assistance, but pointing out also the necessity of measures for the prevention of accidents in all cases, where such can be done.

Letter from Captain A. RITHERDON, Executive Engineer, Northern Division; to Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, dated Eadumpilly, 12th November 1857, No. 841.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice a fatal accident which occurred at Parlapully tank on or about the 7th Instant. A cooly named Narapah who was employed with others, cutting down Palmyra trees, unfortunately had his leg broken by the end of a tree falling on it, and died the following day; I imagine from the effects of a severe fracture and want of proper medical attendance.

II. The report received gives only the above intelligence, (not even mentioning the date) but on obtaining further information for which I am about to write, I shall again bring the subject to your notice.

Letter from Captain A. RITHERDON, Executive Engineer, Northern Division; to Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, dated Moongaldooravoo, 21st November 1857, No. 867.

SIR,

With reference to my letter No. 841 of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to forward some additional particulars relative to the accident therein reported.

II. It appears the deceased B. Narapah was employed with two other men cutting down Palmyra trees on the bund, and when the tree was falling they ran in different directions and Narapah was knocked down by the tree and his leg crushed. He was taken home on a cot, and died almost immediately afterwards.

III. The accident happened on the morning of the 8th Instant, and the man died two hours afterwards and not on the following day, as before reported. It is said the man was enjoying good health up to the time of the accident. He has left a wife and mother-in-law who were mainly dependant on him for support and I hope you will if you think fit, recommend that some small some be given to them in order that they may meet the unusual expences this sad event may have involved them in.

Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Captain A. RITHERDON, Executive Engineer Nellore Range, dated 18th November 1857, No. 2372.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 841 of the 12th Instant, reporting a fatal accident at Parlapully Tank, I have the honor to request that you will obtain the following information regarding it. The name of the man, his probable age, the particulars of the family, if any, which he has left, his usual occupation and the name of the village to which he belongs.

2nd. Whether there was any one in charge of the working party at the time of the accident.

3rd. Whether he was killed by the fall of the tree at which he was working, or by any want of care on the part of others of the working party.

4th. Whether any measures were taken to afford him medical assistance after the accident occurred as Parlapully is not far from Nellore and he should have been sent to the Civil Hospital.

5th. Whether an inquest was held, and if so with what result.

2. My own impression is that he received other injuries besides the broken leg or he would hardly have died in 24 hours, and it will be useful to ascertain whether he died from want of proper assistance or from injuries which no skill could have cured.

Resolved to forward to Government the foregoing letter No. 2408, dated 25th November 1857, from the District Engineer of Nellore, reporting the death of a Cooly by the fall of a Palmyra tree which he was cutting down for public purposes, and recommending the grant of a gratuity of Rupees (10-8) ten, and annas eight, to the deceased's family.

2. The Chief Engineer begs to support the District Engineer's recommendation.

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

No. 68. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 8th December 1857, No. 5786.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer Nellore.

Forwards a copy of a letter from Captain Ritherdon furnishing a few additional particulars regarding the fatal accident at Parlapully } (Here enter 27th November 1857, No. 2435.)

Letter from Captain A. RITHERDON, Executive Engineer, N. D; to Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, dated 25th November 1857, No. 895.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2373, dated 18th November 1857, and now forward replies to those portions of your letter which contain points not alluded to in my last letter giving detailed information regarding the death of Narapah, when employed as a cooly at Parlapully Tank.

II. It appears he was an inhabitant of the above village and gained his livelihood by working as a cooly there. His probable age was 35.

III. The Goomastah was not present at the time of the accident and the manner in which it happened was ascertained from the two other coolies who were cutting at the tree when it fell. The three ran in different directions to escape but Narapah was knocked down and his leg crushed. He was taken home on a cot, but whether it was the intention of the Gomastah to send him to the Hospital I do not know; but he died in his house, and the Deputy Tahasildar held an inquest, but did not attach blame to any person.

IV. There is no medical evidence and I imagine that the deceased must have sustained some internal injury when thrown down.

Resolved to forward to Government in continuation of Extract Proceedings No. 5623 dated 1st Instant, the original enclosure received with the foregoing letter from the District Engineer Nellore No. 2435 dated 27th Ultimo furnishing further particulars with regard to the death of the Cooly employed in cutting down trees for public purposes.

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

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, No. 2360; dated 21st December 1857.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested to obtain from the District Engineer of Nellore a statement drawn out in the form annexed to the Financial Notification of the Government of India No. 28, dated 4th July 1856, communicated to Colonel Faber with Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 18th September 1856, No. 1687.

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

RULES FOR THE GRANT OF GRATUITIES TO THE FAMILIES OF PERSONS KILLED IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR PUBLIC DUTIES.

No. 28.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,

THE 4TH JULY 1856.

NOTIFICATION.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to issue the following Rules for the protection of Government in cases of application for gratuities to the families of Lascars, Coolies and other workmen in the service of Government, who may happen to be killed or to die in consequence of wounds or accidents sustained in the execution of their public duties :—

RULES.

1. No application for a gratuity shall be received from the family of a deceased workman, unless he died within 6 months from the date on which the wound, or the accident which is supposed to have caused his death, was received.

2. Applications shall be confined to cases in which the deceased may have left a widow, son, daughter, father, or mother, dependant upon him for support.

3. All claims shall be subjected to a regular enquiry by the Officer at the head of the Department in which the deceased was employed.

4. The claimants shall appear personally before the said Officer, and witnesses (unconnected with the claimants if possible) shall invariably be examined in attestation of the validity of the claim. When the evidence of relatives or connections is taken, a note to that effect shall be entered upon the proceedings and in all cases the witnesses shall be warned to confine their evidence to circumstances within their own knowledge, and be made to understand that they will be liable to trial and punishment in the event of their evidence proving to be false.

5. The proceedings shall be drawn up in the form annexed, and shall contain a concise but full record of the evidence by which every claim is supported ; the designation and duties of the deceased ; the nature of the accident or injury which caused his death, and the precise degree of relationship and condition of the person or persons claiming the bounty of Government in consequence.

6. In cases where two or more survivors within the degrees of relationship specified in Clause 2 may be entitled to a gratuity under these Rules, the claims of each shall be fully investigated, and the preference accorded in the following order :

1. Son (legitimate.)
2. Widow.
3. Daughter (legitimate.)
4. Father.
5. Mother.

7. The gratuity admissible under these Rules shall in no case exceed the maximum limit of six months' pay of the deceased, nor be invariably assigned at that amount, but be regulated according to the duties of the deceased, the circumstances attending his death, and the condition and prospects of his surviving relative or relatives.

8. The above Rules, although specially intended to provide for the adjudication of claims to gratuities on the part of the families of men killed in the execution of their duties, who are not entitled to pensions under the Rules and practice of this Presidency, shall also be held applicable in the investigation of claims to pension on the part of the families of persons employed in the Gun powder manufactory, the Khedda Establishments, and others engaged in duties involving unusual hazard and of claims to pension preferred under Clause 6 of the Uncovenanted Pension Rules of January 1831.

9. The Government by no means binds itself to issue gratuities in all cases, nor in cases of pension to grant them for life.

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PROCEEDINGS of or Pension on the part of to investigate a claim to Gratuity

Description of Claimant.									Description of Deceased.					
Name.	Age.		Height.		Religion, Caste or Tribe.	Personal appearance & particular marks.	Present occupation and prospects, and whether on receipt of Pay or Pension from the Government.	Degree of relationship to deceased.	Name.	Occupation and period of service.	Nature of the injury which caused death.	Names and description of witnesses in support of the claim.	Amount of Gratuity proposed.	Record of Evidence and Remarks.
	Years.	Months.	Feet.	Inches.										

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

P.W. 1915/56

Order for the grant of gratuity to the Kamatchy Ferryman killed in the execution of their public duties.

Order in an extract from the Minutes of Council in the Civil Department dated 28th Augt 1856.

No. 5623.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works. Fort Saint George
Under date the 1st December 1857.

Read the following letter.

from the District Engineer Nellore.

recommending that a donation of 3 months wages pay of a coolly or Rupees 10-8— given to the wife of the Coly who was killed while engaged in felling Trees at Tatapudy for Palamaneky Talook of that District.

(Clerk Enter. No 2408 dated 25th Novr/57.)

Resolved to forward to Government the

Original

Enclosures/.

foregoing letter No 2425 dated 25th November 1857 from the District Engineer of Nellore, reporting the death of a Coly by the fall of a palmyra tree which he was cutting down for public purposes, and recommending the grant of a gratuity of Rupees 10-8-0 Ten Annas eight, to the deceased's family.

2 The Chief Engineer begs to support the District Engineer's recommendation.—

I/ True Extract/

H. Cobbe Colonel

Chief Engineer.

To Secretary to Government P. W. D.

No. 5786.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George, Under date the 8th December 1857.

Read the following Letter

From the District Engineer Nellore.

Forwards a copy of a letter from Captain Ritherdon furnishing a few additional particulars regarding the fatal Accident at Partapelly

(Here Enter 27 Nov 757 No. 2135)

Resolved to forward to Government in continuation of Extract Proceedings No 5623 dated 1st Instant, the original Enclosure received with the foregoing letter from the District Engineer Nellore No 2435 of 27th Ultimo furnishing further particulars with regard to the death of the Coolly employed in cutting down trees for public purposes.

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A True Extract

A. Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government F. P. W. Dept.

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Political Dept. 29 Dec 1857 No 2588.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer Public Works Department.

Forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George for information.

Read 29th Dec 1857

Ans. 5 Feb 23.

Enclosure of No. 2588 dated 29 Dec 1857.

Forwards a letter with its enclosure from Lt. D. Ritherdon reporting the death of a Coolly employed in cutting down trees for public purposes.

Passed and recommending that a gratuity of Rs 10 be granted to each of the deceased's family.

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No 2360.

Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government
Madras to the Chief Engineer
dated 8th December 1857.

Read the following
Copy and Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 18th December 1857
No 5823/574

Read the Letter from the Chief
Engineer Nellore requesting to
obtain from the District
Engineer of Nellore a
Statement shewing what
the Government allowance
is to the Coolies employed
in cutting down trees for
public purposes.

Extract from the Pro. of the Chief Engineer 1 Dec.r 57 C No 2388 in

P. Works 1857 Department
Rec.d to Encl. 23.d December
No 2422

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 8th December 1857
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Minutes of Consultation
dated 18th September 1856
No 1687

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No. 2360.

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Dated 21.st Dec.r 57.

From the Chief Engineer dated 12.th
January 58 C. No. 197 in P. Branch

Requesting the Chief
Engineer to obtain from the
District Engineer of Nellore,
a statement drawn out in
the Form annexed to the
Financial notification of
the Government India dated
4.th July 1856 respecting the
recommendation made for
the grant of a gratuity to the
Family of a deceased Peon.

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