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<i>23-25</i> Dated <i>30-7-18.57</i>	

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No. 23. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 18th July 1857, No. 2114.

Read the following letter from Captain J. SHAND, Assistant Engineer; to Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore, dated Suttimungalum, 24th June 1857, No. 160.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the nearest heirs of the cooly Hyeemony Gounda, who was reported by Lieutenant Chrystie as having been killed by the falling in of earth in an excavation on the Trunk road No. 5, in the VI mile, North East of Coimbatore, are his wife Palaneeama and eldest son Curpa, both of the village of Neelumbore at the X mile on the Trunk road North East of Coimbatore.

2. The excavation in which the accident happened is one from which gravel had been taken at some former time, at which the gravel, as it underlies the earth, at the surface, had been dug away so as to leave a shelf of earth, about three feet thick, unsupported save by its own Cohesion. No work was going on in the pit at the time, but three men were sitting in it singing, the deceased with his back to the part which gave way, the others facing it. Suddenly about four cart loads of the superincumbent block soil fell on the party, from the effects of which Hyeemony Gounda died in about an hour and a half, the other two were slightly bruised.

3. In consequence I have issued orders on the Trunk road that no gravel pits are to be dug in till their sides are cut sloping slightly inwards, and that this section is to be carefully retained.

4. Delay in reporting this accident has occurred owing to my moving between Coimbatore and Suttimungalum, and to the European Overseer in charge of the repair of the Trunk road not fully understanding at first what information as to names of heirs &c. was wanted.

Resolved, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 1216, dated 23rd June 1857, calling for more information respecting the accident which occurred on Trunk road No. 5, to forward, for the information and orders of Government the foregoing copy of a letter from Captain Shand, No. 160, dated 24th June 1857.

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

No. 24. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 21st July 1857, No. 2241.

Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FORD, District Engineer of South Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddalore, 8th July 1857, No. 202.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that an accident occurred at the Motalore gravel pit, on Trunk road No. 8, on the 18th of last month, by which a cooly named Iyen Permal lost his life, and another named Aumacey, was seriously injured. They had, contrary to orders, commenced excavating from the bottom of the pit, before a sufficient quantity of the top soil had been removed, and the side of the pit fell in upon them. Assistant Overseer King reported the accident to the Tahsildar, who came to the place, and after enquiring of the other coolies, who were at work, was satisfied that the unfortunate men suffered from their own heedlessness. Mr. King got an Apothecary, who was on his way to Trichinopoly, to come out and set the fracture in the jaw and shoulder of the cooly who was injured, and he wished to send the man into Cuddalore, but his friends preferred taking him to his village. I have directed Sub Engineer Graham to visit the pit himself, and also to issue fresh instructions to the Overseers and Maistries on the roads, to explain to all the coolies the danger of working in pits with steep sides and particularly in attempting to dig away the under soil, without removing the surface earth.

Time

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 4th August 1857.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter No. 202 of the 8th July 1857, from the District Engineer of South Arcot, reporting the death of a cooly, and the serious injury received by another, be submitted for the information of Government, in conformity with Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 552 of the 23rd April 1856.

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

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 1476; dated 30th July 1857.

With the first of the above Proceedings the Chief Engineer submits, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 23rd June 1857, No. 1216, a further report from Captain Shand, Assistant Engineer in the District of Coimbatore, respecting the occurrences of an accident on Trunk road No. 5 by which one man was killed and two slightly injured in May last, and with the second of the papers above recorded, Colonel Faber forwards a letter from the District Engineer of Cuddalore, bringing to notice the accidental death of one cooly, and serious injury to another, at the Motalore gravel pit on Trunk road, No. 8. In another letter from the Chief Engineer of the 17th Instant, No. 2100, separately disposed of, the Government were informed that from a similar cause one more individual had lost his life.

2. Thus the Government remark that no less than three accidents have been reported on by the Chief Engineer within a short time from the very careless practice of allowing work people to undermine the surface of the ground. Colonel Faber will be requested to issue a Circular Order calling the attention of his Department to the fact that three lives have been thus lost, and directing that greater attention be paid to the matter in future.

3. In neither of the first two cases noticed above, have the Engineer Officers recommended gratuities to the nearest heirs of the deceased, as required by the rules conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation 23rd September 1856, No. 1687, the Chief Engineer will be good enough to ascertain the reason of this omission, and if it was unintentional, to forward an application on their behalf in the prescribed form.

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

N^o 214.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St ^{George}
Under date the 18th July 1857.

Read the following letter
N^o 160

From
Captain J. Shand
Assistant Engineer
To
Captain P. M. Francis
District Engineer of Coimbatore

Sir,
I have the honor to report that the nearest heirs of the Cooly Symonny Ganda, who was reported by P. Chryotis as having been killed by the falling in of earth in an excavation on the Trunk Road No. 5, in the 11 miles North East of Coimbatore, are his wife Palameema and Eldest Son Europa, both of the Village of Aelumbore at the 8 mile on the Trunk Road North East of Coimbatore.

2. The excavation in which the accident happened is one from which gravel had been taken at some former time

time, at which the gravel, as it underlies the earth at the surface, had been dug away so as to leave a shelf of earth, about three feet thick, unsupported save by its own cohesion. No work was going on in the pit at the time, but three men were sitting in it. Singing, the deceased with his back to the part which gave way, the others facing it. Suddenly about four cub loads of the Superimposed black soil fell on the party, from the effects of which Ayemany Gounda died in about an hour and a half, the other two were slightly bruised.

3. In consequence I have issued orders on the Trunk Road that no gravel pits are to be dug in till their sides are cut sloping slightly inwards, and that this section is to be carefully retained.

4. Delay in reporting this accident has occurred owing to my moving between Coimbatore and Sattimungalam, and to the European Overseer in Charge of the repair of the Trunk Road not fully understanding at first what information as to names of persons

was

was wanted.

Assistant Engrs Office
Bhowang Sub Sta
Sattimungalam 24 June 89

I have per
Sd/- J. Shand Capt
Asst Engr B Sub

True Copy/
Sd/- P. M. From Engr
Asst Engr

Resolved, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 1216, dated 23rd June 1889, Calling for more information respecting the accident which occurred on Trunk Road No. 5, to forward for the information and orders of Govt, the foregoing Copy of a letter from Captain Shand, No. 166 dated 24th June 89.

True Extract

To
The Secretary to Govt
P. M. C
Wd Laker Col
Chief Engr
Campall

N^o 2241

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St George
Under date the 21st July 1857.

Read the following letter
No 202.

To
Colonel G. F. Tabor
Chief Eng. D. P. M.
Mr. Tabor

I have the honor to report that
an accident occurred at the Motalore
Gravel pit, on Trunk Road No 8, on the
10th of last month, by which a Cooly
named Syen Pernal lost his life, and
another named Amacey, was seriously
injured. They had, contrary to orders,
commenced excavating from the bottom
of the pit, before a sufficient quantity
of the top soil had been removed, and
the side of the pit fell in upon them.
Assistant Overseer King reported the
accident to the Tahesildar, who came to
the place, and after enquiring of the other
Coolies, who were at work, was satisfied
that the unfortunate men suffered from
their

23rd June 1857

Public Works Department
Fort St George
Chief Engineer D. P. M.
to Mr. Tabor
12th 8

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Recd 21st July 1857

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Forwarded for the
information & ordering
of Mr. Tabor of a letter
from Captain Shaw
relative to the accident
which occurred on 10th
last No 202.

24 July 1857

their own headlamps. Mr. Ring got an Apothecary, who was on his way to Trichinopoly, to come out and set the fracture in the jaw and shoulder of the Cooly, who was injured, and he wished to send the man into Cuddalore but his friends preferred taking him to his village. I have directed Sub-Engineer Graham to visit the pit himself, and also to issue fresh instructions to the Overseers and men at work on the road, to explain to all the Coolies the danger of working in pits with steep sides and particularly in attempting to dig away the under soil, without removing the surface earth.

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8th July 1887 S. A. Ford
to Sup. S. A. Ford

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter No. 202, of the 8th July 1887, from the District Engineer of South Arcot, reporting the death

of a Cooly, and the serious injury received by another, be submitted for the information of Government in England with S. Min. Cons. No 552 of the 23rd April 1886.

To the Extract

W. L. Fisher Esq.
Chief Secy

To A. McSexton Esq.
P. M. C.

Compd 88

No. 1476

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the July 1857.

Read the following
Extracts from the Proceed-
ings of the Chief Engineer.

There enter 18. & 21st July 1857
No. 1476 & 2211

1. With the perusal
of the above Proceedings
the Chief Engineer sub-
mits, with reference
to Extract Min. Cons.
23^d June 1857 No. 1216,
a further report from
Captain Shand, Assistant
Engineer in the District

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Public Works Dept. 1857
No. 1476
Extract from the Minutes of
the Chief Engineer
to the Consulting Engineer
P.W.D.

Ex. 21st July 1857
No. 2211

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No. 2211

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July 1857

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3. In neither of
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noticed above, have
the Engineer Officers
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required by the
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September 1856 No. 1687,
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was unintentional,
to forward an ap-
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behalf in the pre-
scribed form.

R. E.

57 Copies to the Chief Eng. Dep. 17th

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D^r to Amos 4th Aug 8

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Contract of Amos.

230th July 1857

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