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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 43. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 4th March 1858, No. 7793.

SIR,

1 Letter from District Engineer of the Godavery, Division No. 735, of 25th November 1857.
1 Do. do No. 817, 28th December 1857.
1 Proceedings on claim to gratuity.

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying two letters from the District Engineer of the Godavery under date the 25th November and 28th December 1857, Nos. 735 and 817, reporting the accidental death by the upsetting of a boat, of 2nd Class 3rd grade Sub Overseer Doovoo Nookiah, and submitting Proceedings to investigate the claim to the usual gratuity in such cases, of the widow as his heir.

2. It being doubtful from the wording of the first paragraph of the first letter, whether the Sub Overseer was actually in the discharge of his duty when he met with his death, I declined laying the application for gratuity before Government; and in reply to my Proceedings on the subject, under date the 11th December 1857 No. 5859, Captain Rundall explains the circumstances which rendered it necessary for the deceased to cross the River after dark, which was the cause of the accident.

3. These were that the Sub Overseer, being intrusted with the payment of the Coolies employed in making up the dam for the repairs of the breach in the anicut, was unavoidably detained, and had no other means of reaching his house than by crossing, as he attempted to do, in a small dinghy. He therefore must I conceive be considered as in the discharge of his duty when his death occurred, and I beg, with these full explanations, to recommend the grant of six months wages, or Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty, as gratuity, to the widow by name Davoolapilly.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Bobberlunka, 25th November 1857, No. 735.

SIR,

I regret to have to inform you that an accident involving the loss of life of one man occurred on the 20th Instant, on the work of closing the breach in the Muddoor branch of the Annicut. After dark unknown to myself a number of Coolies together with a Sub Overseer attempted to cross the river in a small Dingy.

2nd. The Boat got into the strength of the current and must have got across some of the ropes of the anchored boats, for it was upset. All got safe to shore but the Sub Overseer 2nd Class 3rd grade by name D. Nookiah who could not swim.

3rd. I beg to enclose the necessary documents regarding his services and next of kin.

4th. Since the accident I have forbidden any boats being allowed to ply after dark. The boat in question was taken by the men themselves and was not one of those which were plying to and fro.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Bobberlunka, 28th December 1857, No. 817.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings No. 5859, dated 11th Instant I have the honor to remark that the late Sub Overseer D. Nookiah was in the Act of returning from the actual performance of his duty viz. that of paying the workmen when he met with the accident which was the occasion of his death.

2. Conceiving that the orders of Government were to be interpreted according to their spirit and not to the letter it did not appear to me that the claim would be considered irregular and imperfect as had the Sub Overseer not been detained till after dark for the necessary performance of his duty, the probability is that he would not have met with his death. I would therefore beg that the claim preferred by me may be submitted for the consideration of Government together with my explanation.

Proceedings of Captain F. H. Rundall, District Engineer, Godavery Division, to investigate a claim to Gratuity on the part of Davoolapilly Suttamah, wife of late Davoolapilly Nookiah, 2nd Class 3rd Grade Sub-Overseer, who was accidentally drowned in the river on the work of closing the Breach in the Mud-door Branch of the Godavery Anicut at Dowlaisheram.

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Description of claimant.					Description of deceased.			Names and description of the witnesses in support of the claim.	Amount of gratuity proposed.	Record of Evidence and Remarks.						
Name.	Years.	Months.	Age.	Height.	Religion, Caste or Tribe.	Personal appearance and particular marks.	Present occupation and prospects and whether on receipt of pay or pension from the Government.				Degree of relationship to the deceased.					
	Davoolapilly Suttamah.							20...	5	3		Gentoo.	Pitted with small pox on her face, and Godenamarks on both hands.	On receipt of pay of 25 Rupees as a Sub-Overseer of the 2nd Class 3rd Grade.	Wife.	
											As a Bricklayer Maistry and Sub-Overseer for 8 years.		Drowned in the river by the upsetting of a Derry.	Manapilly Gooriah and Bundala Kariah, inhabitants of Rajavaram were present at the time the accident occurred.	Rupees 150 for 6 months.	Identified as the wife of the deceased by Ambaty Nursimloo, inhabitant of Masulipatam and Wakkilly Nursimloo, inhabitant of Moongondahpalem in the Amlapore Talook in the Rajahmundry District. The family are left totally destitute, consisting of widow and children, the eldest of whom is D. Appalanursimloo and about of 10 years of age.

District Engineer's Office, Godavery Division, Camp at Bobberlunka, 27th November 1857.

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL, Captain,

District Engineer, Godavery Division.

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No. 44.

ORDER THEREON, No. 606 ; dated 8th April 1858.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of a gratuity of Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty to Seettamah, widow of Davoolapilly Nookiah, 2nd Class 3rd Grade Sub-Overseer who was accidentally drowned in the river Godavery in the performance of his duty.

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

Central Office of P.W.
No 7793 Int. S. George 4 March 1858

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The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
Public P.W. Department
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Your most Obedt Servant

Central Office of Govt
Fort St George
4 March 1858

W. E. P. Colwell

Chief Engineer

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11th April 1838 & 14th
By to Court 9. 30th April

From the Secy of Congress
to the Secretary to the Convention
Re: the Convention

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to the Secretary to the Convention
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