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No. 434. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Ootacamund, 15th December 1862, No. 162:—

Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., District Engineer, Malabar, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Calicut, 12th December 1862, No. 244.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for your information the death of a Moplah employed on the Karkur new trace, the particulars of which are given in the enclosed copy of a letter* as per margin from Assistant Overseer Campbell.

* No. 12, dated 6th December 1862.

2. I have called his attention to Chapter X of the New Code with a view to care being taken on his part to avoid all occurrence of accidents.

3. The proceedings and verdict of the Court of Inquest shall be sent to you.

From Mr. W. CAMPBELL, Assistant Overseer, Department Public Works, to Captain J. BEAN, District Engineer of Malabar, Calicut, dated Karkur Ghât, 6th December 1862, No. 12.

SIR,

1. I much regret having to report for your information that one of the coolies, a Moplah, named Moideen, from Ungaddypoorem, met his death on the Ghât on the 3rd instant, in a most singular manner, by a tree having fallen upon him, entirely owing to his own carelessness.

2. The place were this sad accident occurred is a very deep and wide ravine, on both sides of which several heavy landslips were being removed on that day by a large party of coolies. Having given the Maistry his instructions regarding this work, I left this party to visit another, but in about an hour, a cooly came and informed me of what had taken place, I at once proceeded to the place and was told by the Maistry that in cutting down a large tree in accordance with my instructions, he stood by it and at the proper time told the coolies on the opposite side of the ravine to get out of the way as the tree would likely fall in that direction and reach them though the distance is probably 100 yards. Accordingly all the coolies at once moved out of the way either up or down the trace, but this unfortunate man instead of doing as ordered went a few yards up the face of the hill, thinking I suppose, that that the tree would not reach so far. But the result proved he was mistaken, for in falling the top branches reached exactly to where he stood and killed him on the spot: had he gone only a few yards further he would escape. It is surprising the coolies have hitherto so well escaped serious accidents considering the dangerous nature of the work on the Ghât in cutting down such large trees, and in removing rock, &c., in consequence of the stupid and reckless way they act; and were it not for the constant admonition they receive, more such accidents would likely occur. I hope this will be a warning to them to be more careful in future.

(True Copy.)
(Signed.) J. BEAN, Captain, R. E.,
District Engineer, Malabar.

Submitting for the information of Government letter No. 244, dated 12th December 1862, from the District Engineer of Malabar reporting the accidental death of a Moplah cooly employed on the Karkur Ghât by the fall of a tree. The proceedings and verdict of the Court of Inquest will be submitted as soon as received from Captain Bean.

1 Original letter No. 244, dated 12th December 1862, with one enclosure.

(Signed.) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

No. 435. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 3,072.

The Government will await the receipt of the further report promised by the Deputy Chief Engineer.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 244.

Calicut 12th December 1862.-

From,

Captain J. Bram R.E.
District Engineer, Malabar.

To,

Lieutenant Colonel J. Ouchterlony R.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle.
D. P. W.

Sir,

Rec'd 16th 1862.

I have the honor to report for your information the death of a Punjab employed on the Nar Kuri-mavu Trace, the particulars of which are given in the enclosed copy of a letter as per margin from Assistant Overseer Campbell.-

2. I have called his attention to Chapter X of the Law Code with a view to care being taken on his part to avoid all occurrance of accidents.

3. The proceedings and verdict of the Court of Inquest shall be sent to you.

I have &c.

Captain R.E.
District Engineer.
Malabar.

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To Govt 415 Dec.r/62 N162.

P.W. 3822/62

From,
The District Engineer
Malabar.

To, The Dy. Chief Engineer
S. Circle P.W.D.

Dated 12th Dec.r
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No. 264.

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Reports of the death of a Moplah accidentally occurred on the Station New Trace.

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I have &c&c

(Signed) W. Campbell.

Capt. Overseer D. P. W.

True Copy

Capt. Mann Capt. R.E.

Comp.d

To Genl 15 Dec/62 No 162.

Enclosure in a letter from the District Engineer Mobile to the Deputy Chief Engineer Dept Circle D. P. W. dated 12th December 1862 No 254.

D.P.W. 3822/62

From

Capt. Corneer W. Campbell
D. E. P. W.

To

The Dt. Engineer
Mobile

Reporting the death of a Cooly who was killed on the Mar Rue Boat on the 3rd December 1862 by the fall of a Tree.

