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No. 504. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated 9th April 1864:—

Proceedings of a Court of Inquest held at Luckadie on Saturday the 19th March 1864, to ascertain the cause of death of a Camp follower lately residing in the Lines of the Detachment Sappers and Miners at that post.

President.

SUBADAR ALLY KHAN BAHADOOR, D. Company, Sappers and Miners.

Members.

SUBADAR VEERAN, E. Company, Sappers and Miners.

JEMADAR MOOTIEN, D. Company, Sappers and Miners.

CAPTAIN NOWELL SWANSTON, Superintending Officer conducting the proceedings of the Court.

ASSISTANT APOTHECARY J. R. CAREY, in Medical charge of the Detachment Sappers and Miners.

1. Medical Officer in attendance on the Court. The Court having assembled pursuant to order, President, Members, Superintending Officer and Assistant Apothecary all present, proceed to examine the body of the deceased, which they find to be that of a youth of about twenty years of age. There are no particular marks about the body with the exception that the face is pitted with small pox. No jewels appear to be on the body. The body is recognized by Veerasawmy, a Camp follower, as being that of his Nephew, Tirovengadum, a Camp follower, and lately residing in the Lines of the Detachment Sappers and Miners.

2. The Court proceeds to hear evidence. Yelliah, No. 2,706, a Private in the E. Company, Sappers and Miners, states that the deceased was working as a Cooly on the lower portion of the Thambercherry Ghât, at about two miles down. He was one of a party of forty men. He was engaged in digging earth from under a large stone in the side of the bank. I heard a shout from the other Coolies and on turning round saw that the stone had fallen from the bank on top of the deceased. I sent to tell the Jemadar and a Havildar in charge of parties in the vicinity, and I commenced with my party of Coolies to dig out the deceased from under the stone. The Jemadar and Havildar shortly after arrived with their men and after about a quarter of an hour we succeeded in digging out the deceased. It was found that his right leg was smashed from the knee down; and his left foot was destroyed. The deceased was conveyed on a stretcher up the Ghât to the Hospital of the Detachment. He was alive when carried away.

3. Rungasawmy, No. 2,304, a Private in the E. Company Sappers and Miners, corroborates the statement of the last witness.

4. Assistant Apothecary Carey states that the deceased was brought into the Detachment Hospital at about one o'clock P. M. yesterday, suffering from injuries received from a stone falling on top of him. His right leg was smashed up to within a few inches of the knee joints. Several toes and all the integuments of the left foot were torn off. He was alive and did not seem then very low, though there is no doubt but that he had lost a large quantity of blood. After he was brought to Hospital I removed all the shattered parts, and tied up the arteries; not having either instruments or assistance I was unable to perform amputation, and therefore called in Doctor Hester who resides at about five miles from this. He arrived between five and six o'clock in the evening, and immediately set about amputating the right thigh, but before the operations was completed the deceased died from collapse.

5. The Court from the evidence before it is of opinion that the cause of death of the deceased Tirovengadum was accident, to wit the falling of a stone upon his person; from the effect of the injuries caused by which he died; and that moreover no blame is to be attached to any one.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. B. KENNEDY, Captain,
In charge of Tambercherry Ghât.

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Forwarded for the information of Government.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1864, No. 1,140.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES, A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To

The Superintending Engineer
7th Division

Sir/ I regret to inform you that a fatal accident occurred on the 18th Ultimo to a Cooly employed upon the Tamberchary Shaut, it was however entirely the result of his own carelessness - I enclosed a copy of the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held the following day 19th March 1864 I was not aware there was any necessity for reporting the circumstances to you, or I should have done so sooner

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servant

Luckadie
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