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No. 534. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp Toonee, 3rd March 1864, No. 2,276 :—

SIR,

1. I regret to have to report for the information of Government the occurrence of a fatal accident in the first Range of the Vizagapatam District, by which one man lost his life on the 5th ultimo.

2. The excavation for the foundations of the Kunchugámala Calingulah was given out by contract to a party of Tank-diggers, who, on the date in question, having completed the work, were waiting to be paid by the Maistry, T. Cunniah, late Sub-Overseer; as it was noon he was taking his rice in a shed adjacent to the work.

3. Three Tank-diggers having still some little spoil to remove, descended into the pit, the sides of which were 10 feet high.

4. On their beginning work, a Goomastah, who was seated near the excavation, called out to them that the side of the pit was falling in, but they had not time to profit by his warning.

5. The side of the pit fell and buried the three men; the Maistry and others dug them out, but one of them, Nukka Narapah, was dead.

6. The other two were brought into the Nursipatam Hospital and, though bruised, have not received any serious injury.

7. Enclosed is the report of the Punchayet and the deposition of one of the sufferers.

8. No blame is to be attached to this Department; the work was one being done by contract by Tank-diggers, a set of men who have great experience in earthwork, and rarely make a mistake as to the safety or otherwise of working in an excavation; in the present instance the cutting had the appearance, as has been reported to me, of being very firm.

9. Delay in getting the depositions must be my excuse for not bringing the accident before this to the notice of Government: it was reported to me the day after it occurred.

No. 535. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1864, No. 872.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Report of the Punchayet Translated.

To

His Honor the Magistrate of 117

8th 8th 8th

The Inhabitants of Kunchigumla, Kotta cota and Nursipatam, Namely:

Nitla Gurriah of Kotta cotta

Peddiredla Appalapatudu

Do Summanapatudu } of Nursipatam

Lunka Summanapatudu

Bulli Bapanah of Kunchigumla

We 5, assembled as a Punchayet report:

That certain inhabitants of Naidupaleem, called Mukka Narapa, Suttanapilly Khis-lamah and Mukka Appalasawmy, of whom Narapa was about 25 years of age, were digging out by Contract the foundations of a Calingula which the Circar is building in the Simmaram tank of Kunchigumla.

That the edge of the pit fell over and killed Narapa.

We were desired by the Village Moonsiff of Kunchigumla, Cheguir Chundria, to examine the 3 people to ascertain the truth, and so we went to examine these people.

Below we state the particulars of the accident

accident.

The left arm of Iwisapa was broken, his chest was pressed in and the flesh of his right arm was torn.

Kristamah was hurt on his shoulders and his loins, applewarmy on his hands and legs.

These Circumstances we the Finchayet report for information.

Dated 8th February 1864

Signature of Finchayet.

/ True translation /

R.B. Chamier Lieut. R.E.
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Translation of Deposition of Nukka Appelsamy.

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Father's name Vencapah. Occupation Rudder
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on his own account - Age about 20 - Inhabitant
of Naidoopalem. is sworn and deposes.
I and Sullanapilly Kistnamah and others
took by contract the digging out of the
foundations of the Caliyalah of the
Swimarayr Sauk of Kanchugumala. I
remember we began Excavating about 15 days
ago.

About Noon on a certain day my uncle
Nukka Naraidoo called Narrapa, e
Sullanapilly Kistnamah, we three, there
being still some little earth to be removed
from the foundation of the Caliyalah wall,
descended into these foundations and began
removing this Earth.-

The Maramut Gumastah, T. Gungaiah was

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on the hund near the Calingalah and whilst we were lifting out Earth called out that the Earthen dimma at the side walb was appearing as if it would fall-

I and Kristanah were standing at of the foundations; my uncle was standing at my side; the side the Earthen wall threw fell upon us three.-

Vaistry Soliah Cunniah and the Goomastah removed the Earth that fell upon us.-

Kristanah and I were not killed: our bodies were somewhat injured; but my uncle Narapah was dead under the dimma and his dead body was taken out.

Afterwards came deputy Constables and head Constable and others and Examined both of us and the dead body; they caused a Punchayet to assemble on us and they ordered Narapas body to be burnt.

By the sudden falling in of the Earth on us was Narapah killed and by no other cause were we injured. 17th Now feel a little pain from the accident. Nothing of consequence. We ourselves went down into the excavation to remove Earth on our own account and not by order of any body else.-

The above is the truth.

Applesamy's Mark +

Attestation of writer that the above is applesamy's deposition.-

/True translation/

Ob. Chambers Lieut. R.E.
Superintending Engineer "Do"

Superintending Engr's Office 1st Div. Camp Toonee
No. 2276 3rd March 1864.

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