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8th January 1866.*

No. 146. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 15th December 1865, No. 211 :—

1. I have the honor to submit herewith documents relating to a fatal accident which occurred on the works of the Coothangaddy bridge near Malliaporam, on the 27th October.

Enclosures 10.

2. Report of the same was duly made at once, by the Maistry in charge, to the Adigharry and Head Constable of Police at Malliaporam, by whom an Inquest appears to have been held with due formality the same day, and the proceedings thereof were verified in the Taluq Magistrate's Court on the 31st October.

3. The cause of death therein stated agrees with that assigned by Mr. Sub-Engineer Bailey, in his report of the 1st November, and personally a day or two later; viz., the slipping of a lever used in turning over one of the string beams of the bridge, which flew up and struck the deceased on the side of the neck, causing his death within eighteen hours. The man was taken away from the works by his own people, who refused to allow him to be taken to hospital.

4. The Range Officer and Taluq Overseer (Sergeant Lennon) were both absent in other parts of their executive charges; but I have no reason to suppose that any want of care on the part of the Maistry in charge conduced to the accident. Moplay coolies are a most reckless set of men, and very heedless of danger, but on this occasion no extraordinary risk was incurred beyond that unavoidably connected with the moving of large timber, an occupation to which they are quite used in that part of the country.

5. Great, and I should say uncalled-for delay has occurred in the submission by Mr. Bailey of the papers now sent in: which in the absence of any special explanation on his part, I attribute to the Office work of his large Range being very heavy. The reports only reached me last night.

6. Deceased having left a widow and four young children, I have the honor to suggest, on Mr. Bailey's recommendation, that a gratuity of six months' pay be granted them, which at the high rate of wages in Malabar would come to between Rupees 40 and Rupees 50.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1866, No. 70.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

1. On the recommendation of the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, the Governor in Council authorizes the disbursement to the widow of the cooly who is reported to have met his death by an accident which occurred at the Coothangaddy bridge, in the Malabar District, of a gratuity equal to six months' salary of the deceased, the charge being debited to the estimate for that work.

2. The delay on the part of Sub-Engineer Bailey in submitting the required report to the Superintending Engineer is inexcusable, and he should be informed accordingly.

Mr. (Sergeant Lennon) were both absent in other parts of their executive charges; but I have

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3. Colonel Walker's attention will be called to the Rules contained in Chapter X. of the Code, and he will be informed that future applications for gratuities should be accompanied by a Statement prepared in the form laid down at page 383, of the Printed Circular Orders of the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Superintending Engineers Office
7th Division
Coimbatore 15th December 1865.

From

Lieut. Col. G. W. Walker M.C.
Superintending Engineer 7th Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr M.C.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith documents relating to a fatal accident which occurred on the works of the Coittangaddy Bridge near Malliapporam, on the 24th October.

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Report of the same was duly made at once by the Machinery in charge, to the Adigaharry and Head Constable of Police at Malliapporam, by whom an inquest appears to have been held with due formality the same day, and the proceedings thereof were verified in the Talook Magistrate's Court on the 31st October.

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and £150.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

Charles Smith Esq.
Superintending Engineer

Public Works Department

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20th Nov 1865
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From ...

The Superintending
Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works

Dated 15th December 1865
Recd. 19th
No 211

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Kottlangadly Bridge
near Malappuram, on
the 27th October
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January 1866

Under date the 8th November 1865

From the Supr Engineer
of the 7th Division

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which occurred on the works
of the Cothangaddy Bridge
near Mallapooram, on the
27th October.

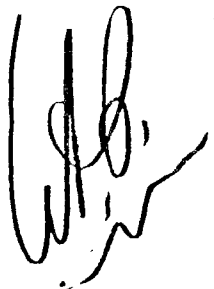
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War -



Dec^r 9th January.

To S. E. & D. J.
H. 10 Cadogan
To all others
of interest

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 No. of Govt for Jan'y/66

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 No. of the Govt
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A gratuity granted
 to the widow of the Cooly
 who was killed on the
 works of the Cothangadoly
 bridge near Mallappuram,
 Malabar District on
 27 October last.

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