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26th June 1867.*

No. 547. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Vythery, Luckady, 17th June 1867, No. 215:—

1. I regret to have to report the occurrence of an accident on the Carcoor Ghaut on the 1st instant, which was attended with fatal result.

2. I beg to annex copy of Lieutenant Coningham's letter,* reporting the accident, and copy of evidence given by Assistant Apothecary Wade, who examined the body.

* No 9 of 11th June 1867.

"I have the honour to submit the following report of a fatal accident by blasting, which occurred on the 1st instant, on the Carcoor Ghaut works. The delay in submitting the report is to be attributed to my not having received the copies of the depositions, taken at the Inquest by the Sub-Magistrate of Goodaloor, till the evening of the 7th instant. The papers submitted to me were in Malyalum, a translation has been made in my Office, these papers I also enclose.

"About four weeks ago I sent down a small gang of four blasters in charge of the cooly Singaree to the 15th mile, Carcoor Ghaut (7th mile from Nadigany). The main gang of blasters were working under Mr. Crowe's superintendence, at the 11th mile, with an experienced blasting Maistry. The man Singaree was an old hand at boring, and was picked out by the blasting Maistry himself as a safe person to fire the charges.

"He had been firing the charges successfully for three weeks when this sad accident occurred.

"The "Writer" Maistry Cundasawmy, in charge of the coolies in that section of the ghaut, did not understand tamping and firing the charges, or I should have directed him to superintend the blasting. He was absent at the time the accident occurred, superintending work elsewhere.

"From inquiries I made on the spot, the accident appears to have occurred in the following manner:—

"About 11 o'clock A. M., on Saturday the 1st instant, the holes which had been bored were tamped and fired by the cooly Singaree, one charge did not go off; they waited about twenty minutes (I think they must have waited quite as long, as some Stone Wudders who were working close to the rock blasted had re-commenced work), the hole was only one and a half feet deep, and the fuze was Bickford's patent fuze, which burns at the rate of from five to six feet in three minutes. The man Singaree then, although advised not to do so, commenced boring the tamping out with his jumper, having first poured a little water into the hole; he was advised to pour plenty of water, but apparently did not do so, as he said that it would splash the tamping over him. He had been boring in this manner for about ten minutes, when the charge blew off, tore a large flesh wound, bare to the bone, in Singaree's right thigh, and cut a deep incision right in the centre of his forehead; some of the Stone Wudders, who were working there, also received some slight flesh wounds, but of no consequence; in fact it was a miracle that no further accident occurred. Information was brought to Sergeant Crowe (Talook Overseer), who was superintending work at the 11th mile, by one of the borers named

Singaree

No 215

Special Executive Engineer
Tyttery, Lucknow 17 June 1867

From

The Special Executive Engineer
Tyttery Division

To

The Secretary to Government
D.P.M.
Lucknow

Sir,

I regret to have to report the occurrence of an accident on the Barcor Ghant on the 1st instant, which attended with fatal result.

1807 of 11th Nov 1867

I beg to enclose copy of Lieutenant Comingsham's letter, reporting the accident, and copy of evidence given by Assistant Apothecary Wade who examined the body.

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occurred superintending work elsewhere.

From enquiries I made on the spot the
accident appears to have occurred in the following
manner.

About 11 O'clock A.M. on Saturday
the 1st Assistant the holes which had been bored
were tamped and fired by the Cooly Singaree. One
charge did not go off, they waited about 20 minutes
(I think they must have waited quite as long as some
stone madders who were working close to the rock
blasted had recommenced work). The hole was only
1 1/2 feet deep and the Fuse was Bickford's Patent
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not to do so, commenced boring the tamping out
with his jumper having first poured a little
water into the hole, he was advised to pour plenty
of water but apparently did not do so, as he said
that it would splash the tamping over him. He
had been boring in this manner for about 10 minutes
when the charge blew off, tore a large flesh wound,
bare

My son on the Sunday Singaree died to take me
only son home. The Widow is a child of 12 years
of age.

Credence of a Mr. R. A. Wade Medical Officer
Gedalore taken on oath before the Sub Magistrate
of Gedalore on the 3rd June 1867.

On the morning of the 2nd I rode out
to Kailogany from information I received that
a man was injured by blasting. The man had
died a few hours before my arrival; I saw the
body at about 8 A.M. there was a large fleshy
wound on the front aspect of right thigh some-
seven inches long by about 5 inches broad the
thigh bone was not broken, another wound about
one inch in length by about 4 lines in breadth situ-
ated a little above the eye brows running upwards
on the forehead. On probing the wound I found
that the frontal bone was fractured and that the
brain could be distinctly felt, a Post Mortem
examination was made by me at about 3 P.M.
at the Civil Dispensary the fracture of the
frontal bone extended for about 3 inches remain-
ing horizontally, the inner table of the bone
pressing upon the brain, there was an opening
which admitted the index finger, and through
which the brain could be felt, there was also
comminuted portions of bones on the brain, and
a quantity of blood on the back of the head;
The wounds would have been inflicted by

"a rock blasting."

(Signed) M. A. Wade.

In Med. Charge Goodaloor
Sworn before me this 3rd June 1867.

(Signed) W. Venkatajurti.

Sub. Magistrate

(True Copy)

(Signed) W. Venkatajurti.

Sub. Magistrate

3. The deceased Cooly Lingaree left a widow 12 years old, and Lieutenant Cunningham forwards an application for gratuity to be paid either to the Mother or to the widow, but I would recommend that it should be divided between them as the mother has no other son and was dependent on the deceased for her maintenance.

4. It does not appear to me that any blame can be attached to any of Lieutenant Cunningham's subordinates, and I am inclined to think that he has been somewhat hard in imputing neglect of duty to the Medical Officer, who bears a very high character for his ability and attention; there may have been many circumstances to prevent Mr. Wade arriving at Nadiagany sooner; darkness of the night, it being near new moon, a side a lonely, somewhat dangerous road, may I think be urged as fair pleas for Mr. Wade.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. S. Kennedy, Captain.

Special Secy. Engineer. Bangalore.

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"a deep incision, right in the centre of his forehead,
"some of the stone mudders who were working there also
"received some slight flesh wounds but of no consequence,
"in fact it was a miracle that no further accident
"occurred. Information was brought to Lieutenant Browne
"(Taluk Quessers) who was superintending work at the
"11 mile by one of the borers named Maliga, Mr. Browne
"sent a written message to me (I was at Nadiagany 8th
"mile) that an accident at blasting had occurred to
"Lingaree and that he had hastened down the
"ghat to enquire into the nature of the accident. I
"received this message about 3 P.M. of Saturday. Un-
"fortunately Mr. Browne did not send to me the Cooly
"who had brought the information to him. I was
"therefore unable to ascertain the nature of the acci-
"dent or I should have sent off then and there for the
"Apothecary Mr. Wade who perhaps might have come
"out that evening had he received information
"of the accident earlier.

"On my return to the Bangalore at
"Nadiagany from superintending work in the
"neighbourhood, about 5.15 P.M. I saw the man
"Lingaree who had just been brought up by Mr. Browne.
"he appeared to be in a semi-unconscious state
"groaned from the pain he was suffering, he was
"not sensible as he recognized his name when
"called.

"Seeing that Mr. Browne had sent for some
"Coolies to take him in to Goodaloor immediately

I thought, from the pain it would give him
to be carried along 9 miles of road, it better to
send a Cooly in for Mr. Wade to come out to
Nadigan. Mr. Brown immediately offered to go
himself, and within a quarter of an hour from my
arrival Sergeant Brown galloped off to Goodaloor
with a verbal message from me to tell Mr. Wade
to come out immediately. Mr. Brown arrived at
Goodaloor about 8 P.M. and told Mr. Wade the
whole circumstances of the case and that I was
expecting him at Nadigan that evening.

Mr. Wade came out next morning,
the 2nd instant about 7.30 A.M. But unfortunately
the man was then dead. He had died about
5 A.M. that morning.

I do not know of by L. O. No. 3524 of
2nd November 1866. I have any authority in matters
of this kind in directing the attendance of the
Med. Officer in charge of the Dispensary at
Goodaloor, but I consider it my duty to Govern-
ment to state that I think Mr. Wade neglected
his duty. The darkness of the night alone prevented
him from coming out. The Sub Magistrate
has not forwarded to me his opinion on the
accident, and it is not shown in Mr. Wade's
deposition of what the man died.

On Mr. Wade taking the responsi-
bility on himself I allowed the body to be
taken into Goodaloor on Sunday the 2nd instant.
The Inquest was held at Goodaloor, I was not present.
I submitted an application for a body to be pre-
sented to either the Mother or Widow. The Mother
is now here and had come out to Nadigan from
Mylor.

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In a letter from the off.
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To. The Secretary to Govt
P. O. Madras

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Application for gratuity on
the part of the father of a Master
who died from injuries re-
ceived in the execution of his
work.

Public Works Department.
1907
PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26th June 1867.

Read the following

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(Here enter No. dated)

The Government
sanction the grant of a
gratuity to the family
of the Cooly "Singaree"
who is reported to have
been killed while em-
ployed in blasting work
on the Caravan Ghant.
The charge will be
debited to the allotment
for the work -

Letter - No 27

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To the Controller of Public Works
Capt. R. Kennedy

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No. 1901

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *Madras*

Dated 26th June 1866

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*Sanctioning a
Gratuity of Rs. 54, to the
family of the cooly who was
killed on the barrow & cart
on the 1st June 1867.*

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