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No. 577. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 3rd June 1867, No. 49 :—

I have the honour to report, with reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 2,241 of 17th July, on the authority of the Medical Officer in charge of Coonoor, that, on quitting Hospital, Veerasawmy had re-gained the partial use of both eyes, but not to such an extent as to be able to earn his own livelihood, and there was no probability of his vision improving further. Guriah was suffering from total loss of sight in both eyes ; the power of motion of the right hand was also permanently impaired.

Proceedings of a Committee held at the Dispensary at Coonoor, to investigate claims to Gratuity or Pension on the part of the undermentioned individuals.

Names.	Description of claimants: Age — Years	Age — Months	Height — Feet	Height — Inches	Religion, caste or tribe	Personal appearance and particular marks	Present occupation and prospects, whether on receipt of pay or pension from the Govt	Degree of relationship to deceased	Name	Occupation and period of service	Name of the injury which caused death	Names and description of Witnesses in support of the claim	Amount of gratuity proposed	Record of evidence and remarks.
Narasa .	16	. .	4	9½	Canarese chuckler.	Marked with small pox Lost the left eye Deep scar on the left temple Scar in front of the right shoulder joint Numerous scars on the right forearm; a long and deep scar in the inner aspect of the left forearm and hand	Coolie ..	.....	..	.....	. . .	.. ..	We recommend a gratuity of Rupees 36, being six months' full pay at Rs 6	Received the following injuries at the time of explosion —Destruction of the left eye, fracture of right forearm, and numerous bruises and contusions in both arms and in various parts of the body All recovered from, except the loss of the left eye
Veerasawmy	49	. ..	5	3½	Malabar	Numerous scars on the neck on both sides, and on the upper part of the chest on the left side Face and forehead tattooed with blue marks from the effects of the Gun-powder explosion	Pensioned bheastie 51st Regiment N I, draws Rs 3-8 0 pension per mensem	.	.	.....	... .	. ..	We recommend a gratuity of Rupees 60, being six months' full pay at Rs 10	Both eyes so extensively injured by the effects of the explosion that he will never re-gain useful vision in either eye, so as to be able to earn a livelihood.
Gurriah ...	80	. . .	5	2½	Canarese Pariah	Face marked with small-pox A black mole in front of each shoulder and several on the chest and face.	Coolie .. .	.. ..	...	... ..	.....	.. .	We recommend a gratuity of Rupees 48, being six months' full pay at Rs. 8	Both eyes much injured Right hand also much injured. Soft parts in the palm of the hand lacerated, and metacarpal bone of little finger smashed It it impossible to say at present how far he may re-gain useful vision, and to what extent he may re-gain the use of the right hand The little finger and metacarpal bone have been removed

Coonoor,
2nd May 1866.

(Signed) G. S. W. OGG, M. B.,
Asst. Surgeon, Medical Officer, Coonoor,
(„) G. V. LAW, Captain,
Assistant Engineer, Coonoor,
(„) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
} Members of the Committee.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th June 1867.

No. 578. Order thereon, 27th June 1867, No. 1,916.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 60.

Under the special circumstances of the cases referred to in this letter, application will be made to the Government of India for the grant of a pension of Rupees 3-8-0 per mensem to the cooly Guriah, and an increase of Rupees 1-8-0 to the present pension of Rupees 3-8-0 to the pensioned Sepoy Veerasawmy.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,917, dated 27th June 1867.)

(True Extract,)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Rd S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th June 1867.

No. 1,917.

No. 579.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 61.

1. In March 1866, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division reported the occurrence of two accidents from blasting on the Coonoor Ghaut whereby two men received such injuries as threatened permanently to unfit them for earning their livelihood. These men were Veerasawmy, a pensioned Sepoy, and Guriah, an ordinary cooly, and pending the result of medical treatment, gratuities equal to six months' wages were authorized to be disbursed to them.

2. The Superintending Engineer now reports that Veerasawmy is not likely ever to regain the use of his eyes to such an extent as to enable him to earn his own subsistence, and that Guriah has permanently lost the power of motion of his right hand and is suffering from total blindness. Under these circumstances the Government consider the simple grant of gratuities to the sufferers very inadequate compensation to them for the severe misfortune which has befallen them, inasmuch as no specific small payment in one sum can enable them to make provision for their maintenance when disabled as these men now are, and I am to request that the Government of India will, as a special case, sanction the grant of a pension of Rupees 3-8-0 per mensem to the cooly Guriah, and an increase of Rupees 1-8-0 to the present pension of Rupees 3-8-0 to the pensioned Sepoy Veerasawmy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

№ 49

Supg. Engineers Office 7th Dn.
Coonoor 3d June 1867.

From,
Colonel G.W. Walker R.E.
Supg. Engineer 7th Division.—

To,
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. Madras.

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Your most obed. Servant

G.W. Walker Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer 7th Dn.

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27 June 1917

Read the following

From the Supdg Engineer Sth Division (Here enter No. 49 dated 3rd June 17.

Under the special circumstances of the cases referred to in this letter, application will be made to the Government of India for the grant of a pension of Rs. 3½ per mensem to the Coolie Gurniah, and an increase of Rs. 1½ to the present pension of Rs. 3½ to the Pensioned Sepoy Veerasawmy.

Ordered that the following letter be sent—

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To the Secretary to the Govt. of India. P. W. D.

Sir, In March 1865, the Supdg.

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No. W.M.

1917

To SE 7 Dn
" Controller
" Pension Office
Copies 28/6/17

Dated 3 June 17
Rec'd 5—

No. 49

To the Secy Govt
P.W.D.
Madras—

From Supdg Engr
5th Division
Trichinopoly Dt. 3rd June 1917.

Pensions matters—
certain Coolies employed
by Electricity, on Comm
Plant under orders
Coolies Gurniah &
Veerasawmy Pensioned—

Rec'd 5th June 17.
Ans 1916-4/17. 27 June 17.

Rec'd 20th June 17. R.E.
Ans 14th June 1867. R. 17.

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Fort St George
27th June 1867

Ans 12-8/68 with copy of each of the Ltrs Nos 1113, 1171 & 2241 of 1867 & 1916 of 1867

P. W. 1867. Department.

Pro. of Govt. for June
No. 1916 & 1917

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. of Madras

Dated 27th June 1867

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Passing orders on a letter from the Supt. Engrs. of the 7th. Division, recommending that a Pension of Rs. 3-8- per mensem, may be granted to Cooly Guriah, and that the present Pension of Pudumed Sepoy Veeraswamy may be increased to Rs. 5, in consequence of injuries received from blasting on the Coonoor Road, on the 15th March 1866.

Requesting the Govt. of India to sanction the grant of the pensions above referred to.

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