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Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 23. 1 1867.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd January 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 474. From VADEVUMMAL, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd November 1866.

I, Vadevummal, a deplorable widow of the late Comarasawmy, a tin-man employed in the Mathematical Instrument Maker's Department of the Public Works Stores and Workshops, respectfully beg to state that on Friday last, the 16th instant, (November,) at 5 P. M., Mr. Moncrieff, the General Superintendent of the Department, ordered a number of Artificers to remove the punts lying at the Cooum bar higher up the stream near the Wallajah bridge. My poor husband, who was one of the number to do this fatal duty, went swimming with a second set of persons to go to the punt in the presence of Mr. Moncrieff, who was on the spot, and who not wishing to disobey the orders of his superior Officer, he had gone with the others, and whilst thus engaged my poor husband got drowned, and thus ended his career in this life. Now, as he has left a family, consisting of myself, (his widow,) an aged mother, and six young and orphan children without any support whatever, we have therefore to appeal to your humane consideration, and crave that you will be graciously pleased to recommend our distressed case to Government, with the view that some allowance in a pecuniary way might be made to us, having in view that my late husband's death was caused under execution of duty imposed by his superior Officer for the interest of Government, whose benevolence is so largely known throughout the British empire, and will not, it is hoped, be denied to a distressed widow with her orphans.

Referred to the Officer in charge of the Store Department for report.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th November 1866.

No. 475. From the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 6th December 1866, No. 1,168.

In continuation of my letter No. 1,080, dated 19th November 1866, and with reference to paragraph 5 of the Public Works Code, Chapter X., I have the honor to enclose the accompanying Proceedings drawn up in the prescribed form. The deceased Comarasawmy has left a mother, wife, and six children, of whom four are boys and two girls, the eldest of the boys not more than thirteen years old, and, as the family appear at present to be dependant for support on the brother of the deceased, I beg to solicit that the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to a gratuity of Rupees 58-8-0, equivalent to three months' pay of the deceased, being granted to Valoydum, the eldest son.

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Madras to Wit. } INFORMATIONS of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on the behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of Comarasawmy at the Island near Sir Thomas Munro's Statue, within the limits of Madras, on the Eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, before me, John Urquhart, Esq., Her

Majesty's Coroner for Madras, on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of the said Comarasawmy then and there lying dead as follows to wit, Saravanen on solemn affirmation in Tamil saith : I am a Bellow's boy, and deceased was a Tin smith. I am his son. His name was Comarasawmy. The chief gentleman at the Chepauk Workshops after the work was over, at five P. M., on Friday last brought the workmen to the Island to the sheet of water near the bar near the barges; and then he said to a Peon in the works to tell all the people to get down to this water. We came about twenty persons. When we came near the water the Ironsmith Maistry, not now present, told "all who can swim get down." Then the deceased, who cannot swim, was up to his knees in water when the Maistry cried out. Then my father went in further and up to his neck. He had to walk three yards to do this. Then he got beyond his depth, rose three times, and then disappeared altogether. Deceased had his cloth tied round his ears. I do not myself know when it was I was turned to the fort side, and did not see where my father was when the order was given "all who can swim get in." Deceased was not subject to fits. He was quite sober.

(Signed) SARAVANEN.

Annasawmy on solemn affirmation in Tamil saith : I am a Tin smith, and live at Chooloy. I was with deceased at the barges by Mr. Moncrieff's order with the others, to take the barges away after 5 P. M. I did not hear anything about those being able to swim going, but I saw some swimming. Deceased went too, and I saw him go down. It was no part of our duty to go to the barges after hours, and we were to get nothing for it, only to oblige Master. Every one came. I do not know why coolies were not engaged. Three men had got into the barge by swimming.

(Signed) ANNASAWMY.

Mudderay Achary on solemn affirmation in Tamil saith : I am Iron smith Maistry at the Government Engineering Shops, Chepauk, and live at Chintadrepettah, about 5 o'clock evening last Friday part of the workmen of the works were directed to take these barges to the Wallajah bridge, and about half past 5 another part of the workmen were also told to come here. This was after the work was over. I came here and saw three gone into the water swimming. Then I saw two getting in. When I came to the water I heard Mr. Moncrieff say "all who can swim get down." This was before deceased got down, then deceased got down and went swimming, and finding he could not reach, he returned towards the beach and was drowned. None were compelled to go into the water. Deceased had nothing but a turban on his head. He had not his head tied round with cloth.

(Signed) MUDDERAY ACHARY.

Samuel Jesudasen, Esq., being duly sworn deposeth and saith : I am Native Surgeon, and live in Tondearpett. I have examined the body which is that of a man about 39, in good condition, and free from marks of violence. Limbs slightly rigid, teeth clenched, tongue not protruded, white froth from mouth, and bloody discharge from nostrils. From the external appearance and the evidence there is no doubt deceased died by drowning. There is nothing suspicious, and no necessity to open the body.

(Signed) S. JESUDASEN,
Native Surgeon.

Francis Moncrieff being duly sworn deposeth and saith : I am Superintendent of Stores and Workshops Public Works Department, Chepauk, and live in Nungumbakum High Road. Deceased on Friday evening last and others were leaving the works about 5 when I went down, and thinking the punts should be removed I directed those who could swim to go down. There seemed to be no time to send for other men, and was quite voluntary on their parts. Mr. Gray was there and could speak Tamil, but I did not hear him speak. I did not see deceased drowned. I did not see deceased. I did not see him go in. I heard that some one was drowned, looked round and saw a splutter in the water, and then all was still. I do not know any thing more. No man was compelled to go. It was necessary to do the works on Friday, as then only the river rose enough.

(Signed) F. MONCRIEFF.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd January 1867.

James Gray being duly sworn deposeth and saith : I am Storekeeper, Chepauk, and live in Town. I was present on Friday when deceased was drowned. On that evening after 5 the last witness ordered me to take the work people and remove the punts to higher up near Wallajah Gate. I went with Mr. Doderet and some of the men followed. Three of the men swam to the boat and reached, they could not lift the anchor and called out "they could not pull up." Then deceased and another went in and one reached, and deceased two-thirds of the way, when he turned, coming towards shore he sunk. The man accompanying him tried to keep him up, but let him go ; no one was forced to go ; no one was asked to go who could not swim. The reason these men were asked was that no better men were available, the Store staff Lascars having gone to launch a punt and not returned.

(Signed) JAMES GRAY,
Storekeeper, Public Works Department.

Govindoo on solemn affirmation in Tamil saith : I am a hammer man, and live at Triplicane. I went with others to launch the boats last Friday evening. Three of us went first, we got in by swimming, then we, viz., myself and two men now present tried to hoist the anchor but could not, and we called out: "Those who can swim come." Then deceased and another came. Deceased could not reach though he could swim, and he turned round and went down. I tried to save him but could not, no one was forced to go. Mr. Gray told him in Tamil "those who could swim could go."

(Marked) GOVINDOO.

Referred to the Officer in charge of the Store Department in continuation of previous endorsement.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th December 1866.

No. 476. From the Under Secretary to Government in charge of the Public Works Store Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 13th December 1866.

1. With reference to the papers which have been referred to me for report, on the subject of the death, by drowning, upon the 16th ultimo, of a man named Comarasawmy Naick, a Tinsmith employed in the Chepauk Workshops, I have the honor to state that I was not present at the accident, and that I did not hear of it until I visited the Workshops on the following morning.

Enclosures 4.

2. From inquiries made by me then and subsequently, I have reason to believe that the main facts of the occurrence are contained in the evidence taken at the Inquest held before the Coroner upon the 18th ultimo, and that no blame whatever is to be attached to the deceased, who lost his life when engaged in the discharge of a duty which he was suddenly and unexpectedly called on to perform.

3. I regret to say that, after making careful inquiry, I am by no means satisfied that any necessity existed for calling upon the workmen to perform such an unusual duty at such an hour. Mr. Moncrieff did not reach the Workshops until after 5 P. M., the evening was cloudy and stormy, and it must have been nearly dark when the deceased lost his life. I am aware that Mr. Moncrieff was under the impression that the Cooum bar might be opened during the night, and that the punts would in that case be in danger of being carried out to sea. Even supposing that

there had been reason to anticipate this, I am clearly of opinion that action should have been taken at an earlier hour. Rain had been falling during the whole day, there was no sudden change in the weather in the evening, and if the orders had been given at an earlier hour the Store Lascars, who are accustomed to work of that nature, would have been available, and there would have been no necessity to call on artizans to perform a task to which they were wholly unused.

4. The deceased was a clever workman, and bore an excellent character. He lost his life in the discharge of his duty, under very exceptional circumstances, and through no fault of his own. His claims upon the bounty of Government are very strong, and taking everything into consideration, I am inclined to recommend that a gratuity of Rupees 117, equal to six months' pay, instead of Rupees 58-8-0, as suggested by Mr. Moncrieff, be given to his family.

No. 477. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1867, No. 233.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 234, dated 23rd January 1867.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officer in charge of the Store Department,
" General Superintendent, P. W. Stores and Workshops,
" Controller of Public Works Accounts,
" Pension Department,
} With copy of letter to Government of India.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd January 1867.

No. 234.

No. 478.
To

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

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

1. I am directed to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Government of India, the accompanying papers relating to the claim to pension of the representatives of a man named Comarasawmy Naick, who, having been employed as a Tin-man in the Public Works Workshop at the Presidency, lost his life by drowning on the evening of the 16th November last, in assisting to shift, to a safe position, two boats the property of Government, which, being moored near the mouth of the Cooum, were exposed to the liability of being swept to sea on the opening of the bar of that river.

2. It will be observed that, as there was every indication on the evening in question of the bar being opened by the rise of the river during the night, the Superintendent of Public Works Stores was anxious to secure the boats, and, taking as many persons as he could collect in the Workshops, ordered such of them as could swim to effect the object. Amongst the latter happened to be this Tin-man, who, in carrying out the orders of his superior, met his death under circumstances which appear to His Excellency the Governor in Council to entitle his family to more than the bare gratuity which, under ordinary circumstances, is given to the heirs of persons in the temporary employment of Government who have the misfortune to be killed *in the execution of their duty*. It was no part of the *duty* of a Tin-man to assist in such an operation as that in performing which, without the prospect of remuneration, the deceased lost his life, and as it is certain that he would not have been engaged in it whether he could swim or not but for the order of his superior, an Officer of Government whom he was accustomed implicitly to obey, his case is exceptional, and appears to His Excellency in Council deserving of special treatment.

I am accordingly to request that a pension at the rate of one-fourth of the salary* which deceased was earning, or Rupees 5 per mensem, may be granted to his widow.

* Rupees 20 per mensem.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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/Signed/ Saravanen

Arnasamy on Solemn affirmation in Tamil saith I am a Tin smith and live at Chooley. I was with deceased at the barges by Mr. Moncrieff's order with the others, to take the barges away after 5 P.M. I did not hear any thing about those being able to swim going but I saw some swimming. Deceased went too and I saw him go down. It was no part of our duty to go to the barges after hours and we were to get nothing for it only to oblige Master. Every one came. I do not know why Coolies were not engaged. Three men had got into the barge by swimming.

/Signed/ Arnasamy

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/Signed/ James Gray
Store Keeper P. W. Dept.

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/Marked/ Colombo

Public Works Store Department

Chepauk 6th December 1866

No. 1168

From

F. L. Moncrieff Esqre
General Superintendent
Public Works Stores & Workshops

To

Colonel Charles A. Orr RE.
Secretary to Government P.W.D
Fort Saint George

Sir

In continuation of my letter No. 1080 of 19th November 1866 and with reference to para 6 of the P.W. Code Chapter X, I have the honor to enclose the accompanying Proceedings drawn up in the prescribed form. The deceased Coomarasawmy has left a mother, wife and six children of whom four are boys and two girls, the eldest of the boys not more than 13 years old, and, as the family appear at present to be dependant for support on the brother of the deceased, I beg to solicit that the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to a gratuity of Rupees 58-8- Equivalent to three months pay of the deceased being granted to Valoydum the eldest son.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

F. L. Moncrieff Capt.

Genl. Supte P.W. Stores & Workshops

From

Major J. H. M. Shaw. Stewart R. E.

Under Secretary to Government

in charge of the P. W. Store Dept.

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Sir,

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With reference to the papers which have been referred to me for report, on the subject of the death by drowning, upon the 16th Ultimo, of a man named Conarasawmy Naick, a tinsmith employed in the Cinnamon Workshops, I have the honor to state that I was not present at the accident, and that

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I did not hear of it until I visited the workshops on the following morning.

From inquiries made by me then and subsequently I have reason to believe that the main facts of the occurrence are contained in the evidence taken at the Inquest held before the Coroner upon the 18th Ultimo, and that no blame whatever is to be attached to the deceased, who lost his life when engaged in the discharge of a duty which he was suddenly and unexpectedly called on to perform.

I regret to say that after making careful inquiry, I am by no means satisfied that any necessity existed for calling upon the workmen to perform such an unusual duty at such an hour. Mr. Moncrieff did not reach the workshops until after 5 P.M., the evening was cloudy and stormy, and it must have been nearly dark when the deceased lost his life. I am aware that Mr. Moncrieff was under the impression that the Coorn Bar might be opened during the night and that the pumps would in that case be in danger of being carried out to sea. Even supposing that there had been reason to anticipate this, I am clearly of opinion that action should have been taken at an earlier hour. Rain had been falling during the whole day, there was no sudden change in the weather in the evening, and if the

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the orders had been given at an earlier hour the store laccars, who are accustomed to work of that nature, would have been available; and there would have been no necessity to call on artizans to perform a task to which they were wholly unused.

The deceased was a clever workman and bore an excellent character. He lost his life in the discharge of his duty, under very exceptional circumstances, and through no fault of his own. His claims upon the bounty of Government are very strong, and taking every thing into consideration I am inclined to recommend that a gratuity of Rs: 117, equal to six months pay, instead of Rs: 58-8-0, as suggested by Mr. Moncrieff

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Alex Stewart
Major R.E.
Under Secretary to Government
In charge of P.W. Store Dept.

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233 Public Works Department

No. 233

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date ~~the 23rd~~ Jan: 1867

Read the following

From Vaderummal — (H.L. No 23? Nov/66)

"The Genl Supt: of P. W. Stores & Workshops — (H.L. No 36 "Dec/66 No 1168)

"The Officer in charge of the P. W. Store Department — (H.L. No 13 "Dec 1866)

Ordered that the following letter be sent:

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No. 234

To

The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the favorable consideration of the Government of India the accompanying papers relating to the claim to pension of the representatives of a man named

To
The Officer in ch: of the Store Depth
" Genl Supt
" Controller
" Pension depts

With copy of letter to Govt of India

Despe date Ft. St. 234 of 1867
24 January 67

Read 13 Dec 66

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Returning with application for pension of a peon who died in the midst of the enemy while in the discharge of his duty & recommending him to favorable consideration

No. 4/5

Ent: 24 Jan 1867.

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in the Public Works Workshop
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that, as there was every
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widow and family.

* Rs. 20 per mensem

Desp. with Copy of Gov. 233, 24 Jan. 67

Fort St George
23 Jany 1867

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and they will be destitute
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continued to the widows
reduced scale during her
to the children late they
attain - certain age
I would suggest whether
such person can be granted
arrangements with
when what fund

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The Board of Guardians
will assume Guardian-
ship for Boys of Lunatic
workmen in
offices

2 The Officers in charge of the
Store dept
2 The Ll Supt of Offices & Workshops
2 The Constables of Mks

Circular

P.W. Dept

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Undated the Dec 166

Read the following

From Vadevummal - H.E. of 23. Nov 166

" The Gl. Supdt. of P.W. Stores and Workshops " of 6 Dec. No 1165

" The Officer in charge of the P.W. Store Department " of 13 — " — " —

I am not quite satisfied with the order passed in the depositions of the Master Attendant who ended by saying that he could not say whether the men were sober or not. Now Sir: The men were Nowise under the influence of drink. They were employed as Mariners and were engaged in pumping when they looked up. I do not think the evidence of the deceased Swami who was accustomed to hear what language he used when he called from above. I do not think that he called out. I do not think that he called out. I do not think that he called out.

The Govt. are pleased to consider the very exceptional circumstances under which the deceased Swaminathan Karuppaiya lost his life, & grant his family a gratuity of six months wages Viz Rs 117; but Their Excellencies in Council regret that he cannot acquit Mr Moncrieff of every culpable rashness in having ordered men upon a dangerous duty in the River without first having taken the precaution to ascertain

the fourth of the men employed by public notice on this occasion of fatal accident
employed had been only 20 days employed under Mr.
Moncrieff - The deceased had been employed for the
20 days on the Station - a period more than sufficient
to allow him to become acquainted with the duties
of a Diver - Mr Moncrieff would be exempt from
censure if some boy of seven years of age
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Pub: Works 867. Department

Pro: of Govt. for January

No 233 & 23

Pro: of the Madras Govt

Of 23rd January 867

Passing orders on certain papers relative to the death, by drowning, of Comarasawmy Stick. Tin man employed in the Public Works Workshops, and to the claims of his representatives for pension.

No 474 & 478

c. 21st Decr. 1866.