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3rd May 1869.*

No. 53. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Luckadie, 13th April 1869, No. 27 :—

1. It has unfortunately again become my duty to report the occurrence of a fatal accident on the Tambracherry Ghaut, resulting in the death of three Natives, and severe injury to a fourth; and I have delayed this report in order to be in a position to state whether the case of the last man would have a fatal termination or not; but though still under treatment, I am happy to say he will probably get round.

2. The accident did not occur during actual work; and of the men killed, two only were in Government employ, the third man was a cloth merchant and money lender, and at the time of the accident he, with three coolies, was sitting at the side of the road bargaining, just below where some large pieces of loose rock were overhanging; it seems they were warned of the danger, but did not pay any attention. The loose rock slipped, and buried the whole four; two were got out with some difficulty alive, of whom the one now under treatment is one; but the other, though he showed no external injury, died while being conveyed to the hospital. The other two men were so thoroughly buried under huge masses of rock, that it was a considerable time before their bodies could be extricated, and then only after the superincumbent rock had been blasted away; from the frightful injuries received, death must have been instantaneous.

3. I have no further remark to make, except that unless most vigilantly watched I find the work-people are most reckless and careless; and I have continually to check the tendency they have to undermine large overhanging masses in order to bring all down bodily. Unfortunately it happened that I had been very unwell for some days previous to the accident, and was so at the time when it occurred, and had not seen the works, or the chance of such an accident would not have been permitted.

4. Immediately on hearing of the accident I despatched the Hospital Assistant to the scene of it, and had myself carried down, personally superintending the removal of the bodies.

5. I append the report made by the Hospital Assistant; and shall be obliged by being informed whether Government think proper to make any compassionate grant to the families of the deceased workmen, and to the man who has been injured.

6. Information was duly given to the Police authorities, by whom the bodies of the deceased were interred, and such property as was found on their persons taken possession of.

Report by the Hospital Assistant in Medical charge of the Engineer's Establishment, Tambracherry Ghaut, Wynaad, dated Luckadie, April 1869.

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4th, Appasawmy, who also was taken in the aforesaid manner, found his left side of the body being crushed into atoms.

5th, Mookan Chetty, was also a cooly among those already mentioned, who was pulled from the stone with the greatest difficulty, to save him: had his inner part of his knee and anterior part of the foot lacerated, and the branch of the vessels therein gave away with a great loss of blood, which accordingly treated, and who is in the hospital under treatment, and is improving.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1869, No. 1,452.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To Major R. B. Kennedy.

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Special Executive Engineer's
Office. Wagon and Lumber Road
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From,
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Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. S. Newell, Major
Special Eng. Engineer Wynand.

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Mr. M. and Mrs. M.
Esq. M. M. M.

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