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No. 545. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 6th October 1869, No. 764:—

I REGRET to have to report an accident in the demolition of the Retta Calinjiem Granary at Trichinopoly, the details of which are given in the enclosed letter from the Executive Engineer. One of the men injured died on the 25th ultimo, and the second prisoner, whose injury I reported on the 17th ultimo, also died on the 25th.

No. 102, of 25th September.

No. 692.

No. 546. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1869, No. 3,452.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 44.

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(True Extract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 102

Trichinopoly Cooe Engrs Office
25th September 1869

To

The Superintending Engineer
6th Dn

Sir,

I regret to have to report a serious accident that took place yesterday at the Retta Caling and Granary, now being demolished by Contract.

The roof of this Building is terraced, the terrace joists being supported on a series of arches springing from ~~Stone~~ stone pillars. the joists are of Cocoanut-wood, and are extremely rotten

A large portion of the roof had been demolished without accident.

Yesterday 10 men were engaged in demolishing part of the Terrace. The men were standing on a scaffolding which was quite secure; Among them was the Goomastah employed by the Contractor. In the Course of ~~which~~ work a portion of the Terrace was loosened and

fell to the Grounds; The men had been repeatedly Cautioned not to go upon the Terrace, and I can only imagine that the fall of this large mass of masonry (which fell as was intended) inspired a Sudden panic at all hands & men pushed on the Terrace adjoining, and this, unable to bear their weight, fell with them to the Grounds.

Seven men fell, of whom two are not expected to recover, and another is Seriously injured.

Three men who remained on the Scaffolding escaped.

No blame is attributable to any one; the Contractor is proceeding slowly and Cautiously with the work; the workmen had been repeatedly warned not to venture on the Terrace, but to keep on the scaffolding, or on the side walls, when the scaffolding happens to rest on them.

Had these warnings been attended to the accident could not have happened.

After this experience of the inability

by the Terrace to bear any weight, it is next to impossible that such an accident will again occur, but to ensure that every possible precaution is taken, the Contractor is going to take up his abode on the spot and to suspend the demolition of the other Granary until that on the one in question is Completed.

I have &c.

James Vertue Capt R.E

Executive Engineer

Supg Engr 6th Div.

No 764. Panjore 6th October 1869

From

Captain A. F. Oakes R.E.
Supg Engineer 6th Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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No 102 of 25th September

One of the men injured died on the 25th Ultimo and the 2nd Prisoner whose injury I reported No 695 on the 17th Ultimo also died on the 25th.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

A. F. Oakes Captain R.E.
Supg Engineer 6th Division

See Docket No 534 dated 28 Sept/69
Ltr rec'd No 764 6 10 69

Executive Engineers Division
No 102

Dated 25th September 1869
Rec'd 27

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that a fatal accident occurred on the 24th Instant whilst demolishing the Retta Calinjeram granary

Executive Engineer

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From P. W. D. Dept

The Supt Engineer

6th Division

No 4259.

To The Secretary to Government

P. W. Department

Dated 6
Rec'd 9 October 1869

No 764

Enclosure 1

Reporting the Accident which occurred in the demolition of the Ketta Calinjeum Granary and forwarding the Executive Engineer letter showing the details of the same.

No 3452 - 27 - Oct 69.

With an order

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To

Dated

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G. O. 27 October 1869. No. 3452

Nos. 5215-5216

Accident Letter from the Lieut Engr & Exr 6th Div reporting the occurrence of an accident at the Retta Calingeramja-nary in Trichinopoly, while being demolished. recorded.