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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st November 1870.*

No. 387. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th November 1870, No. 88:—

I HAVE the honour to forward letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, No. 453, 27th October 1870, with enclosures, as per margin, reporting the accidental death of two men on 5th idem by the falling of a large crane, and to request the sanction of Government for compensation to the amount of Rupees 36, or six months' wages, being paid to the widow of each of the deceased, to be charged to Capital.

2. The coolies were employed in working a large balance crane in raising stone from the Metapally quarry for the Pennair Anicut. The accident arose from the crane being somewhat out of the perpendicular, the wheels having sunk at one side owing to the softness of the ground from heavy rain, and the ground being very slippery, the men lost their footing when holding back the crane as it swung round, in consequence of which it lost its balance and fell into the quarry. The crane was not overloaded nor did any part of it break, and the Company's Engineers will take greater precautions in future against a repetition of the accident.

3. When reporting on another accident a few months ago, I suggested that compensation for injuries and loss of life might be properly debited to the Company's Account No. 2, in which there is a sum accumulated from fines, and the Government* on that occasion authorized the charge being debited to

* No. 601, 22nd February 1870.

"Capital," pending the receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors on the reference made to them. I have just received from the Agent the following Resolution of the Board, intimating their desire that all such charges should continue to be debited to Capital:—

"FINE FUND.

"Gratuity to Widow of Cooly Armoogum.

"The Board cannot approve of the proposed payment of compensation out of the Fines Fund, and have, therefore, passed the following Resolution:—

"Resolved.—The Board are of opinion that the principle of paying out of Capital compensation for injuries received by persons whilst engaged upon the Company's works, which has been hitherto adopted and sanctioned by the Government, is the correct one, and they therefore prefer a continuation of that course to the adoption of the plan suggested in the letter of the Manager now read."

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 27th October 1870, No. 453.

In handing you the annexed copies of correspondence as per margin, I have the honour to request sanction for the payment of compensation, as suggested by Mr. Higginson, to the widows of the sufferers by the accident referred to.

Chief Engineer's No. 1,519, of 21st October 1870.
Mr. Higginson's No. 386, of 7th October 1870, to Chief Engineer.
Mr. Gordon's No. 260, of 15th October, to Chief Engineer.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st November 1870.*

From the Acting Assistant to the Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 21st October 1870, No. 1,519.

In forwarding copies of Mr. Higginson's No. 386, of 7th instant, and the Deputy Chief Engineer's No. 260 of 15th, reporting upon the cause of the accident at the Metapally quarry I am desired by the Chief Engineer to recommend that compensation be made as requested by Mr. Gordon.

From H. P. HIGGINSON, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Kurnool, dated Adamapully, 7th October 1870, No. 386.

I am sorry to report that a few days ago an accident occurred at Metapally quarry, by which two men lost their lives, and two others were injured though not very badly.

2. The accident occurred through the crane being a little out of perpendicular, whereby, when loaded, it was liable to swing round. The men knew this, and always held it back, but by the balance box. On this occasion it had been raining, and the ground being very slippery they lost their footing; the crane swung violently round, lost its balance, and fell sideways into the quarry. I am satisfied that it was accident. The crane was not over-loaded, nor did anything break or give way; it resulted from a cause that, in future, will be more carefully guarded against.

3. I find that both the men that were killed lived here and were married, and, in a measure, depended on us for their livelihood. Some compensation ought to be given to their widows, who are destitute, and I request your permission to give them the amount of six months' pay, which would amount to Rupees 36 each.

From the Deputy Chief Engineer, to the Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Kurnool, dated Camp at Dhoor, 15th October 1870, No. 260.

Your No. 231.

2. I have little to add to Mr. Higginson's report of the accident at the quarry, and not having a crane handy I cannot send you a sketch; but you know the kind, namely, the one or two ton balance crane on a truck used at Soonkasala. I think it probable that the first cause of the accident was that the crane had, owing to the wetness of the ground from recent heavy rain, settled more out of the perpendicular. Its being out of the perpendicular was known to the workmen, and its tendency to swing round had been easily controlled; but, on the morning of the accident, the ground was so slippery that they failed to do this by holding it back. I think, as nothing gave way, the cranes are quite sufficient for their work if carefully set up. The men were at work again next day at the other cranes as usual.

3. I would recommend that sanction be asked to pay the same rate of compensation as is usually paid by Government under similar circumstances, and that Government be asked to state what that is.

No. 388. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1870, No. 2,793.

IRRIGATION, No. 29.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in this letter His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the disbursement of the proposed gratuities to the widows of the two deceased coolies, the charge being debited to Capital.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Manager of do.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 88.

From

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Irrigation and Canal Company,
Madras 8 November 1870.

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.

For Consulting Engineer & C.E.

The Secretary to Government,
Department of Public Works.

Sir, I have the honor to forward letter from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company No. 450.

27 October 1870 with enclosures as per

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
J. J. Munnell
Colonel &c.
Consulting Engineer &c. &c.

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Read the following

From,

The Long Engineer

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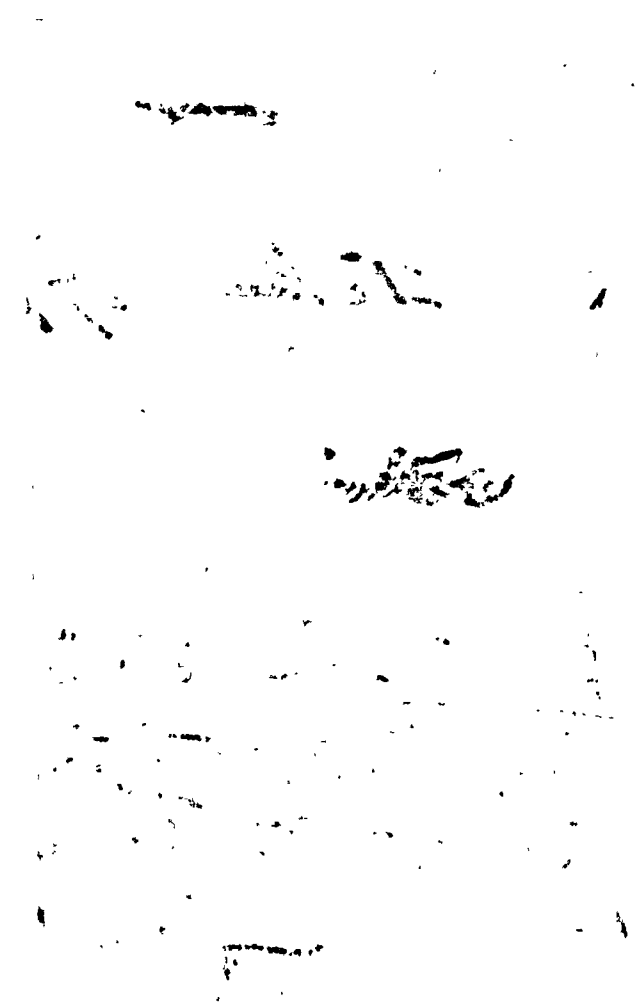
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To the Consulting Engineer of the
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