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No. 1. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Rajamadinu, 26th June 1871, No 292 —

I REGRET to inform you that, on the 9th instant, the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, reported that a cooly employed on the Tirumungalam dam had been killed on the 6th instant "by the fall of a portion of an earth bank under which he was working"

2. As no details relative to the accident were given, I was obliged to call upon him for further information relative to it, and I enclose his original letter* on the subject.

* No. 24 of 23rd June 1871.

From the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated Trichinopoly, 23rd June 1871, No 24.

WITH reference to your letter No 266, of 13th instant, I have the honour to report that, upon enquiry, I find the circumstances connected with the late fatal accident at the Tirumungalam calingulah to be as follows —

2. The Overseer had left the work for a day to inspect other work, leaving in charge an experienced Maistry, the latter was on the morning in question telling off and distributing to their various tasks the workmen and coolies, of whom there were upwards of 300

3 The unfortunate deceased had been told off with a small party to dig clay, but had received no instructions to work in any particular place, the Maistry was proceeding with the arrangement of the labour when, meanwhile, this man and party set off to dig at the place where the accident occurred

4. The site is at the foot of the Padugay slope (about four yards in vertical height), there almost vertical, and certainly a very unsafe place to allow excavation

5. I had repeatedly cautioned both the Overseer and Maistry against allowing excavation in similar localities, and it is at all events satisfactory to find such had not been neglected, for the man, as aforementioned, chose his own place, and did not wait for orders

6. The accident is to be deplored, but I cannot see that blame fairly attaches to any one.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1871, No 1,750.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 1.

THE attention of the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division will be drawn to paragraphs 4 to 6 of Chapter X. of the Madras Public Works Code, and he will report whether an inquest was held on the body of the deceased cooly. If so a copy of the proceedings of the Court of Inquest should be submitted, and information furnished as to whether any claims to a gratuity have been preferred by the family of the deceased.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 24 3a Superintendency Exec Engrs Office
23d June 1871

From
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Trichinopoly
To
The Superintending Engineer
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Sub Engineer 6e Division

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James Hartley Capt RE
Executive Engineer

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Rajamundry 26th June 71.

From,
Captain R. F. Oakes RE.
Subs Engineer 6th D.

To,
Colonel J. Carpendale CE.
Secretary to Govt Public Works Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for your information the final letter on the subject of the accident to the Man Padrugan.

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Your most obd Servt
R. F. Oakes Capt RE
Subs Engineer 6th Division

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Lieutenant Colonel
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Captain Oakes R.E.
Field Works, Cape
Transmitting Report
from Mr Conductor
Pinkington

No 292

From,
Captain R. F. Oakes R.E.
Sufg Engineer 6th D.n

To,
Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Fortn D.o P. Dr.
Fort Sandy Point.

Sir,

I regret to inform you that on the 9th Instant the Executive Engineer Trincomalee reported that a Coolly employed on the Tirunnagar Dam had been killed on the 2nd Instant "by the fall of a portion of an Earth bank under which he was working"

As no details relative to the accident were given, I was obliged to call upon him for further information relative to it and I enclose his original letter on the subject.—

I have the honor to be
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Your most obd.t Servt.

R. F. Oakes Capt.n R.E.
Sufg Engineer 6th Division

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From
The Supt. Engineer
6th Div.

(No. E. & 29 of 26th June/71)

The attention of the
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No 1750 of 1st July 1871
Forwarded
The Supt. Engineer
6th Div—

To
The Secretary to
Govt. P.W.D.
Fort William

Dated 26th June 71.
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