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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th March 1873.*

No. 481. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th February 1873, No. 3,532:—

UNDER the provisions of paragraph 6, Chapter X., of the Public Works Code, I have the honour to report that on the 14th February 1873, while one of the kilns at the Government Cement Dépôt was being charged, three men (one Maistry, one workman, and a stranger not belonging to the kilns) overcome by the effects of the gas emitted from the kiln fell into it, and two have since died from the effects of the injuries then sustained.

2. The Maistry while lighting the kiln almost fainted, his son, a workman at the place, who was assisting his father in giving charcoal and bratties, seeing his father unable to stand the effects of the smoke, relieved him and set about lighting the kiln himself. In the act he fell in, when a stranger (probably a friend of the Maistry) who was standing by went down the ladder to take out the workman (the Maistry's son), but he swooned and fell in also. Every effort was made by Mr. Overseer Dumphy, who was on duty at the kilns. The vents in the sides were opened, and the two men were pulled out through them. The stranger was quite speechless, and was at once sent to the Monegar Choultry for medical aid, and the workman, although he was advised to go to the Monegar Choultry, did not do so, thinking he was all right.

3. The stranger was getting on very well in the Monegar Choultry until Saturday last, when lock-jaw set in, and he died on Sunday night, the 23rd February 1873. An inquest was held the following morning. The verdict was "Accidental death."

4. The workman named Pursocraman, the son of the Maistry, who was moving about and apparently doing well, died suddenly this morning at 3 o'clock. The charcoal was of a peculiar kind, made of the *Yetti tree*, the smoke of which produces giddiness I am now informed by the natives.

No. 482. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1873, No. 871.

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ORDERED to be recorded.

2. The charcoal used being apparently known to be more than usually deleterious in its effects, precautions should be taken absolutely to prevent its future use.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To *Alto District Engineer*

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Nos. 481 & 482
Port. Cement Depot.

Report, submitted by
the S^r Surge, Presidency
of the death of two men
from injuries sustained
at the kilns of the Port
Cement Depot, recorded
with remarks.