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The Reports submitted by the
Sergeants, of — recorded with
the remark, that the attention
of all Officers will again be
specially called to Proceedings
of the 14th March last No 802.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th September 1875.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 394. From Major J. W. HINDLE, Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 23rd August 1875, No. 835.

I HAVE the honor to report the occurrence of a lamentable accident, by which a cooly lost his life on the 23rd July 1875,

1 Copy of letter from Village Munsif, to Sub-Magistrate. at a place about 7 miles from Vizianagram on the road to Palcondah.

1 Copy of Translation of Proceedings of the Court of Inquest. 2. From the Range and Sub-divisional Officers' reports (copies enclosed)

1 Copy of letter, No. 139, of 26th July 1875, from Vizianagram Range Officer, to District Engineer. it appears that while the cooly was undermining a gravel pit one side of it gave way, in consequence of which he met his death.

1 Copy of letter, No. 82, of 24th July 1875, from Sub-Divisional Officer, to Vizianagram Range Officer.

3. The coolies have been warned many times not to undermine the sides of gravel pits, but they disregard the orders. I have myself frequently stopped coolies in the act of undermining, and given strict orders to my subordinates to carefully watch that the coolies did not undermine.

4. I beg to enclose a translation of the Proceedings of the Court of Inquest held on the dead body of the cooly.

No. 395. From Major J. W. HINDLE, Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 25th August 1875, No. 836.

I HAVE the honor to submit, herewith, for your information, copy of a letter received from the Assistant Engineer in charge of

1 Copy of letter, No. 126, dated 21st July 1875, from No. 1. Range Officer, to District Engineer. Golgondah Range, reporting the death of two coolies in a gravel pit on the Poodimadaka road.

1 Do. of letter dated 11th July 1875, from Mirasidar and Village Magistrate, to Sub-Magistrate. 2. A translation of the Proceedings of the Court of Inquest held on the dead bodies of the coolies is enclosed.

1 Do. of translation of the Proceedings of the Court of Inquest.

From F. BRICKWELL, Esq., C.E., Assistant Engineer in charge of Golgondah Range, to Major J. W. HINDLE, Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, dated Yellamunchelly, 21st July 1875, No. 126.

I HAVE the honor to report that two coolies, employed under a petty Contractor in digging gravel in a pit on the Poodimadaka road, near the 12th mile stone, were killed on the 10th July, by the falling in of the sides of the pit which they had undermined.

2. It appears that the Overseer last inspected the place on the 27th June, and then warned the Gumastah, K. Kamaiah, and the coolies that the digging was being carried on in a dangerous way, and ordered them to discontinue digging there, and gave them instructions as to how such work should be done.

3. The Gumastah, K. Kamaiah, again inspected the pit on the 5th of July, and finding the digging still going on, again ordered them to stop. On the 10th of July the sides of the pit fell in upon two of the coolies and killed them, the Native Jury returning a verdict of accidental

discontinue digging, had partly prepared a heap of gravel for measurement and that rather than leave it unfinished they persisted in going on against the orders both of the Overseer and Gumatash.

This fact is quite credible to me as an instance of the same kind occurred to myself only the other day.

I observed some coolies digging gravel in a deep pit, which was not in a dangerous state but was in too close proximity to the road, and ordered them to stop. On inspecting the place again shortly afterwards, I found that they had gone on with the digging in my absence.

Under these circumstances it will be observed that no blame attaches to any member of the Department, except perhaps to the Gumatash N. Kamaiah who did not inspect the work for 5 days and who has been warned, but that this fatal accident was brought about by the wilful disregard of orders, on the part of the Coolies themselves.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Brickwell C.E.
Assistant Engineer
in charge of G. Gondah Range.

(True Copy)

M. W. Hindle Major
District Engineer

Mr. S. S. S. S. S.
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Muntha Venkanna Puntlu Gar
Sub Magistrate of Surwaddy Taluk
Surwaddy

We beg to report that on the 10th July, last at 12. a. m. a man named Pungala Ramaswamy of 25 years old and a woman named Mackanaboyina Loy of 30 years old, inhabitants of Duppitoor, both of the caste, while working with some others in a gravel pit on the Poodimadaka Road, were killed by the falling in of the sides of the pit. One Gutturthy Poligadu and another Madisy Gungulu received slight wounds, but they are alive. Some of the coolies who were at work at a distance ran away. We have immediately reported the accident to the Head Constable of the Poodimadaka Station, who instantly started and came to the spot. We with the Head Constable had a Court of Enquest of 5 men held on the dead bodies, and we beg to submit the Proceedings of the Court. The accident occurred at a place near Notooripalem, north to Poodimetta Hill and east to Poodimadaka Road.

11th July 1895

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M. Windham, Major
H. District Engineer, Vizagapatam

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- Punchayetnama drawn up by 5 Men in the presence of the Head Constable of Pudimadaka Station and the Village Magistrate of Duppitor.

On examining the dead bodies of a Man named Rangala Ramaswamy, 25 years old, and of a Woman named Nuckanaboyena Lovy, 30 years old, both toddy caste, we found no indications of wounds, but they were killed in the gravel pit by the falling in of the sides of the pit. There is no other cause for their death. The body of Ramaswamy had earrings and that of Lovy had a silver bangle, gold earrings, and a nose ring; they died by the falling in of the sides of the pit while they were digging up gravel; their livers came out through their mouths.

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District Engineer's Office

Waltair 25 August 1875

From

The Off^r District Engineer
Viragapatam

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith
for your information copy of a letter received
from the Assistant Engineer in charge of Gol-
gondah Range reporting the death of two Coolies
in a gravel pit on the Poodimadaka Road.

2. A Translation of the Proceedings of
the Court of Inquest held on the dead bodies
of the Coolies is enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant,

M. M. M. Major
Off^r District Engineer Viragapatam

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To
The 2^o Class Sub Magistrate
of Virianagram
Sir

I beg to report that I came to understand that a cooly named Karri Ramaswamy, 25 years old, Shepherd caste, inhabitant of the village Somarapurpetta, died in the evening of the 24th July 1875 at 5 O'clock by the fall of one side of a gravel pit lying between the hill of Somarapurpetta and the main road, while he was working in the pit with some other labourers, and that immediately on receipt of this information, I have informed the same to the Station Officer of Paupiaipetta, in whose presence, a Court of Inquest was held on the dead body, this morning at 7 O'clock. I beg to submit herewith the Proceedings of the Court.

I beg to remain,
Sir,

25th July 1875

Your most Obedt. Servant.
Marked, Balipilly Jungum
Village Munsiff of Solipi Somarapurpetta

(True Copy)
(Signed) D. Jagannadha Rao
2^o Class Magistrate

(True Translation)

M. W. K. Major
Offg. District Engineer Viragapatam

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D. W. 1875 Dept.
No. 5615

The Offg. District Engineer
Viragapatam

The Secretary to Govt. M. S.
Viragapatam

Dated 25th July 1875
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Submitting for information
Copy of letter received from
the Assistant Engineer in charge
of Golconda Range, re-
porting the death of two coolies
in a gravel pit on the way
between the hills of Somarapurpetta
and the main road.

D. W. 1875 Dept.
No. 5615

The Offg. District Engineer
Viragapatam

25th July 1875

- 1. Pathivada. Ramaya of Gurlah
- 1. Ijjirothugavetti. Appaya of Narayanapatnam
- 1. Kammendi. Appaya of Somarapuretta
- 1. Erra. Akkulu of — D —
- 1. Hilary. Ramaya of Gurlah

Punchayetnama drawn up by 5 men

At the request of the village chunsiff of Somarapuralem, we have carefully, in the presence of the Head Constable &c of Pauprapetta Police Station, examined the dead body of a man named Harri Ramaswamy, Shepherd Cask, 25 years old, inhabitant of Solipi Somarapuretta, who lost his life in a gravel pit lying between the Hill of Solipi Somarapuretta and the main road by the fall of one side of a gravel pit, and found that the left leg and right hand of the dead body were broken, the chest has been turned black from being pressed on by a stone. It appears that the broken side of the gravel pit has been the cause of the death of the Cooly.

(Marked), Dalipilly Jungum, Village chunsiff	(marked) Ramaya
(Signed), Kathapilly Appannah, Herasidar	(marked) Appaya
(D°) Neela Appalaaswamy, 4 th Class Constable	(marked) Appaya
(D°) Pilly Venkannah, 1 st Class Constable	(marked) Akkulu
(True Copy)	(marked) Ramaya
(Signed), D. Jagannadha Row, 2 nd Class Magistrate	
(True Translation)	

W W Rundle Major
Offg. District Engineer Virapattanam

Mr. S. S. S. S. S.

25th July 1875

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District Engineer's Office, 15
Waltair 23rd August 1875

From

The Offg. District Engineer
Viragapatam

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the occurrence of a lamentable accident by which a cooly lost his life on the 23rd July 1875, at a place about 7 miles from Virianagram on the Road to Palcondah.

2. From the Range and Subdivisional Officers' reports, (copies enclosed,) it appears that while the Cooly was undermining a gravel pit, one side of it gave way, in consequence of which he met his death.

3. The Coolies have ^{been} warned many times not to undermine the sides of gravel pits, but they disregard the orders. I have myself frequently stopped coolies in the act of undermining, and given strict orders to my subordinates to carefully watch that the Coolies did not undermine.

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Sub-Divisional Office,
Vizianagram.

From The Sub-Divisional Office
Vizianagram.

To The Assistant Engineer
Vizianagram Range.

Dated 24 July 1895.
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Enclosure, one
No. 82

Subject
M. 5614/95.

Sir,
I beg to report that a
coolie was killed yesterday
evening accidentally about
seven miles from Viziana-
gram on the road to Palcondah.
The coolies have been warned
many

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The Offg. District Engineer

to Secy of Home

The Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.
Madras.

Date 23rd

Dec. 1st 29 August 1895

No. 835

Reporting the occurrence
of a lamentable accident by
which a coolie, about 15 miles
the 23rd July 1895 at a place
about 7 miles from Vizian-
agram on the Road to
Palcondah.

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many times not to undermine the sides of gravel pits, but disregarding orders the deceased appears to have undermined one side of the pit and the earth above having been saturated with yesterday's rain fell upon and killed him.

The Goonda's report is submitted for your perusal.
The Circumstance has been reported by me to the Deputy Tahsildar.

I beg to remain &c
Signed / J. Cormac
Supervisor
/ True copy

M B Hindle Major
Offg District Engineer
Vizagapatam

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No 2682 Public Works Dept 23

Virianagram Range Office
Virianagram 21

From
The Assistant Engineer
Virianagram

To
The District Engineer
Vizagapatam

Dated 26th
Rec^d 29th } July 1875.

N^o 139

Enclosures 2 M. 56/5/75

Sir
I have the honor to bring to your notice that Sub-Divisional Officer Mr. J. Cormac has reported to me that a Cooly, was killed yesterday evening in a gravel pit (on the Road from Virianagram to Palcondah) by a fall of one side of the

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the pit, and earth above.

Mr. Cormac's report, and also Goomastah's Telugu report to his address on the subject, are herewith forwarded for your perusal, with a request to return them, when no longer required.

I have &c
(Signed) J. M. Bell C.E.
Asst. Engineer, Virianagram.

(True Copy)

M. N. Mundle Major
Offg. District Engineer Vizagapatam

Compd. C. B.

No 2682 Public Works Dep. 23

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7 Sept. 1895
Read the following

The Dist. Engineer } H.E. No 835 of 23rd Sept. 1895
Vizagapatam }
do (H.E. 836 of 25th ")

Recorded.

It does not appear that the orders of Govt. on this subject, communicated with their Proceedings of the 14th March last No 802, and inculcating the necessity for great precautions

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