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22nd May 1876.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 394. From A. C. LAWFORD, Esq., District Engineer, South Canara, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Mangalore, 11th January 1876, No. 69.

I HAVE the honor to report the occurrence at Cundapur of a lamentable accident at about 8-30 A.M. on the 16th ultimo, by which a cooly employed in the execution of the repairs and alterations to the record-room attached to the Taluq Cutcherry lost his life.

2. From the reports received from the Range and Sub-divisional Officers, it appears that the cooly in question placed a thin reeper, 2 inches $\times$ 1½ inch, along the side of the plank which formed the scaffolding for building a wall; he was repeatedly told by the mason who was laying stones not to put the reeper on the scaffolding, but disregarded his instructions and went on with his work. Whilst the mason and the cooly were in the act of raising a stone, the latter placed his right foot on the plank and his left on the reeper, which broke into two pieces, and the consequence was that he fell to the ground, from a height of 5½ feet, on to a piece of cocoanut tree, his head striking the floor. He was immediately taken to the dispensary, a distance of about 3 furlongs. At 4 P.M. it appears he was in a precarious state, and was therefore removed to his house by his relatives against the wishes of the medical subordinate, where he died at about 6 P.M.

3. No blame can be attached to the subordinates of this department, as the maistry who was in charge of the work had gone to inspect some other work and was absent during the occurrence.

4. Both the Range and Sub-divisional Officers having failed to report whether the necessary inquest was held on the dead body of the cooly, I have called upon them to furnish necessary information on the subject, on receipt of which I shall further report on the matter.

No. 394-A. From the same Officer, dated Mangalore, 8th March 1876, No. 87.

IN continuation of this office letter No. 69, of 11th January 1876, reporting about the accidental death of a certain cooly at Cundapur, I have the honor to submit herewith the translation of the extract from the Register of Enquiry of Cundapur Police Station-house on the subject, received from the Mangalore Range Officer.

No. 395. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1876, No. 1,283.

ESTABLISHMENT, No.33-A.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, South Canara.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Extract from the Register of inquiry of
Lundapur Police Station house, in Case No. 123
1875
of an accidental death.

One Deogo was sent to the Dispensary
both by the Supervisor Mr. Dmello and by
the officer then in charge of the said Station
immediately on his fall at half past 8 P.M.
of the 16th Decr. 1875 from a bamboo plat-
-form 5½ ft high from the ground while hand-
-ing over stones to masons engaged in build-
-ing the wall of the record room of funda-
-pur Taluk Cutcherry. The said fall caused
a small wound on his left rib and also
a heavy blow on his temple. A letter
addressed to the H^o Constable in charge of
the Police Station from the Supervisor's
office was received on the very evening
at 6 P.M. to the effect that the patient
was dangerously ill. Immediately on
hearing of the death of said man, Constable
No. 144 went to the Hospital and learned on
enquiry that Deogo was dead the previous
evening at 5 P.M. and that his dead
body was carried to his house. On an
Examination

Examination of the body at his house,
it was found out that his left rib
and temple were swollen. On questioning
his mother she stated that her son
died only from his fall while on the
above work, that she has no sus-
picion whatever as to the cause of
his death. The Clerks of Taluk Cutcherry
as well as Police men were present
when her son fell from the platform.

14th Feb. 1876

By J. M. Pais
H. Constable.
(Translation.)

Mangalore
8th March 1876

A. S. S. S.
District Engineer
South Canara

N. 87.

South Canara District Engineer's Office
Mangalore 8th March 1876.

From

The District Engineer
South Canara.

To

The Chief Engineer
S. P. W. Madras.

Sir,

In Continuation of this office
letter No. 69 of 11th January 1876, report-
ing about the accidental death of
a certain Cooly at Fundapur, I have
the honor to submit herewith the
translation of the Extract from the
Register of inquiry of Fundapur Police
Station house on the subject, received
from the Mangalore Range officer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. servt.

A. S. S. S.
District Engineer
South Canara -

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To

The H. E. South Canara

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G. O. 22/1/18 No. 1283

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Fatal

Accident to a Cooly -

South Canara S.

Report of a ~~man~~

~~employed on the~~ accident

South Canara S.
S. S. S.