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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th April 1877. No. 1,280.*

No. 340.

Read the following:—

PETITION from Mrs. A. POWELL, widow of the late J. Powell, Sub-Overseer,
Wallajah Range, Public Works Department, dated 22nd March 1877.

No. 341.

ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1877, No. 1,280.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

THE Government regret that there is
nothing in the Petitioner's case which
would warrant an exceptional application
on her behalf to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Petitioner:

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Read the following:—

Petition from Mrs. N. Powell, widow of the
late J. Powell, Sub Overseer Wallapai
Range, P. W. D. dated 22 March 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Memorandum of the
Secretary of Government
P. W. D.
written from S. H. P.
written there was anything
expressed in the case
of the husband
employment etc.

W. H.

C. L. 834 of 28th March/77.

Reperculated
with report from the
District Engineer

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There is no
ground for an
Exceptional Affili-
ation.

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The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

The Humble Memorial of Antonio Poma
widow of the late John Poma late Sett
Merced Calaveras Range D. T. N.

Most respectfully I have the

That, your Memorialist with due deference
Respectfully begs to submit has really had a case and
under the most fervent hope that it will meet with
favorable consideration and support at the hands of
a Benevolent Government.

That Memorialist's late husband Mr. John
Dowdell was entertained in the Department Public Works
first as an Engineer and then a Master and latterly
- noted Post of Sub Overseer & Grader who discharged
such duties in a period of 14 Years without receiving
the slightest remuneration or the immediate superiors
Mr. H. H. Rogers and Mr. H. H. Rogers
Mr. S. Smith then in Charge of the Chanderaghar and
Malabar Ranges.

* *Leingtraus* = *Lerrad*.

That Memorialist's husband the late Mr. Powell
in obedience to the orders of the present Range Officer
Leitch Harris, was had to proceed to a village called Paolo
at which station owing to the severe visitation of Cholera
the inhabitants and Nuts abandoned their abodes and
resorted to other villages far away. But your Memorialist
husband owing to the responsibility of the duties devolved
upon him, in virtue of his office, had to remain there
and fell a victim to that dire disease on the 7. January
1844, - and did not even receive a Christian burial.

That, as Memorialist and her three Children, who are minors, and Aged, respectively 6, 8, & 10 Years are now left unprovided for, she was in consequence necessitated to address the District Engineer of North West that her pitiable Case may be taken into Consideration and to obtain for her, as a Special Case, a gratuity in Consideration of her Husband's long Service, and the peculiar Circumstances under which he had died.

did, to enable herself and her three fatherless children to support themselves - more particularly at this critical season. But the endorsement received on said petition was that "The Government Rules do not admit of any gratuity being given."

That hence Memorialist sees no other alternative but to submit her most deplorable and distressed condition in life to the kind sympathy of Government, more particularly as Memorialist has besides a Government employe and Memorialist herself being advanced in age and left in utter destitution together with her three children to feel the pangs of misery by granting them a compassionate allowance or gratuity as the Government may deem most expedient. Protection of this nature was afforded to children of some servants of Government whose fathers died previous to being admitted to pension or gratuity, and such support was continued till the children attained their proper age - and that which can be verified on a reference to the Pension Department. Hence your Memorialist most humbly craves that this Memorial may be laid before Government to obtain the boon which she seeks for which kind act of charity your Memorialist will ever pray.

Dancepett
1844

Antonia
Mark

To

The Chief Engineer
Department Public Works
Madras.

The humble petition of Antonia Powell
widow of the late John Powell. Sub Division
of the Nallajah Range D.P.M.

most humbly sheweth

That your petitioner after the death of her husband by Cholera (which happened on the 7th day of 1844) and being left, together with her three children in very distressed circumstances, was necessitated to forward a petition to the District Engineer of South Arcot in which she set forth fully, her distressed and helpless circumstances and prayed that her case might be taken into consideration and to obtain for her a gratuity to support herself and children, to which in it for the appeal the following endorsement was received that the "Government Rules do not admit of any gratuity being given."

That subsequently petitioner being notified to address Government, had prepared a most respectful Memorial & had submitted the same to the Secretary to Government - Public Works Department & said Memorial/petitioner forwarded to the Range Office, collecting that it may be forwarded to the addresser which was accordingly done after some days stating that nothing can be done for her. Hence petitioner is now driven to the Secretary to Government, for favorable consideration and support, for which act of benevolence your petitioner will ever pray.

Antonia Powell
Mark

Dancepett
1844

1 April 1877. W.D.

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From

M^{rs} A. Powell

Widow of the late J. Powell
Sub Overseer Wallajah Range
P.P. &

Dated 22 March 1877.

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N. 834.

Referred to the D.C.

North Arcot, who is re-
quested to be so good
as to report whether
there was any thing
exceptional in the cir-
cumstances of the
employment and death
of the Petitioner's husband.

Wm. L. H. H. H.
Chief Engineer
P.P. &

28 March 1877

General

NORTH ARCOT,
District Engineer's Office;

Tellur 2nd April 1877.

No. 11.

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
NORTH ARCOT,

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Recd 2 April 1877
Petitions

In returning the petition of the widow
of the late Sub Overseer J. Powell, and dated
the 28th ultimo N. 834, I have the honor to
report, that I am unable to specify any
thing exceptional in the circumstances of
the employment and death of the Sub Overseer.
His being placed at Pootoor, was an ordinary
Departmental arrangement; there having
been always one of the Subordinates there.
The place is not unhealthy, usually; but
the poor woman's husband was carried off
by Cholera.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obed^t Servant
Wm. L. H. H. H.
District Engineer North Arcot.

General

From District Engineer
to the Agent

No 4

Dated 2nd April 1877

No of Enclosures. Two

Widow of the late J. Powell
Sub-Quartermaster Wallajah Range

Returning the petition
from the
with his opinion.

list under
rules

No 1280

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16 April 77
Read the following:-

Petition from Mrs. A. Powell widow of the late
J. Powell Sub-Quartermaster Wallajah Range, P.W.D.
dated 22nd March 1877.

The Government ~~can~~
~~regret~~ that there is
nothing in the Peti-
tioners case ^{which would} warrant
an exceptional appli-
cation on her behalf
to the Government of
India.

cut 14/4/77

The Petitioner

Dispt. 1-5-77

P. C. H. A. P.

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See 5-4-77

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Gobt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *the P. W. Secy*

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th April 1877, No. 1280

Nos. 340-341

Widow of the late J. Parrell,
Sub-Overseer, Nicot Dr.

Declining to make an
exceptional application
to the Govt. of India for
a gratuity in behalf of
the —.

Left in Reg.