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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

28th April 1880, No. 1,041 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 43. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 13th December 1879, No. 6,999.

From Deputy Surgeon-General C. SMITH, M.D., Indian Medical Department, Presidency, to the Major-General Commanding, Centre District, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 27th November 1879, No. 5,881.

I HAVE the honor to forward for your information copy of letter from Third-class Hospital Assistant P. Veerannah Naidu, No. 999, who left this on the 7th instant in medical charge of families of 13th Regiment, Native Infantry, by Buckingham Canal, giving an account of a sad accident to them during the cyclone of the 18th instant by which nine lives of the party were lost and two of the crew, in all eleven deaths, one of the deaths occurred nine hours after the woman was rescued from the wreck of the boat No. 1,856.

From Third-class Hospital Assistant P. VEERANNAH NAIDU, in Medical charge of Families, 13th Regiment, Native Infantry, to the Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency, dated Parangala Thinnay, 20th November 1879.

I beg to report the deaths of families as per annexed list of 13th Regiment, Native Infantry. We arrived at this station at 1 P.M. on the 18th instant and intended to cross the lock (temporarily constructed) at about 3 P.M. by the permission of Sub-Engineer C. Carlier. At about 2-30 P.M. we had sharp shower of rain which became a cyclone by 10 P.M., and lasted throughout yesterday and last night and stopped this morning.

The two boats, Nos. 14 and 1,856, that were carrying the families, were fastened to long bamboos driven into the ground, and also their anchors were fixed firmly in the bank of the canal. At about 5 P.M., yesterday, there was slight cessation of rain, when all the passengers from boats Nos. 14 and 1,856 were landed, with the exception of a few in the latter boat. They could not be landed as the boat was far away from the bank of the canal, and the storm came on afresh. The passengers were put into a bungalow belonging to an Engineer.

The crew and a few passengers remained in the boat 1,856, and when it capsized eight souls were lost out of passengers and two out of crew (three families and five children), and the boat was seen moving towards the south of the lock at about 2 P.M. yesterday and struck on the bank of the canal, and this morning about 200 yards from its original place capsized and broken into pieces, three calves and five females that survived remained on the top of the wreck.

Medicine chest and good deal of property were lost and by the assistance of a raft a few boxes and bags were recovered.

All means of communication were cut off and no boat could go up or down the stream. One woman died nine hours after being taken from the wreck of the boat in spite of all efforts to revive her.

LIST OF DEATHS.

Names.	Particulars.	Women.	Children.
Jagamah ...	Wife of Dhoir Cuniah, Private of 8th Company, 13th Native Infantry.	1	...
Children do. ...	Children of do. do. ...	...	2
Chellamah ...	Wife of Appadoo, Private, 7th Company, 13th Native Infantry.	1	...
Guntamah ...	Sister of Thaniah, Private, 1st Company, 13th Native Infantry.	1	...
Children ...	Do. do. ...	...	2
Ammamah ...	Daughter of Reddy Appiah, 7th Company, 13th Native Infantry.	...	1
Ramumah* ...	Wife of do. do. ...	1	...

* Died nine hours after taken from the wreck of the boat.

PEDDA GANJAM,
21st November 1879.(Signed) P. VEERANNAH NAIDU,
Hospital Assistant, No. 999,
In charge of Families.

No. 4,450.

FORWARDED for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief with one enclosure.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th November 1879.(Signed) N. SWANSTON, Lieut.-Col.,
Dy. Asst. Quartermaster-General,
for Major-General, Commanding,
Centre District.

No. 8,558.

FORWARDED for the information of Government.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd December 1879.(Signed) H. O'CONNELL, Brigadier-General,
Quartermaster-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

TRANSFERRED with the notes of the Members of Government to the Public Works Department for the necessary inquiry.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Ag. Chief Secretary,
for Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

No. 43-A. From Captain A. AWDRY, R.E., Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal Division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th February 1880, No. 3,845.

In reference to your reminder No. 3,881/1, of 6th February 1880, to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, which he has transferred to me, I have the honor to inform you that the accident occurred in the Romperu beyond the end of the Buckingham canal and near the temporary Lock in the Kistna District, and that the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Delta, will be the officer who can best furnish the information required as the boats were waiting to pass the lock under Mr. Carlier's directions.

No. 43-B. From G. T. WAICH, Esq., Superintendent of Works, Kistna, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaisweram, 8th April 1880, No. 68 K.S.

With reference to your memorandum No. 693, dated 1st March 1880, and its enclosures (herewith returned), I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 693, dated 23rd March 1880, received from the officer in charge of the Western Division, Kistna, reporting on the accident* to families of the 13th Regiment, Native Infantry, on Buckingham canal, and to state that the necessary report was, I observe, made by my predecessor to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in letter No. 1,456 K.S., dated 11th December 1879, printed with G.O., No. 23 I., dated 12th January 1880.

From G. D. WYBROW, Esq., Executive Engineer, Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated Duggirala, 23rd March 1880, No. 693.

With reference to your endorsement No. 1,890 K.S., dated 19th March 1880, asking me to give a full report of the accident which occurred in the Romperu just below the temporary lock at Ferunghidibba bungalow, I have the honor to state as follows:—

As the Hospital Assistant who was in charge of the families of the 13th Native Infantry was an eye witness, and as he has given a full report of the accident, I do not know that I can add anything further than to refer you to paragraph 11 of Mr. Garrett's letter recorded with G.O., No. 23 I., of 12th January 1880, in which the accident was reported.

2. As reported by Mr. Garrett the families were removed to the Ferunghidibba bungalow, which fortunately was near at hand, or the loss of life would probably have been very much more serious.

3. Even when at the bungalow the families must have suffered severely, as the nearest village is Chinna Ganjam, some two miles off, from which supplies could be obtained, and in order to get to that village the Romperu has to be crossed and which was then and for several days afterwards in high flood. Mr. Sub-Engineer Carlier was most energetic in doing what he could in obtaining supplies and firewood, and in trying to rescue what property he could.

4. It may not be out of place here perhaps to bring to your notice that native rest-houses or chuttrums are very necessary along the Commamur canal at suitable stations for the convenience of passengers, and I think this is a matter that should be brought to the notice of the Local Fund Boards of this district for consideration.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1880, No. 1,041 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

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

To the Military Department, with copy of G.O., No. 23 I., dated 12th January 1880.

" Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal.

" Do. do. Kistna.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
... &c., ... &c., ... &c.

Dated April, 23th

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 28th April 1880, No. 1,641 W.

APRIL.
Nos. 43-44.

Accident to the families of the 13th Regiment, Native Infantry, on the Buckingham Canal.—Correspondence regarding the same recorded. *

Office of Dy. Surgeon General Sd. D.
Presy. Division Madras 27th Nov. 1879

No. 5881

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From

The Dy. Surgeon General Sd. D.
Presidency and A. D. C.

To

The Major General Commanding
Central District

Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information copy of letter from 3rd Class Hospital Assistant P. Verranah Raim No. 999- who left this on the 7th instant in medical charge of families of 13th Regiment N. I. by Buckingham Canal- giving an account of a sad accident to them during the cyclone of the 18th instant by which 9 lines of the party were lost and 2 of the crew, in all 11 deaths- one of the deaths occurred 9 hours after the woman was rescued from the wreck of the boat No. 1856.

I have &c

(Signed) Colvin Smith M.D.

Dy. Surgeon General Sd. D.

Presidency

From

Pedda Gajjam
Parangala Munay
25 Decem. 1879

From

3rd Class Hospital Assistant

P. Kurannah Naidu

In Medical Charge of Families

13th Regt. N.I.

To

The Deputy Surgeon General S. D.

Presidency and Northern District
Madras

Sir

I beg to report the deaths of families

as per annexed list of 13th Regiment N.I. We arrived
at this station at 1 P.M. on the 13th Instant and
intended to cross the lock (temporarily constructed)
at about 3 P.M. by the permission of Sub Engineer
C. Collier. At about 2-30 P.M. we had sharp
showers of rain which became a cyclone by 10 P.M.
and lasted throughout yesterday and last night
and stopped this morning.

The two boats No. 14-1856 that were
carrying the families were fastened to long
bamboo driven into the ground and also their
anchors were fixed firmly in the bank of the
canal. At about 5 P.M. yesterday there was
a slight cessation of rain when all the passengers
from

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from boat No. 14-1856 were landed with the
exception of a few in the latter boat. They could
not be landed as the boat was far away from
the bank of the Canal, and the storm came
afresh. The passengers were put into a bungalow
belonging to an Engineer.

The crew and a few passengers remained
in the boat 1856 and when it capsized 8 souls
were lost out of passengers and 2 out of crew.
(3 families and 5 children) and this boat was
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at about 2 P.M. yesterday and struck on the
bank of the Canal and this morning about 2-00
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General No. 3845-
Buckingham Canal Div Office
Madras. 18th. February 1880.
From The Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal Division
To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department. Madras
Sir,
In reference to your reminder
No. 3881 of 6th February 1880 to the Supg.
Engineer 3rd Circle, which he has trans-
ferred to me, I have the honor to inform
you that the accident occurred in the
Ramparoo beyond the end of the
Buckingham Canal and near the Temporary
Lock in the Krishna District, and that
the Executive Engineer Krishna Western
Delta will be the Officer who can best
furnish the information required as the
boats were waiting to pass the lock under
Mr. Carlier's directions.—
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
A. A. M. S. Capt. &c.
Supdt of Works. B. Canal

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General

P.W.D.

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From No. 1225/13

The Supt of Works

Buckingham Canal

No. 3845

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

Dated 18.

Recd

February 1880

No. of Encls. none

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Informers that the
beyond the end of the Buckingham
Canal, and that the Ex. Engr
Mr. W. W. Delta can best
furnish the information required

Mem 3001-1712. 79

No 68 K.S.

From

The Superintendent of Works
Kistna

To

The Chief Engineer

P. W. Department

Madras

Dowlaiswaram 8th April 1880
Recd 9th 80

Sirs

With reference to your Memo. 693
dated 1st March 1880 and its enclosures
(herewith returned) I have the honor
to forward herewith a copy of letter 693
dated 23 March 1880 received from the
Officer in charge of the Western Division
Kistna reporting on the accident to families
of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry on
Buckingham Canal, and to state that the
necessary report was, I observe, made
by my predecessors to the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation in letter 11456 K.S. dated
11 December 1879 printed with G.O. No 23
dated 12th January 1880.

I have the honor to be
Yours most obedt. Servant
C. Paulis

Superintendent of Works Kistna

Memo No 3881. 17 Dec 79
P.W.D. 12 Jan 1880 No 238.
Memo No 693 of 12 March 1880
" " 608 of 24 July 1880
" " 3730 of 6 Dec 79

From P.W.D.
12 APR 80
The Supt of Works
Kistna
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

Date 18/3
Recd 29/3 April 1880
1880 H.S.
1880 H.S.

Ruckingham Canal
accident to the families
of the 13th Regt N.I. En.

Forwards ^{copy} of the
letter reporting on the
stating that the necessary
report on the subject was
already made by his
predecessor.

Cd 20.4.80. Del 26.4.80.

No 693.

Historical Division of
Motions Duggirala
23 March 1880

From

G. D. Wybrow Esq
Executive Engineer Kistna

To
The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
Sir

With reference to your endorsement
No 1890 H.S. dated 19 March 1880, asking me
to give a full report of the accident which
occurred in the Ruckingham just below the temporary
lock at Tirmughidibba Bangalore. I have the
honour to state as follows.

1. As the Hospital Assistant who was
in charge of the families of the 13th N.I. En.
an eye witness and as he has given a full
report of the accident, I do not know that
I can add anything further than to refer
you to paragraph of Mr. Garrett's letter
with G.O. No 237 of 12 January 1880 in
which the accident was reported.

2. As reported by Mr. Garrett the families
were removed to the Tirmughidibba bungalow
which fortunately was near at hand so
the loss of life would probably have

been very much more serious.

3 Even when at the bungalow the families must have suffered severely, as the nearest village is Cheima Ganyais some two miles off from which supplies could be obtained and in order to get to that village, the Roupine has to be crossed and which was then out for several days afterwards in high flood. Mr Sub-Engineer Carlier was most energetic in doing what he could in obtaining supplies and firewood, and in trying to rescue what property he could.

4 It may not be out of place here perhaps to bring to your notice that native rest houses or Chutrunns are very necessary along the Communion Canal at suitable stations for the convenience of Passengers, and I think this is a matter that should be brought to the notice of the Local Fund Boards of this District for consideration.

I have the honor to be
Yours most truly
G. D. Wybrow
Executive Engineer

/ True Copy /

C. Swales

Superintendent of Works Kistna

P.W.D.

14 APR 1900

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P. I. Form No. 22.

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10/11 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th April 1899

Read the following:—

Inst in the Public Dept (H.S. No 6999 of 13 Dec. 1897)
Supdt of works, Buckingham Canal } — 3845 — 18 Feb 1899
— Do — Kistna — 6845 — 8 April 1899

Recorded.

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Public Dept, with copy of No. 23 of 12 Aug 1899
Supdt of works, Buckingham Canal
Do Kistna

Desd
7-5-00



Ch. No. 2573

Gobt. of (1880) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

29-4-80

G. O., 28th April 1880, No. 1041 W

No. 1354

Accident to the families of the
13th Regt. in the Madras Coy.

Correspondence regarding
the ———— recorded

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