

P.W.C. No 5518

No. 1991 w a/26<sup>th</sup> July 1887

P.W.C. No 5457

Recorded with the  
remarks that according to the evidence the deceased's  
companions were with him on the scaffolding and not on  
the top of the wall, as reported by the Supt. Engineer  
The Government

From.  
The Superintending Engineer  
5<sup>th</sup> Circle

regret to hear of the  
accident, for which  
however no one appears  
to be <sup>to blame</sup> responsible

To.  
The Chief Engineer  
P.W. Department

Recd  
18.7.87  
J. H.  
20/7/87

Dated 14<sup>th</sup>  
Received 18 July 1887

No. 1991 w dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 1887

Enclosure. 1 -

There is an accident

No. 1643 -

J. H.  
20/7/87

Accident.  
Reporting about the  
occurred resulting  
in the death of a  
Bricklayer employed  
the Station Infantry by  
Arab Lines Bangalore

S. E. I Circle  
26/7

Off. 14.6.87  
19.7.87  
21.7.87

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With order

19.6.87  
22/7/87

With order

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 1664,

Bangalore

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chopra, 16<sup>th</sup> July 1887.

From Colonel A. M. Vithart P. C.

~~The~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer.

P. W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures.

On 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 1887, Assistant Engineer Lieut. West visited Madras by order of the Executive Engineer, North Arcot Division for the purpose of obtaining, (from Messrs Mc Dowell and Co.) Mangalore tiles, for the Sub Magistrate Lutcherry at Arkonam.

2. The Executive Engineer explains that the case was urgent, as the Officer's year was drawing to a close, and he had been disappointed of a supply of tiles expected from Calicut, and that there was a difficulty about spending the grant for the year on Lutcherry.

19-6-87 23-7-87

With order

3. Lieut West was selected for the purpose because he had experience of such tiles on the Western Coast.

4. I have the honor to request that sanction may be given under Code para 447 to Lieut West's journey to Madras and back on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 1887 to enable the Examiner to pass his travelling allowance.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Henry West  
Lt Col.

Suptg. Engineer, V. Circle.

To. J.

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PWC No 5554

No 1992 w of 26<sup>th</sup> July 1887

Sanctioned  
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20.7.87

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Off 1664.

From

The Sup<sup>g</sup> Eng<sup>r</sup>  
5 Circle

To  
The Chief Engineer  
P.W. Department.

No 1992 w of 26<sup>th</sup> July 1887

Dated 16<sup>th</sup>  
Des<sup>d</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> July 1887  
Recd 19

South. West's  
Journey to Madras  
& back

Requests that  
Sanction may be given  
to — on the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> March  
1887 to enable the Examiner  
to pass his travelling  
allowance.

With order

To Mr. V. Biele  
E. V. C.  
Genl. Secy  
27/7  
28/7

2 JUL 87

Proceedings of an Inquest held on the body of  
a Hindu now lying dead on his back in the  
dead house of the Bangalore Boring Civil  
Hospital this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1887, at 4.30 P.M.  
The following Purchayatdar have examined  
the body of the deceased with the undersigned

1. Venkoles Rao
2. K. S. Srinivasiah
3. M. S. Srinivasiah

(Signed) Abdul Rahman

The following are the injuries on the body  
of the deceased

1. A deep wound on the left side of the forehead  
running down to the root of the nose.
2. A deep Cut wound on the left upper arm.
3. A small wound on the left thigh.
4. Some bruises on the Chest and Arms.

(Signed) Abdul Rahman

13<sup>th</sup> June 1887

The body of the deceased is covered with a  
white coat saturated with blood, also a white  
sheet full of blood. A Cap and a white  
cloth are also produced as the property of the  
deceased. These cloths also are to be of Indian  
(Signed) Abdul Rahman

The following witnesses are examined touching the death of the deceased.

Iqbal Singh Son of Karam Singh Kaidi age 10 years Bricklayer, Jilsoor.

I am bricklayer. I know the deceased. He was a bricklayer. I saw the deceased since he was working for the last 3 months in the magazine near the corner of construction at Gellagard and Jilsoor for the 1st <sup>morning</sup> of the bricklayers. We went to work this <sup>morning</sup> at 7 A.M. and were working until about 8 A.M. And the deceased and a Mohomedan named Karam Sahib were working in one place on a scaffolding - We were laying stones. I was standing on one corner of the scaffolding and the deceased was standing on the other. The Mohomedan was standing in the middle. The scaffolding was made of bamboo and ropes. We had raised a wall about 14 feet high. This wall fell back upon us and threw us upon the ground. We all then fell down. A stone fell upon me and the Mohomedan as we jumped out of the way. The deceased could not get up quickly and was crushed by stones. We went up to the ground and found that 2 stones were lying on him. One stone was lying on his right side and the other on his left arm. We removed the deceased up and gave him some water

Witness has 2 or 3 bruises on his thigh

water to drink. When we lifted the deceased up he was bleeding profusely about the head. And the Mohomedan bricklayer then put the deceased in a cart and brought him down here with the permission of our master. There was no one else working on the scaffolding besides those of us and no one was working on the other side of the wall. No body threw the newly built wall upon us. It came down itself. Three females and a boy were helping us by handing us over stones &c. The scaffolding on which we were working was about 5 feet high from the ground. The stones that fell upon the deceased were very heavy. They were two in number each about 14 feet long, 2 feet broad and about 4 inches thick. About 40 stones in all fell on the ground. A small stone fell upon me and caused bruises on my thighs in 2 places. None of us was drunk at the time and we do not drink. I was very friendly with the deceased. His name was Karam Singh Kaidi. Panchayetdars ask no questions. Read over and admitted to be correct. (Signed) Abdul Rahman. 13th June 1887. Magistrate, Jilsoor. Assistant Surgeon, Jilsoor. Swear: - Deceased was brought to the Jilsoor

his morning between 9 & 10 O'clock in a cart  
by Isasany and another person. He was suffering  
from a very bad wound on the left side of his  
forehead running down to the root of the nose  
and a little below it. There was fracture of  
the bones of the head and the nose. He was  
bleeding much, deceased was bleeding from  
his nostrils and his right ear also. Deceased  
had a deep cut wound on his left upper arm  
and another wound on the left thigh. Deceased  
had some bruises on his body but not attracting  
attention. Deceased was somewhat conscious  
but was unable to speak. He answered when  
he was called by his name. Deceased was  
under shock when he was admitted and never  
talked. All the necessary medical aid was  
given to him but the man died soon after  
P.M. It is just possible that these wounds  
may have been caused by heavy bodies like  
stones with sharp edges falling upon the parts  
of the deceased.

Punchayetars ask no questions  
Read over and admitted to be correct

(Signed) Abdul Rahman  
13th June 1907.

Shah Hossein son of Shah Ismail  
ears Nelson Bricklayer.

19 I was working on a scaffolding

with the deceased and Isasany this morning  
at 7 O'clock, we had raised a wall above the  
scaffolding about 4 ft high which fell upon us  
and showed us upon the ground. I and Isasany  
escaped but the deceased was caught, 2 heavy  
stones fell upon the deceased and broke his head.  
A small stone fell upon Isasany but did  
not hurt him much. We removed the stones from  
the deceased lifted him up and conveyed him to  
this Hospital in a cart. There was no <sup>one</sup> working  
on the other side of the wall when it fell down  
accidentally. I am certain that no one should  
the wall upon us. The scaffolding was about 5  
feet high from the ground and was made of Bamboo  
and ropes. I mean by a scaffolding that it was  
a "Bariva". About 40 stones in all fell on the  
ground. The 2 stones that fell upon the deceased  
were very heavy.

Punchayetars ask no questions

(Signed) Abdul Rahman

13th June 1907.

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Amman Amal daughter of Eoolharomapa  
widow of the deceased Ramasany, age 30 years  
Gallagowdama Pollia -

Owears: -

I am the widow of the deceased Ramasany  
This is his body. Deceased was a bricklayer and  
has been working as such at the Magazine since

in course of construction for the past three months.  
 He went to work as usual this morning at 8 o'clock.  
 I was informed at about 9 A.M. that a heavy  
 stone had fallen on the head of the deceased and  
 broken his head. I was also informed that my  
 husband had been brought to this Hospital. I  
 arrived here at 10 A.M. and saw my husband  
 lying with his head broken. My husband expired  
 here at 2 o'clock this day. He did not speak to me  
 in the Hospital. My deceased husband had no  
 enemies and I am not acquainted with any.  
 I have a son about 10 years old. My husband  
 my self and my son were living in our house. My  
 deceased husband has no relations in Bangalore  
 except a younger brother who is living separately  
 from us. I was married to the deceased about  
 10 years ago. Deceased was about 50 years old.  
 I am his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. He married me on the death  
 of his 1<sup>st</sup> wife.

No. Questions

Read over and admitted to be correct

(Signed) Abdul Rahman  
 13<sup>th</sup> June 1907.

Report.

I am the husband of the deceased and I am as any  
 years before. By the deceased's report and  
 and upon hearing the widow's report and  
 the undersigned and the District Magistrate  
 of

of opinion that the death of the deceased was  
 caused from the effects of the wounds caused by  
 2 heavy stones falling upon him accidentally

(Signed) Abdul Rahman

13<sup>th</sup> June 1907.

Bangalore  
 13<sup>th</sup> June 1907  
 6 P.M.

(Signed) A. Varadarajan Mudaliar  
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District Magistrate

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 1643.

Bangalore V. CIRCLE, ~~MADRAS~~,  
Chennai, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1887.

From Colonel H. M. Vibart P.E.  
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To THE Chief Engineer.  
P. W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosures. 1

I have the honor to report an accident which occurred at the Native Infantry Buildings Arak Lines at Bangalore on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1887 resulting in the death of bricklayer who was employed on the work.

2. The deceased was one of a gang of three men (employed by the Contractor) who were engaged in putting up slab stone cornices to the two end walls of the Magazine. One cornice had been completed and a portion of the gable built over it on one wall. and on the other wall, the whole of the slabs had been put for its cornice. The height of the wall was nine feet and there was a good scaffolding at four feet from the ground.

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The head man of the gang and one other were on top of the wall, and the deceased was on the scaffolding giving them the lime. The men above were adjusting the slabs with crowbars, and they unfortunately pushed one too far to the front and the whole toppled over, one slab striking deceased on the head. The accident occurred at about 9 A. M. and the deceased who was conveyed to the Hospital died at about 3 P. M.

It does not appear that blame attaches to any one connected with the work. The wall was low and the scaffolding strong - the latter had no connection with the accident.

No man of the Department was employed on the work - as Apprentice Overseer Corporal Emery was constantly supervising it. At the time of the accident the Apprentice Overseer was receiving instructions in testing lightning conductors elsewhere.

I forward in original the Proceedings of the Court of Inquest held on the body of the deceased.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Herbert M. West C.E.

Capt. Engineer, V. Biscuit