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P. W. D. துறை

அரசாணை எண். 574
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Salem Sub Divisional Office,

No. 274. 17th July 1888.

From,

G. B. Lambert Esq., 574

Executive Engineer,

Salem Sub Division,

To,

The Executive Engineer,

Coimbatore Division.

Sir,

I regret to report that a serious accident took place at the Thirumony Anicut on the morning of the 14th – a huge mass of earth from the top of the excavation for the wing wall became detached and fell on five men who were at work below; three of these sustained severe injuries (one had both arms broken, one a severe scalp wound and the other apparently an internal wound in his stomach) and were sent the first two to Namakal hospital and the other to Erode hospital. The other two men were not seriously injured and were attended to at the site of the work by a native doctor.

2. I will report further as soon as the apothecaries inform me the nature of the injuries.

I have &ca
(Sd) G. B. Lambert,
Executive Engineer.

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(True copy)

No. 399.

Forwarded to the Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle with reference to P. W. Code para 323.

2. Further report will be forwarded on receipt of information from the Apothecaries.

Camp, Nedungal.
21st July 1888

(Sd) J. W. Martin,
Executive Engineer

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(True copy)

Lt Col: R.E.,
3rd August 1888. Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

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Local Fund Dispensary.
No. 49. Namakal, 19th July 1888

From,

1st Class Hospital Assistant,
Local Fund Dispensary
Namakal,

To,

The Executive Engineer,
Salem Sub Division.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 140, dated 17th instant, I beg to inform you that Veerappen has fracture of both arms with severe contusion on his body and Subramanien has scalp wound but no fracture of bone and also severe contusion with abrasions of skin here and there over his body. I think it will take probably a month before they could be well.

I further beg to state that both are improving under treatment. 2

I beg &ca

(Sd) P. Ramasamy Naiker,
1st Class Hospital Asst. No 57
L. F. Dispensary, Namakal

(True copy) By order
(Sd) V. Raghavandrachar, Acctt.
Executive Engineer's office.

(True copy)
Rundale-Buchanan
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Superintending Engineer,
4th Circle
3rd August 1888.

Salem Sub Divisional office,
No. 284. Salem, 21st July 1888.

From,
G. B. Lambert Esq., 574
Executive Engineer,
Salem Sub division,

To,
The Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 274, dated 17th July 1888, I have the honor to forward Letter No. 49, dated 19th July 1888, from the Hospital Assistant at Namakal regarding the nature of injury &ca done to certain coolies employed on Thirumony Anicut.

2. No report has since been received from the apothecary at Erode concerning the bricklayer, who was sent there with a note, and so it is probable that his injuries were not so serious, as were imagined and that he has not gone there for treatment.

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treatment.

I have &ca

(Sd) G. B. Lambert,
Executive Engineer.

True Copy- Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for information in continuation of this office letter No 399, dated 21st July 1888.

(By order)
(Sd) V. Raghavandrachar, Actt
Executive Engineer's office.

Coimbatore }
26th July 1888 }

No 326
MW

Copy- Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P.W. Department for information.

2. The undersigned on enquiry has reason to believe that every precaution was taken to prevent the accident in question occurring. On his late inspection of the

the work, the Executive Engineer in his presence warned the workmen who were working in the locality to be most careful in removing the scarped face of the bank, and prior to this frequent injunctions were laid upon them. The cooly is a notably indifferent individual to danger when he sees an opportunity for accomplishing his work with the least trouble to himself, and this was the case in this instance.

A. Drake-Brockman
Lt Col: R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

Coimbatore }
3rd August 1888 }

P.W.C. 20 7712

From
The Supg: Engineer,
Fourth circle.

Dated 3rd } Augt: 1888
Recd: 6th }

No. 24.60 w d/13th August 88

No: 326
Encl

Encls: 2

Accident at Tirumany Anicut, Coimbatore Dn.

Submitting for information, letter from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Dn. reporting regarding an —; and stating that every precaution was taken for preventing the same.

6.7.8.88 o/s 43.8.

Municipal Dispensary,
No. 60. Erode, 26th July 1888.

From,
The Civil Apothecary, 574
Erode,

To,
G. B. Lambert Esq.,
Executive Engineer,
Salem.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 141, dated 17th July 1888, I beg to inform you that bricklayer Mareemuthu, therein mentioned, has received a severe contusion to the right hip and thigh, and a rupture of the bladder.

He is still under my treatment, but I am not certain of his recovery.

I beg &ca.
(Sd) R. W. Chester
Civil Apothecary.

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No.

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No. 291.

Forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, in continuation of this office No. 284, dated 21st instant.

(Sd) G. B. Lambert,
28-7-88. Executive Engineer

No. 7.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for information. A further report will be made with full particulars if the man does not recover.

(Sd) J. W. Martin,
31-7-88. Executive Engineer.

No. 327/RW —

True Copy - Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department, in continuation of this office No. 326/W, dated 3d August 1888. + 7712

Rundale-Buckman
Lt Col: R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

Coimbatore,
3d Augst 1888

6-7-8-88 O.W.4

P.W.C. No 7711

Nos 7711 / 7712

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From
The Suptg Engineer
Fourth circle.

Recd with
P.W. cur 1627/89

~~Hm~~

B No 2466 [illegible] 13th August

Recorded.

8/8/88

Dated 3rd August/88
Recd. 6

No 2466 [illegible] 13th August

No: 327
E.W.

Accident at Terumany Anicut Coimbatore Dn. -

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Dn. reporting regarding injuries sustained by Bricklayer Marimuthu in connection with the —

with order

C. 7.8.88
R. 13.8.88

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Recd with
P.W. cur/1627/8

Current No. 12778

From Ammani Ammal wife of late Marimoothoo Pillai Bricklayer who died on the 29th July 1888 at Erode through an accident at Therumani Anicut Works in the Salem Dist.

ENCLOS.—

No. —

Dated —

Received 12th Dec. 1888

SUBJECT.

Praying that under certain circumstances to order some pension to be granted for her and the two orphans support.

DISPOSAL.

No. 5032C Dated 13th Dec. 1888

Referred to the Suptg. Engineer IV circle for favour of remarks. The further report promised in the Suptg. Engineer's No. 327 E.W. dated 3rd August 1888 does not appear

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to have been received

(By order)

(Sd) W. L. C. Baddeley
Capt R.E.
Under Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

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G.O. 574 W
27/2/89

[illegible] note this ok

I do not know of 574
any special rules but
it is usual (and has been
done in many occasions)
to give gratuities to
men injured or to the
wives &c of men killed

to W — There are no rules
special to the P.W. Dept.

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The rules relating to the grant of extraordinary pensions will be found in Sections 156 et seq C. P. Code.

(1) The first point to decide in this case is whether the bricklayer [illegible] met with his death while in the performance of a duty attended with extraordinary bodily risk. A mere accident does not give claim to pension. Vide examples under Sec. 157]

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(2) The inquest required by Sec 160 does not appear to have been held.

(3) If it be considered that the claim is deserving of consideration, the

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S. E. must be called upon to submit an application as prescribed in Sec 161.

For orders.

6-2-89

It seems to me that Sec. 157 applies to this case, and that an extraordinary pension is not admissible; but under Sect. 162 I think a gratuity should be paid to the widow, after due proof of relationship.

Yes I think a gratuity certainly might be given

It is clear that the work was attended with some risk owing to the sand underlying the clay -

7.2.89

Please call on S.E. to submit an
application according to Sec
As the S.E. & Ex. E. recommend
the work strictly [illegible] accident
and did not realise that there
were irregularities in charges I do
not see that blame is to be attached
to any one
With regard to the [illegible] letter
the S.E. must deal with it

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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE NOTE.

ation *Madras.* date *16th February* 1889.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS. 18 FEB. 89

From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PENSION DEPARTMENT,

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Deptt.

In returning the accompanying papers the Undersigned has the honor to state that he is unable to counter initial the draft order as it is not in accordance with the rules of the Pension Code, which make no distinction, so far as the conditions precedent are concerned, between the grant of a pension under section 157 and the grant of a gratuity under section 162. Accordingly as it has been decided that the widow is not entitled to pension under section 157 the grant of a gratuity

It would

would be equally inadmissible -

(By order)

H H Stuart

Under Secretary to Govt.

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With papers returned

CHIEF SECRETARY
10 DEC 88
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE
GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
FORT SAINT GEORGE
MADRAS.

The humble Petition of Ammani Ammal wife of late Marimoothoo Pillai Bricklayer who died on the 29th July 1888 at Erode through an accident at Therumani Anicut works in the Salem District.

Humbly sheweth,

1. That your Petitioner's husband was employed as Bricklayer at 10 annas per diem at Therumani Anicut works.

2. That owing to mismanagement in the excavation of foundation without required slopes large volume of earth gave way and fell upon the Petitioner's husband and *some others* on the 14th July 1888.

3. The excutive Engineer under whose personal superintendence the work was in progress at the time, sent my husband the next day after the accident to Erode Hospital for treatment. The Apothecary spared no pains but the case proved nevertheless fatal on the 29th July 1888.

4. That if proper arrangement was made at the beginning and the excavation made step by step as is usually done in such cases of deep cutting, this accident would not have occurred.

5. That my husband gave me to understand that the native subordinate in immediate charge of the works suggested to the Engineer to make the excavation in the usual manner with due slope, but that Officer would give no heed to the suggestion and insisted on the vertical cutting which resulted in the above miserable case and has thrown your Petitioner and her two female children aged 7 and 2 years into the wide world helpless.

6. That the accident was due entirely to the carelessness of departmental Officers in not adopting precautionary measures but not in any way due to my husband's carelessness is a fact that no one can conscientiously deny.

7. Under these circumstances the Petitioner humbly craves that the benign Government will sympathize with her miserable condition and order some pension to be granted for her and the orphans' support.

For which act of indulgence the Petitioner as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray.

This mark of ⟶ Ammaniammal

c/o A. Aiyasawmy Pillai

Tiruvattiyur (Madras).

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SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. [illegible]
1-FEB.89
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 13334
17 DEC.88
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. [illegible]
21 DEC 1888
P.W.D.
COIMBATORE.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. ____
29 JAN 1889
P.W.D.
COIMBATORE.

P. W. Dept.

To be returned with reply.

No. 5032 C of 13th Dec. 1888

Referred to the Supdg. Engineer IV circle for favour of remarks. The further report promised in the Supdg: Engineer's No. 327 E.W. dated 3rd August 1888 does not appear to have been received.

(By order)

W. C. Baddeley
Capt. R.E.
Under Secy. to Govt P.W.D.

No_ Salem Sub Dn. office
Velapadi 24th January 89

From

G. B. Lambert Esq 54
Executive Engineer
Salem Sub Division

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To.

The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

Sir,

With reference to your endt. No 1934 dated 21st. Ultimo on Supg Engineer's Memo No. 852/C.I. dated 19th. Ultimo (herewith returned with its enclosures) I have the honor to report as follows:—

1 The depth of the excavation was 15 feet, and was dug originally with proper slopes, but owing to the nature of the soil, (surface soil clay, depth about 8 feet sub soil sand) the sand gradually slipped into the excavation by the weight of the clay above. Pieces of clay were every now and then removed, when they appeared dangerous, and

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likely to fall into the excavation.

2 On the day in question (14th July 1888) the work was inspected by the Superintending and Executive Engineers, who left only a few hours before the accident took place. They had also thoroughly inspected the work on the previous day, and were quite satisfied with the excavation, which owing to the nature of the soil, gave a wide margin on all sides of the work.

3 I was not on the work at the time the accident took place (about 10½ a m); the work was in charge of the Supervisor. I had gone all round the works, and had given all orders and instructions to the Supervisor and sub overseer amongst other things I had ordered the removal of a piece of clay I thought dangerous. I then went to my shed to do office work which had to be despatched at about 1 P.m. - at about 10½ a m

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a man brought me the news of the accident. I immediately hastened to the site and found that a piece of the clay had fallen down on to the bricklayers who were working below. They had begun to remove the clay without first ordering all the workmen to another part of the work. As I mentioned in para 1 of this report pieces of clay had before been removed from other parts, the men working below having first been ordered away. To remove these pieces did not take long and even if the men were idle, the waste of time would not be much.

3 I immediately made arrangements to remove the wounded to the nearest hospital, and wrote a letter to the Apothecary. In this instance the bricklayer being a native of Erode particularly requested to go there for treatment and so I wrote a letter

to the Apothecary there. All the wounded men left the work on the day of the accident. immediately bandies could be procured and I saw that every thing was done for their comfort.

4 I enclose a letter from the Supervisor who was then in charge, it will be seen that he denies all responsibility and makes one or two false statements. I also enclose a letter from Apothecary at Erode reporting the cause of death; it seems he did not report before as the man did not die in hospital.

Enclo: No:

5 I consider that the Supervisor was very much to blame for not ordering the bricklayers &ca to some other part of the work before he began to remove the clay above, and that the accident was due to his carelessness.

6 Compensation should, I consider, be granted to the widow, as it is a deserving case.

I have the honor &ca
(Signed) G. B. Lambert
Executive Engineer

True copy
E. W. Martin
30/1/89 Ex Engineer

SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 3/2 8L
1- FEB. 89
P. W. D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

Dindigal 19th January 89

To.
The Sub Division Officer
Salem Sub Division
Through the Executive Engineer
Madura Division

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Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 260 of 10th Instant, I beg to inform you that men were not removing the overhanging piece of earth at or before the time of the accident. It was you that arranged the workmen on the morning of the accident the 14th July 1888, and employed some men in digging a ramp or sloping trench (for rolling boulders) though not on, but by the side of the overhanging piece of earth you refer to, and after a few minutes i e after you went to another part of the work, it was I that sent away or removed the workmen to another portion, believing that working even

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even by the side of the shaky piece is dangerous. I did not remonstrate with you on the subject at the very moment, because it was owing to this and similar subjects that I have incurred your displeasure already. As there is no question about the dangerous part, I need not go into its details.

2 On the day of the accident and on 3 or 4 previous days, you were on the workspot, & you commenced work every morning, and so you were satisfied with the unforeseen nature of the accident. Even the Executive and Suptg Engineers left the workspot only 2 or 3 hours before it. If I were alone and commenced the work on the morning of the accident, I would have been called on at once (about 6 months ago) to submit an explanation for the same.

I beg to remain &ca

(Signed) A. Nadamoony Mudr.

Supervisor

True copy

30/1/89 Exe Eng

G: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 7/5 P.C.
1 - FEB. 89
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

No 110

Municipal Dispensary
Erode 11th January 1889.

From
The Civil Apothecary
Erode

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To.
G. B. Lambert Esq
Executive Engineer
Salem Sub Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 251 dated 7th January 1889 asking for the cause of death of bricklayer Marimuthu Pillai I beg to state that the said patient was removed from hospital in a dying state by his relatives, and that he did not die in hospital. He was suffering from Uramia the result of rupture of bladder and exhavasation of urine.

I beg to remain &ca

(Signed) P. W. Chester
Civil Apothecary

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(True copies)

30/1/89

Executive Engineer

SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No.
1-FEB.89
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

Enclo: 1&2 of a letter No: 59 of 2-2-89 from the Supg. Engineer 4th Circle -

Executive Engineer's Office,
Coimbatore,

No. 320

Camp Erode 30th January 1889.

From

J. W. Martin Esq
Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division.

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To

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle,
Coimbatore.

Enclosures
1 Petition of Annamani Ammal bearing Under Secy's No. 5032C of 13.12.88.
1 Copy of Apothecary's report No. 110 of 11-1-89.
1 Copy of Salem, Sub Dn. officer's report of 24-1-89
1 copy of Nadamooni Muni's report dated 19-1-89.

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No. 852 dated 19th Ultimo forwarding a petition from Ammani Ammal wife of late Marimuthu Pillai who died on the 29th July 1888 from the effects of an accident which occurred on the 14th July at Thirumany Anicut, Salem District, I have the honor to explain that the further report promised in my endorsement No. 7 dated 31st July last was not sent, because I received no intimation up to the receipt of your Memorandum under reply, that Marimuthu Pillai died.

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2 After the accident occurred Marimuthu Pillai expressed a wish to be sent to the Dispensary at Erode. Accordingly he was sent there; and the Civil Apothecary in charge was asked to send a report about the case. He sent this report, but he made no report afterwards. It now appears from the Apothecary's report No. 110 dated 11th Instant, (Copy enclosed) that Marimuthu Pillai was removed from the Dispensary hospital in a dying state by his relatives. Consequently the Apothecary did not report his death.

3 With regard to the accident, it was caused by a large piece of earth having fallen on the bricklayers while they were engaged in building the left wing of the anicut. There was no bank, the cutting being into the natural ground. The surface of the ground was about 15 feet

above

above the level at which the bricklayers were working.

4 The Suptg Engineer and myself inspected the work on the morning of the day, (14th July) on which the accident occurred, and we left it about three hours before the men were hurt; but the Sub Division officer and the Supervisor in direct charge of the work were present when the accident took place.

5 It appears from the Sub Division officer's report No.— dated 24th Instant and Supervisor's report of 19th idem, (Copies attached) that the cutting was originally made with proper slopes, but that the bottom which was composed of sand gradually slipped into the excavation owing to the weight of the clay above, and that pieces of earth which were considered dangerous from this cause, were

every now and then removed. On the 14th some of these pieces were being removed, but unfortunately the bricklayers who were working at the wing were not ordered away before the men commenced to remove the pieces of earth, so when some of these fell they hit the bricklayers and hence the accident. I should mention that, as far as I can now remember, there was a margin of about 6 feet between the bottom of cutting and edge of wing.

6 I cannot now remember whether, when I was inspecting the work with the Supty Engineer, I gave any orders to make proper slopes and be careful with the cutting in the interest of the safety of the work people. I remember distinctly, however, that on a previous occasion when inspecting the work, I gave special instructions to

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the Supervisor to be careful about this cutting and slope it properly in order to prevent any accident occurring to the work people. This fact is 5M impressed on my mind because stones, collected for the work, were left very close to the edge of the cutting; I directed the Supervisor to get them removed back without delay and pointed out the danger of leaving them so near the edge. He did not however get the stones removed as soon as I considered he should have done, and this annoyed me at the time, so I remember distinctly the particulars.

7 At the time the accident occurred several coolies were employed, the work being pushed on as fast as possible. In these circumstances it is difficult to prevent work people

doing stupid things and expose themselves to the risk of accidents. The accident was certainly a very unfortunate one, ~~but~~ but taking the whole circumstances of the case into consideration, I do not think any one is specially responsible for it, or that there was any serious neglect to take proper measures to prevent accidents.

8 In conclusion I think it necessary to invite attention to letter No. — dated 19th January 1889 from supervisor Nadamoony Mudr. to the Salem Sub Division officer. It seems to me that the general tone of the letter is objectionable, and that the wording of the concluding part is highly improper and intentionally so on the part of Nadamoony Mudr. I therefore suggest that his conduct should be brought to the serious notice of the Chief Engineer.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant

J. W. Martin
Executive Engineer

No. 59
SWS

Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to his endorsement No: 5032 C of 13th December 1888

Enclo. 4

2. The undersigned would, in the circumstances brought to light, recommend that some pension or compensation be sanctioned for the support of the widow and the two orphan girls.

3. The attention of the Chief Engineer is invited to the concluding para of the foregoing letter.

Coimbatore
2d February 1889

A. L. Smith Lt. Col. R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

P. W. D.

SUPDG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 7
1-FEB.89
P.W.D.
FOURTH CIRCLE

FROM

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
COIMBATORE DIVISION.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
COIMBATORE.

Dated 30th
Despatched 31st
Received
January 1889.

No. 320

ENCLOSURES. 4

SUBJECT.

Tirumaniancut work accident at.

Reporting the circumstances of the —— with certain observation

No. 5032 Cd/13.12.88
" 2460 W d/13.8.88.

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth circle.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 FEB. 89
P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.

Dated 2nd February 1889.

No. 59
Ew.

Circle 4

Accident at Tiruma-ni Anicut Work:-

Submitting letter from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Dn., reporting the circumstances of the — with certain observations, and recommending that some pension be sanctioned for the widow of the deceased.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

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READ the following

Petition from Ammani Ammal, widow of late Marimuttu, Bricklayer

From the S. E. IV Circle No. 59 Ew. ~~d 59 Ew.~~ d 2-2-89.
" " Pension Dept. " 14 d 16-2-89

The order is all right but are there no rules in the P.W.D. to meet the case of coolies injured? The Pension Code rules refer to persons "employed in the service of Govt." & I doubt whether a bricklayer on a public work can be said to be so employed. If there are no P.W.D. rules the order may go. [illegible]
21 Feb.

Corrected as suggested & the [illegible] by the Pension dept.

[illegible]
19/2/89

The Govt. do not consider that an extraordinary pension can be granted to the petitioner under Sec 157 of the Civil Pension Code, the death of the bricklayer having been the result of an ordinary accident as defined in the examples under that section. The Supg. Engineer will however submit, for consideration, an application in Form D, appendix A, Civil P. Code, for the grant of a gratuity to the widow under Sec

See 162.]

2. As the Supdg Engr & Ex. Engr examined the work shortly before the accident, and did not notice that there were any irregularities or danger, it does not appear that blame can be attached to any one.

3. The Supdg Engr will take such notice as he may think proper of the Supervisor's letter of 19th January 1889.

8.2.89

8/2/89

~~Sec, Revenue (Pensions) Dept for communication~~

Let letter be sent to the [illegible]

To S.E. IV Circle.

" Petitioner (para 1 of endorsement)

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R.S. 8/11 R 25.11.89

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