Pension (1899) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 561-

DATED 14 Augt /99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Granting an extraordinary gratuity of Rs. 24 to the Mungammal ~~wife~~ widow of late Vetti Munian of Puliakkam Village who met his death in the execution of Public ~~p~~ duty

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PENSION ~~Revenue~~ (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 587

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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras.

REF.D.No.47.
~~No.~~

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
5 - JUL. 1899
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

Dated 9th June 1899

Received 5th July 99

Registered 5th July 1899

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Order 14th Augt/99 No. 561

Under art. 787 of the CSR, 3rd Edition, H.E. the Governor in Council is pleased to grant to Murugammal, an Extraordinary gratuity of Rs. (24/-) twenty-four, equal to six months' pay, payable at Tiruvallur in consideration of her husband Munien, late Vetti of Pulivakkam Village, having met his death in the performance of public duty.

2. The Board's proposal to grant the widow a pension is inadmissible.

(from orders)

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To
The A.G.
Bd. of Rev. L.R.

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. an application from the Collr. of Chingleput for an extraordinary pension under art. 798 of the Civil Service Regulations to Murugammal, widow of deceased Munian, Vetti of Polivakkam village, Conjeeveram Tk., who died when performing his duty, viz., in attempting to close a breach in a tank-bund.

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Read.
Pros. of the Bd. of Rev. L. R. d/9-6-99 No. 47.
Letter from the A.G. d/1-7-99 No. Pen.-182 V. / 3390.

For orders.

The Board submits an application for the grant of an extraordinary pension to the family of one Munian, a Vetti of Polivakkam village who is reported to have been killed in the execution of his duty.

2. In October last, owing to heavy rains, a leakage was caused in the bund of the Polivakkam tank by the side of the sluice, and while the deceased was attempting to stop a growing hole with a bundle of Kambu stalks, the bund suddenly gave way and the man was covered in by the loosened earth which fell over him. He remained under the earth for about an hour and was then forced out alive in an unconscious state through the vent of the sluice. His brother & some others lifted him up and removed him to his house where he died 3 days after of tetanus.

3. An inquest was held by the Deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbadur and his findings are given in his letter dated 25th April 1899 flagged D. The widow of the deceased is 55 years old and has 3 daughters aged between 2 and 8 years &

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ends that, in the circumstances of the
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ood character, a pension of Rs.2-12-0
er mensem may be given to the widow.

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4. Under art. 782 of the Civil Service Regulations a wound or extraordinary pension or gratuity is granted only when injury or death is met in the performance of a duty which is attended with extraordinary bodily risk, while ~~which~~ no claim can be recognized on account of loss of life or bodily injury resulting from an ordinary accident.

5. The residents of the Polivakkam village have deposed before the Sub-Magistrate as follows:):

"Nobody anticipated that this kind of danger would happen if we went there. If we could have known it, we too would not have gone there, nor would we have allowed the Vetti to go there; what happened was by pure accident."

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Because a danger is not anticipated it does not exist!

6. So, as pointed out by the Accountant-General, it seems doubtful whether the duty in the performance of which the Vetti was killed can be described as ~~on~~ a duty attended with extraordinary bodily risk, and consequently the case does not seem to fall under art. 782, Civil Service Regulations. The circumstances of the case

"Trying to stop a growing hole with a bundle of Kambu stalks" to save a bank which is just bursting! Surely means extraordinary bodily risk.

do not also seem to be such as to ~~modify~~ justify an application being made to th Government of India for a gratuity unde art 787 A, of the Civil Service Regulations.

7. Art. 787 of the Civil Service Regulations, however, empowers the Local Government to grant under ordinary circumstances a gratuity not exceeding Six months' pay and also not exceeding Rs. 600, reporting the grant as in the case of an ordinary gratuity.

8. The Sub-Collector has recommended that in the circumstances the widow may, if possible, be granted a gratuity as a special case. The Accountant-General certifies that the widow may be given under art 787, of the Civil Service Regulations, a gratuity not exceeding Rs.24 equal to 6 months' pay of the deceased Vetti. Submitted that this may b done.

Precedents G.Os., 641 G d/18-8-97, 946 H d/ I 10-10-96 & 818 d/19-7-95 ~~are put up.~~ are put up.

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It is clear from the deposition before the Deputy Tahr that the deceased did not know he was in danger, or voluntarily accept ~~run~~ any risk. A rush of water was tunnelling the bund at the side of the sluice. The bund was 16 ft. high. The deceased & 4 villagers were standing on the bund, when the top of the tunnel fell in carrying deceased, with a mass of earth, into the tunnel. The villagers were standing 2 yards from him & narrowly escaped.

I concur that Board's proposal to grant widow a pension is inadmissible.

I am in favour of granting her the gratuity of Rs 24 which the Acct-Genl. is prepared to pass

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Secy Please see draft on docket below
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Asst. Genl's Office
12 JUN 1899

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

Madras, 9th June 1899.

READ— letter from D.W.G.Cowie Esq., Ag. Collector of Chingleput to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, Ref. on No.2400-Gl. of 1898, dated 19th February 1899; and Reference thereon D.No.13, dated 28th February 1899.

Read also letter from the same officer, Ref. on No.2400-Gl. of 1898, dated 27th May 1899.

Reference No. D.No.47 dated 9th June 1899 ~~189~~.

The Board submits to Government an application from the Collector of Chingleput for an extraordinary pension, under article 798 of the Civil Service Regulations, to Murugammal, widow of deceased Munian, Vetti of Polivakkam village, Conjeeveram Taluk, who died when performing his duty in circumstances attended with extraordinary bodily risk.

2. A leakage was caused in the bund of the Polivakkam tank by the heavy rains of October last, and while the deceased was attempting to stop it, the bund suddenly gave way and the man was covered in by the loosened earth. He remained under the earth for about an hour and was then forced out alive by the current but died three days after of tetanus.

3. An inquest was duly held by the Deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbadur under article 797 of the Civil Service Regulations and the findings are reported in the Deputy Tahsildar's letter dated 25th April 1899 accompanying the Collector's application. A list giving the names and ages of the surviving kindred of the deceased is also submitted under article 799.

4. In the circumstances of the case, and considering the good character and service of the deceased and the pecuniary circumstances and prospects of his widow who is the present claimant, the Board supports the Collector's recommendation that a pension of Rs.2-12-0 should be sanctioned. This is the minimum amount

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that can be granted as pension under article 789 (iii) Civil Service Regulations and represents $\frac{11}{16}$ of the pay of the Vetti which was Rs.4 -- per mensem. Under article 791 of the Civil Service Regulations the pension would be drawn by the widow for life or until marriage.

Lionel Davidson

Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Pension Department, through the
Accountant-General with Collr's. letters & enclos. in original.

Q.B.

Pension Department

Fort St. George
Accountant General's Office,
1st July 1899

No. $\frac{\text{Pen 182 V}}{3390}$

Submitted. Under Article 782 of the Civil Service Regulations a wound or extraordinary pension or gratuity may be granted only when the injury or death is met in the performance of a duty which is attended with extraordinary bodily risk, while no claim can be recognized on account of loss of life or bodily injury resulting from an ordinary accident. From the explanation of the circumstances furnished by the Collector and the statements of certain residents of Poliwakkum recorded by the Deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur especially the part marked with blue pencil, it seems doubtful whether the duty in the performance of which the Vetti was killed can be described as a duty attended with extraordinary bodily risk and therefore whether the circumstances fall strictly within the conditions of Article 782. If this view is accepted but Government still think the circumstances are such as to require the grant of a gratuity an application may be made to the Government of India for a gratuity under

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Article 787 A Civil Service Regulations. Should Government however hold otherwise, the widow may under Article 787 of the Civil Service Regulations be granted a gratuity not exceeding Rs 24/- equal to six months' pay as proposed by the Sub Collector in his endorsement dated 31st January 1899. The proposal to grant a pension of Rs 2-12.- per mensem (half the pay of the deceased, raised to the minimum specified in Article 789 Civil Service Regulations) till death or remarriage would be admissible only if the circumstances were held to fall strictly within the conditions of Article 782 and also to be such as to call for specially liberal treatment.

W.H. Dawson
Offg: Accountant General.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Pension Department

Chingleput Dist.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Ref: on No. 2400/S.C. of 1898. Saidapet, 27th May 1899.

FROM
D. W. G. Cowie Esq.,
Ag COLLECTOR OF
Chingleput Dist.

TO
THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF
Land Revenue,
Madras.

SIR,

In reply to the Board's Proceedings reference D. No. 13 dated 28th February 1899, I have the honour to submit herewith an application for an extraordinary pension for the family of the late ~~Vetti~~ Munian, Vetti of Kolivakkam village, Conjeeveram Taluk killed in consequence of injuries received in the execution of his duty viz, in attempting to close a breach in a tank bund, together with a list shewing the names and ages of the surviving kindred of the deceased.

2. An inquest was held by the Deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur and the evidence taken by him is herewith submitted together with an English translation. It

is reported that the deceased had served Government for about 15 years and bore a good character. All his property consisted of a house site 40 yards long and 10 yards broad in the village of Polivakam and a small hut worth about Rs 3, and he has left a widow aged 35 with 3 female children all below 10 years of age.

The original report of the officer who conducted the inquest is also submitted for reference and favor of return.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
D V R Coml 2.5
Ag Collector.

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Dy. Tahsildar's Office
Camp: Mathoor.
dated 25th April 18

From
M.R.Ry.
V.K. Subbaiyar.
Ag. Dy. Tahsilda
Sriperumbudur

To.
The Sub collector of
Chingleput Dt.

Respected sir,

With reference to your footnote Reference on No 454/Sup date 29.3.99 on Board's Reference D. No 13 dated 28th February 99 regarding the proposed grant of a pension to the widow of the late vetti Munian of Polivakam I beg to report as follows.

2. A formal inquest was held by me this day as required by article 797 of the civil service Regulations and the evidence recorded on the matters therein referred to is herewith submitted. It will be seen therefrom that while the vetti was attempting to stop a growing hole in the

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bund of the Polivakkam tank caused by the heavy rains of October last, the bund suddenly gave way, and the man was covered in by the earth which fell over him, remained under the earth for about an hour and was at last forced out alive in an unconscious state through the vent of the sluice by the current and died 3 days later of the injuries received in the accident. The facts have already been fully reported in my arzi Reference on no 8/3 Sub dated 2-1-99. The evidence also shews that the claimant Suvungammal is the lawfully married wife of the deceased & has 3 daughters by him aged between 2 & 8 years. The deceased has left no other property except a house site and a small hut in it and the widow and her daughters are left utterly helpless. They have no relations who can support them and the widow has to earn her livelihood and support her children by her own manual labour.

3. An application in the form prescribed in article 798 and the list prescribed in article 799 are herewith submitted.

4. With reference to clauses I and IV of article 785 I beg to submit the statement obtained from the village munsiff from which it will be seen that the deceased bore a good character and performed his duties with willingness and interest. and that he served Government for about 15 years, 5 years from the recent revision of village establishment, i.e, from 1st January 94 and 10 years prior to the revision of village establishment which took place in the year 1879, when his services were dispensed with owing to reduction of establishment. I have already stated in para 2 the pecuniary condition

of the Claimant. As in the panchama caste subsequent marriages after the death of the husband are allowed. I asked the Claimant whether she intends remarrying but she states that she would not do so as she has three children to support. She is already aged about 35. There is therefore no prospect of her condition improving. 5 or of the records as per margin are herewith submitted.

I beg to remain
Respected Sir
Your most obedient servant

Ag. Dy. Tahsildar

Records

(1) Statement of Polivakkam Village Munsiffs, Murugamundi and villagers of 25-4-99. one sheet

(2) Sworn deposition of Appasami Reddi of 25-4-99.

(3) do- Subbaroya Reddi -do

(4) -do- Govinda Reddi -do

(5) -do- Sonachela Reddi -do

(6) List showing the name &c of the relations of the deceased Vetti Munian

(7) Application on behalf of deceased Vetti Munian of Polivakkam for extraordinary pension or gratuity

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The Dy Tahsildar of
Sriperumbudur

CHINGLEPUT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
25 MAY 1899
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To
The Sub Collector
Chingleput district

Submitted to the Collr. with reference to this endt. referring no 2400/88 d 10-3-99.

Ag. Sub Collr.
No 295

Dated 25
Despd 28 } April 1899

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No 268/Dis of 99.

23 MAY 1899

Subject

Recommending extraordinary pension to Muruga Ammal widow of late Vetti Munian of Polivakkam

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Before V. K. Subbier Avergal Dy Tahsildar of Triperumbudur Division

The statement of Appaswami Reddi village munsiff of Polivakkam.

1 The deceased Vetti Munian was a man of good behaviour. He was not addicted to drink or taking Ganja, opium and such other intoxicating drugs. He was not given to stealing and such other bad acts, as well as to whoring. While he was on duty he was not only discharging it with interest but was also very obedient to Government. I hear that Vetti Munian had been Vetti for about 10 years prior to the reorganization of village establishments in 1289. He was Confirmed only at the time of the Clubbing of villages and this was from January 1894. The property owned by Muruganmal, widow of Vetti Munian, Consists of the following:—

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1) A house-site 40 x 10 yards

2) a hut worth Rs 3 or 4.

3) About 40 palmyra plants growing in the above site which are not worth while being priced.

4) Three portia trees worth about one Rupee.

5) Two bamboo bushes not worth being priced.

She possesses no property except these. Muruganmal now lives by doing Cooly work. She says that she will not remarry. There is no likelihood of her present condition being improved hereafter. The undermentioned persons are the surviving close relations of the deceased Vetti-munian.

Relationship.		Name.	Year of birth.
Son.		Nil	Nil.
wife (widow).		Muruganmal.	The exact year not known. may have been borne about the year 1864.
Daughters	1.	Yellammal.	1890 - 91.
	2.	Periapounamal -	1894 - 95
	3.	Chinna do -	1896 - 97.
Father		Dead	-
Mother		Lakshmi.	About 70 or 75 years of age. between the years 1825 & 1829 - cannot fix the exact year.

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There are no other relations except those named above.

Read over to me and found to be correct.

(Signed) Appaswami Reddi.

We heard what was taken down above and it is Correct.

(Signed). Govinda Reddi

— mark of Kollaimuttan.

Do. Venkatesan.

(Signed) Subraya Reddi

" Sonachallam

" Chengalroya Nayudu.

25.4.99.

The statement of Govinda Reddi.

Prior to fasli 1289, Rangappa Reddi the son of my father's elder brother was monegar munsiff. I know personally that Munian was doing duty for 5 or 6 years at that time.

(Sd). Govinda Reddi.

The statement of Muruganmal.

I am the wife of the deceased Munian

I have been living on cooly work ever since the death of my husband. As I have to bring up 3 Children, I am not going to remarry. I have no other property except a house. I have no relations who would support me.

— mark of Murugammal.

The statement of the Village munsiff.

The deceased Vetti munian would have been 50 years old. He was a strong man. If he had been alive, he would be able to do duty for 10 or 15 years more.

(Signed) Appaswami Reddi.

(A true translation)

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~~fr~~ Ag Collector

29-5-89

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Enquiry under Article 785. C.S.R

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ON Preliminary Inquiry under Article 797 C.S.R was already Conducted & the Statements taken from V.Os & Villagers were Submitted to Sub Collector with Arzi Report No 803 of 88 / Sub of 30-12-88

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Enquiry under Article 799 [illegible] [illegible]

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— Mark of Munyammal.

Before me

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Before me

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Camp Mathoor 1899.

Before the deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur Dr.

1st witness.

Name. — Appaswami Reddi
Father's name. — Nagappa Reddi
Caste — — Vanniya
Religion — — Siva
Occupation — — Village munsiff and Cultivation
Age — — 53
Residence — Polivakam
Taluk — — Conjeeveram

was sworn

I heard that on the 31st October last — at about 3 P.m — a hole was formed at the sluice of the tank ~~that~~ Vette Muniyan, in order to stop the hole, carried a headload of Kumbu stalks over the bund, left the bundle there, and was returning and that when he was so returning, the sluice gave way and he was drawn into the water through the gap and further that the bank gave way and fell on him. Thereupon, I repaired to the tank bund when I was going there, he was being carried down (towards me). He was unconscious then. After he was attended to for some time, he began to breathe slowly and consciousness returned. He remained in the same state for three days and then died of tetanus. He died at 3 in the afternoon on

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on 3rd November. Murugammal now before the Court is the lawfully married wife of Muniyan. She has three female issues. Murugammal possesses no other property except a house site. She lives by Cooly labor. She has no relations who can maintain her and her three children. The children are from 2 to 8 years old

Sd. Appakannukedi

25-4-89.

(A True Translation)

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1st தீர்ப்பு சாட்சி.

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25 Novr

Read over & acknowledged to be correct

25 Novr

Camp — Mathoor 10/7

Before the Deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur.

2d. Witness

Name - Subroya Reddi
Father's name - Ponnappa Reddi
Caste - Vanniya
Religion - Siva
Occupation - Cultivation
Age - 35
Residence - Polivakkam
Taluk - Conjeeveram

Was sworn

On the 31st October last, hearing that a hole was formed in the sluice of the tank, some of us residents of the village went there. At that time Vetti-munian brought a bundle of Kumboo stalks, threw it into the sluice hole and when he was returning, the sluice suddenly gave way and he was drawn into the breach. Immediately after the bank too gave way, fell on him and covered him. As there was much water and as the bund was giving way no one found it possible to approach him. He was within the water for about an hour

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and at the end of that time Muniam was thrown out by water from the sluice - just then his brother Venkatesan and some others lifted him out of water and brought him out and he seemed as there was no life in him. After some time he began to breathe but he had no consciousness. He was taken to the Paracheri where on his being attended to, some consciousness returned. He remained in this condition for 3 days and then died of tetanus. Munjammal, now before the Court, is Muniam's lawfully married wife. She has 3 female children whose ages vary from 2 to 8 years. She has no other means of livelihood except by cooly labour. She has no property except a house site. There are also no relatives who could maintain her

(Signed) Subraya Reddi

(True translation)

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for Collector

28-5-99

முகாம், [illegible] 1899

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25/xi/99

Read over & acknowledged to be correct

25/xi/99

Camp. Mathoor. 1899

Before the Deputy Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur Dn.

3rd witness.

Name - Govinda Reddi

Father's name - Sadayappa Reddi

Caste - Vanniya

Religion - Vishnu

Occupation - Cultivation

Age - 40

Place of Residence - Poliwakkam

Taluk - Conjeevaram

Was Sworn.

I and some others had been to the spot on the 31st October last when we heared that a hole had formed in the Sluice of the Poliwakkam tank. Vetti muniam brought up a load of kambu stalks which he let into the hole; and, when he was returning, the sluice gave way and he was drawn into the water (through the gap): The bank also immediately after gave way, fell on him, and covered him. As the floods were very heavy, as the bund was giving way, and as he was below 10 yards, we were afraid and none

of us

first attempted to take him out. After one hour's time we saw him thrown out by the water through the Sluice. Thereupon his brother and some others lifted him out of water and placed him on the bank. He ~~had~~ seemed to have no life then. After some time he began to breathe. He was then removed to his house. He remained in the same state for 3 days and then he died of tetanus. Murugammall now before the court is his lawfully married wife. She has 3 young female children. She has no means of livelihood. She can live only by Cooly labour. She has no property except a house site. She has no relations also that can support her.

25-4-99 (Signed) Govinda Reddi.

(True Translation)

D.O.C.
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For Collector

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Before the deputy Collector of Superintendent Division

4th Witness.

Name — Sonachella Reddi
Father's name — Muniyappa Reddi
Caste — Vanniya
Religion — Siva
Occupation — Cultivation
Age — 40
Place of residence — Polivakam
Taluk — Conjeeveram

Was sworn

A hole was formed in the sluice of the Polivakam Tank during the rains of last October. I and some others had been to the spot. Vetti Muniyan went to stop the hole with a bundle of Kambu stalks. While he was returning after throwing the Kambu stalks into the hole, the sluice gave way and he was drawn within (the gap) The bank also soon after gave way and fell and covered him. After he remained for one hour within the water he was thrown out by the water flowing through the sluice. His brother and some others lifted him up. When we saw him then, he had no breathing. After an hour's time he began to breathe. He was however unconscious. They removed him to his house. He remained in the same condition for three days. and then died of tetanus. Murugammale now before the Court is his lawfully married wife. She has three young female children. She has no means of livelihood. She must live only by Cooly labor. She has no ~~other~~ property except a house site. She has no relations who could maintain her.

Sd. Sonachellam

25-4-97.

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Ref: on No. $\frac{2400}{8C}$ of 1898.

Chingleput District
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp
19th February 1899.

FROM

D. W. G. Cowie Esq.,
Ag. COLLECTOR OF
Chingleput District.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF
Land Revenue,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following for the orders of the Board.

2. On October 31st, 1898, Muniam, Vetti of Poliwakam village, Conjeeveram Taluk, when attempting to stop a growing leak in the bund of the Poliwakam Tank was sucked in owing to the bank giving way, remained under the bund for some time and was brought out alive but only three to die ~~two~~ days later of the injuries he had received.

3. The Executive Engineer, Chingleput Division reported the matter to me and suggested that if possible the deceased Vetti's widow who has three young children (all girls) might be granted a small pension as her husband had risked and lost his life in the execution of his duty. This suggestion I would venture to support.

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4. It should be mentioned that the Sub-Collector has appointed the deceased's brother to the vacancy but this man is not likely to assist the widow in any way as the two brothers were not on friendly terms.

5. I have the honour to enclose the reports of the Executive Engineer and the Sub Collector on the subject together with their enclosures.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,

for Ag Collector.

20.2.99

Copy of the letter No. 437 d/ 21-11-98 from the Supervisor in charge of Mount Section to the officer in charge of Mount Sub Division;

Reference No. 1443.
14-11-98

I beg to report that I inspected Polivankam tank this day. The breach in question is 40 feet long and 16 feet deep at the site of a sluice which has been entirely damaged on the 31st ultimo except a portion of rear cistern and front head wall. The cause of this breach is that when the tank received full supply, a leakage was formed on the side of the sluice forming bigger hole as the soil is alluvial and going in water just like sugar. Soon after the village Vattian who remained at the spot, saw this, he attempted to stop this by taking a bundle of straw on his head. When he stood on the bank after throwing down the bundle, a hole was suddenly formed at the place where he stood

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and then he was taken down in it with slipping of earth over him. It seems that he was in this state under earth for about an hour. Then he was brought out by force of water after the breach was formed.

5. The man was taken out and died after two days. After subsidence of water a strong ring bund was formed by the villagers in front of breach and water was retained in the tank. I will now take levels for complete repair of the bund.

Endorsement No. 1555 E dated 22-11-98 by the Sub Divisional officer Mount.

~~Submitted for perusal and return~~

In a way the cause of the breach is been explained.

No. 3434 C (True Copy)
5-12-98

Forwarded to the Collector of Chingleput, with the suggestion that a small pension, if permissible may be given to the widow or family of the victim.

W Ward 1/12 98
Executive Engineer
Chingleput Dn.

Co. No 2400 Genl
6-12-98

From
The Executive Engineer
Chingleput Dn.

To
The Collector
Chingleput

Dated 1st } Decr 98.
Despd. 5th }

No. 3434 Cg.

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Forwarding with remarks a copy of letter from the Supervisor Mount Section re the death of the village vettian in the breach of the Polivakkam Tank

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Refe. on Coll. No $\frac{2400}{Genl}$ of 1898 -

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Forwarded to the Sub Collector, Chingleput for report. He should state all that is known as to the circumstances. From the Sub Dl. officer's report, it would appear that, if there had been others on the spot, the man's life might have been saved.

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To
The Sub Collector
Chingleput

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Sriperumbudur Division
Dated 30th December 98

From.
The Deputy Tahsildar of
Sriperumbudur Division

The Sub Collector of
Chingleput District.

Respected Sir!

With reference to your endorsement in ~~Case~~ No 1800 Sup. dated ~~of~~ [illegible] December 98 calling for a report as to the circumstances connected with the death of Vetti Muniyan of Polivakkam I beg to report as follows.

2. On the evening of the 31st October a leakage was formed in the bund of the Polivakkam tank by the side of the sluice and the vetti took a head load of straw and placed it near the spot in order that an attempt might be made to stop the leakage. All on a sudden the masonry work over the vent of the sluice collapsed at the point of the bund where the vetti was standing and took him in

portion of the bund on either side simultaneously gave way and covering the man completely gave rise to a breach 2 yards wide. The current being very strong and the depth being great nobody dared to make any attempt to plunge in and help to rescue him though there were 5 persons at the spot at the time and a large number gathered there immediately after.

In this condition the man remained for about one hour under water until all the water which had fallen over him was gradually washed away when at last he was seen being driven away by the current when he was taken out in an unconscious speechless state. He lingered in this condition for two days when tetanus set in and he died on the third day. The deceased has left behind him a helpless widow with 3 daughters aged between two and eight years. The brother of the deceased who is not in amicable terms with his family has been appointed to the place

as the nominee of the deceased's widow was not a satisfactory man. (vide Sub Collector's order Dis No 2522/R of 28 of 17-12-98)

3. The statements obtained from the village munsiff and the villagers and the endorsement under reply are herewith submitted.

I beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Ag Deputy Tahsildar

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From

The Ag. Dy Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur

To

The Sub Collector Chingleput Dn

SUB COLLECTOR
6- JAN.-1899
CHINGLEPUT

Dated. 30-12-98

Recd. 2-1-99.

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Reporting the circumstances under which ~~the~~ Vetti Munian of Polivakkam died at the Tank breach –

Respectfully submitted

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Submitted to the Collector with reference to his footnote Refon no 2400 Gl dated 6-12-98 to Executive Engineer's Refon no 3434 Co dated 5-12-98.

2. From para 2 of the Deputy Tahsildar's arzi it would appear that 5 persons were present on the spot at the time of the accident but none dared to risk his life owing to the strong current of the water that was rushing out and as the man lay buried under the mud thrown over him by the breach.

3. There appears to be no provision for awarding a pension to the deceased's family as proposed by the Executive Engineer. But, considering the circumstances in which the man met his death, I recommend that it may be treated as a special case, and some gratuity granted to his widow, if possible.

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Chingleput Ag Sub Collector

Before V. K. Subbier, Deputy Tahsildar of the Sriperumbudur Division.

The statement given by the undersigned residents of Polivakkam village.

On the 31st October last year when a leakage occurred at the sluice of the new D.P.W. tank of the above named village and Vetti Munian was absorbed into the leakage, ~~we~~ we were all standing close by. It will not be more than 2 yards between the place where we were and the spot where the leakage occurred and the Vetti was sucked in. While we were consulting as to whether we could stop the flow of water by intercepting it by bringing up and dropping in a door or by what other means we could do it, all on a sudden the ground on which the Vetti was standing gave way and he was drawn into the breach to a depth of about 10 or 12 feet. Immediately after a large piece of earth slipped upon him and covered him so that his person could not be seen. Then we jumped off and ran away. If we had stayed there, three of us, viz. Arumuga Reddi and Ponnappa Reddi *alias* Chinnapiyan would have also been absorbed in the split. It was

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not possible for us or for any one else to save him. Nobody anticipated that this kind of danger would happen if we went there. If we could have known it, we too would not have gone there, nor would we have allowed the vetti to go there. What happened was by pure accident. We have heard it read over to us and is correct

(Signed) Arumuga Reddi
Subbaroya Reddi
× mark of Ponnappa Reddi
alias Chinnapiyyan
(Signed) Vetti Ponnan

Statement of Appasami Reddi Village Munsiff of Polivakkam.

I heard the above statement read over to me. All the matters stated in it are true.

(Signed) Appasami Reddi

19-12-98.

As the sluice shook and the bank over it gave way, he got into the gap and the earth covered him from sight - soon after there was a breach to a width of 2 yards and there was a rush of waters. By this flow of waters, the earth which had fallen over him and had covered him was washed away; after the lapse of an hour he was brought down by the waters through the mouth of the sluice. It will be about an hour during which time he was thus under water. After he fell down, a large number of people collected there. After he came out, his brother Venkatesan, Vetti Ponnan, Vadakkumalaiyan Ponnan, and cowherd Ponnan removed him out of the waters. He was speechless for 2 days. Then tetanus set in and he died on the 3rd day. He had no male issue. He leaves behind him his wife Murugi and 3 girls whose ages vary from 2 to 8 years.

(Signed) Village Munsiff Appasami Reddi
(Signed) Subbaroya Reddi
(Signed) Arumuga Reddi
Mark of Ponnappa Reddi alias Chinnapiyan.
(Signed) Govinda Reddi.
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(Signed) Vetti Ponnan.
(Signed) M. Ponnan.

(True translation)

Munshi
for Ag. Collector

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