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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th July 1866.*

No. 356. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 3rd July 1866, No. 61 :—

With reference to G. O. No. 1,118, of 11th April 1866, and my letter No. 319 of 31st March 1866, I have the honor to submit claims to gratuities of the follow-

Enclosure 1.

ing individuals, who have been seriously injured on the Coonoor Ghaut works:—

Nursa, Cooly boy.

Veerasawmy, Pensioned Sepoy.

Guriah, Cooly.

The last is the individual alluded to in my subsequent report abovementioned.

No. 357. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1866, No. 2,241.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 35.

Nursa...	...	...	...	...	RS. 36
Veerasawmy	...	...	...	...	60
Guriah...	...	...	...	...	48
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1. The Government sanction the grant of the gratuities marginally noted to the three individuals who are reported to have received severe injuries during their employment on the Coonoor Ghaut works. The charge will be debited to the allotment for those works.

2. Should it be found that in the case of Veerasawmy and Guriah the injuries eventually lead to the permanent destruction of their vision, the Superintending Engineer will report the matter for the further consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th June 1867.

No. 1,917.

No. 579.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 61.

1. In March 1866, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division reported the occurrence of two accidents from blasting on the Coonoor Ghaut whereby two men received such injuries as threatened permanently to unfit them for earning their livelihood. These men were Veerasawmy, a pensioned Sepoy, and Guriah, an ordinary cooly, and pending the result of medical treatment, gratuities equal to six months' wages were authorized to be disbursed to them.

2. The Superintending Engineer now reports that Veerasawmy is not likely ever to regain the use of his eyes to such an extent as to enable him to earn his own subsistence, and that Guriah has permanently lost the power of motion of his right hand and is suffering from total blindness. Under these circumstances the Government consider the simple grant of gratuities to the sufferers very inadequate compensation to them for the severe misfortune which has befallen them, inasmuch as no specific small payment in one sum can enable them to make provision for their maintenance when disabled as these men now are, and I am to request that the Government of India will, as a special case, sanction the grant of a pension of Rupees 3-8-0 per mensem to the cooly Guriah, and an increase of Rupees 1-8-0 to the present pension of Rupees 3-8-0 to the pensioned Sepoy Veerasawmy.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 577. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 3rd June 1867, No. 49 :—

I have the honour to report, with reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 2,241 of 17th July, on the authority of the Medical Officer in charge of Coonoor, that, on quitting Hospital, Veerasawmy had re-gained the partial use of both eyes, but not to such an extent as to be able to earn his own livelihood, and there was no probability of his vision improving further. Guriah was suffering from total loss of sight in both eyes ; the power of motion of the right hand was also permanently impaired.

DESCRIPTION OF CLAIMANTS.														
Names.	Age.		Height.		Religion, caste or tribe.	Personal appearance and particular marks.	Present occupation and prospects, whether on receipt of pay or pension from the Govt.	Degree of relationship to deceased.	Name.	Occupation and period of service.	Name of the injury which caused death.	Names and description of witnesses in support of the claim.	Amount of gratuity proposed.	Record of evidence and remarks.
	Years.	Months.	Feet.	Inches.										
Narasa ...	16	.....	4	9½	Canarese chuckler.	Marked with small-pox. Lost the left eye. Deep scar on the left temple. Scar in front of the right shoulder joint. Numerous scars on the right forearm; a long and deep scar in the inner aspect of the left forearm and hand.	Coolie ...	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	We recommend a gratuity of Rupees 36, being six months' full pay at Rs. 6.	Received the following injuries at the time of explosion :- Destruction of the left eye, fracture of right forearm, and numerous bruises and contusions in both arms and in various parts of the body. All recovered from, except the loss of the left eye. Both eyes so extensively injured by the effect of the explosion that he will never re-gain useful vision in either eye, so as to be able to earn a livelihood.
Veerasawmy	49	.....	5	3½	Malabar...	Numerous scars on the neck on both sides, and on the upper part of the chest on the left side. Face and forehead tattooed with blue marks from the effects of the Gun-powder explosion.	Pensioned bleasie 51st Regiment N. I., draws Rs. 3-8-0 pension per mensem.	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	We recommend a gratuity of Rupees 60, being six months' full pay at Rs. 10.	Both eyes much injured. Right hand also much injured. Soft parts in the palm of the hand lacerated, and metacarpal bone of little finger smashed. It is impossible to say at present how far he may re-gain useful vision, and to what extent he may re-gain the use of the right hand. The little finger and metacarpal bone have been removed.
Gurriah ...	30	.....	5	2½	Canarese Pariah.	Face marked with small-pox. A black mole in front of each shoulder and several on the chest and face.	Coolie ...	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	We recommend a gratuity of Rupees 48, being six months' full pay at Rs. 8.	

Coonoor,
2nd May 1866.

(Signed) G. S. W. OGG, M. B.,
Asst. Surgeon, Medical Officer, Coonoor, }
(") G. V. LAW, Captain, } Members of the Committee.
(") G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E., }
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
27th June 1867.

No. 578. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1867, No. 1,916.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 60.

Under the special circumstances of the cases referred to in this letter, application will be made to the Government of India for the grant of a pension of Rupees 3-8-0 per mensem to the cooly Guriah, and an increase of Rupees 1-8-0 to the present pension of Rupees 3-8-0 to the pensioned Sepoy Veerasawmy.

Ordered that the following letter be sent :—
(Here enter No. 1,917, dated 27th June 1867.)
(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Pension Department.

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of Rs. 1-8-0 to the present
pension of Major William
who were disabled by an
explosion at Coonoor.

Order Resolved 4th July 1867
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