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Gratuity.

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ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1870, No. 114.

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(True Extract)

H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

I, James Smith hereby certify that to the best of my belief the disease (Typhoid fever) which caused the death of the late Inspector Thomas of the South Arcot Police, was contracted in a Chutrum where he was residing, while on the discharge of his duty. The Inspector was probably predisposed to infection having about the time he caught the disease, suffered much from exposure to rainy weather.

L. Smith
Assist Surgeon
Acting Civil Surgeon

Luddalane
21st December 1869

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PENSION.	
To	THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
Dated March, 14th.	
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Refusing the grant of gratuity asked for on behalf of Mr. Thomas, late Inspector of Police in South Arcot District.	

Revenue Board Office
19 January 1870

Sr.

My dear Major Keane

I learn that the local officers have forwarded for submission to Government an application for a gratuity for the widow and children of the late Inspector, Mr Thomas, of South Arcot.

I have not heard the opinions given in respect to the deceased's character, merits and probity by Mr Thomas's immediate superiors; but I can not suppose them to be otherwise than

to name a few of the most efficient and trustworthy inspectors in the Service, I would certainly have named Mr Thomas as one, and I can add that in my day I should have found it very difficult to replace him had the Service lost him then, and I only hope that you may be able to find his equal now.

Yours sincerely

W. L. Thomas

Enclosure 2
In a letter from the
Inspector of Police dated
Madras 26 January 1870
No 548.

Sir,

W. Robinson Esq. C.S.
2^d Member of the
Board of Revenue.

Certifying as to the
character &c. of Mr. S.
Thomas, late Inspector
of Police & District.

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N. 548

From

Chief Office of the Inspector of Police
Madrass 26th January 1870

The Inspector General
of Police

To
The Agt. Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government a letter from Mr. Lieutenant Young acting Superintendent of Police South Arcot on behalf of the widow and five children of the late Mr. Thomas and Class Inspector of Police, who recently died of typhoid fever contracted by exposure in the discharge of his duty.

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Mayor Swanton the Deputy Inspector General strongly supports the recommendation and Mr. Robinson B.P. has added a testimonial to the worth of the late Inspector Thomas and to the services rendered by him to Government. The District Magistrate has frequently brought home to me the merits of the deceased Inspector.

3 There is no doubt that Inspector Thomas performed his arduous public duties with exceptional devotion, and he ultimately fell a victim to the hardships and exposure connected therewith. During his administration of the South West Land Customs & Opium Service many malpractices and irregularities were brought to light and the Revenue has largely increased.

4 The widow and five children of Inspector Thomas have been left without any means of support. I am aware that applications for pensions or gratuities other than those sanctioned by established rules should not be made unless very strong grounds exist for the recommendation, but I trust that this may be considered an exceptional case. The Government of India were pleased to sanction a gratuity equal to two months' pay to the widow of the

late Mr. Liepenstein Sub Assistant of the Corg Revenue Survey who died of fever contracted in the jungle while in the exercise of his duties (Order of Government of India Financial Department No 2803 dated 30 Sept 1867) and I trust that a similar boon may be granted in the present case. The length of Mr. Liepenstein's service appears to have been much shorter than that of Mr. Thomas.

I have the honor to be
Yours most ^{Sir} obedient servant
Cham
Inspector General of Police.

Memorandum

Application is made for a special gratuity of two months' pay of a 2nd Class Inspector of Police to the family of Mr. Thomas, an officer of that rank, who recently died of typhoid fever in South Africa, leaving a wife and five children unprovided for.

2. Mr. Thomas was originally a private soldier, and while in the army was employed as an army schoolmaster. He was discharged as a time expired man in 1861. From that time till 1863 he was master of the Cathedral School. On 1st Decr 1863 he was admitted into the Police as a 4th Class Inspector, was promoted

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I think we might try it. The deceased was evidently a quiet friend. He died of a malarial fever contracted in the service of his duty. If the case is made out, I think they could make the grant. I do not see how they can refuse. I am afraid that a sufficient case has not been made out upon which to base an application to the High Court of India. I think not. A.P.

1870 28 September

No 116.8

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to 3rd class in May 1864,
and to 2nd Class in
Sept 1866. He died
on the 21st Nov 1869.
His service in the Police
was thus 6 years all
but nine days.

3 He received the
highest testimonials
from those under whom
he served before he
entered the Police, and
his superiors in that force
strongly urge the claims
of his family upon God.

Major Swanson, Deputy
Inspector General, says
that "Mr Thomas was
a thoroughly honest
man and good officer;
he was most earnest
in his work and never
spared himself in any
way; that the land
customs revenue"

(Mr Thomas was at the
head of the Preventive
Police

Police in South Africa,) "has very largely in-
creased, and must
continue to do so; many
malpractices, ^{seen} discovered
and put a stop to; and
the preventive force
brought into good
working order." These
results he considers to
be due to Mr Thomas'
"energy and honesty
under very trying cir-
cumstances." Major
Beam, in endorsing these
statements, says that
the District Magistrate
has often brought Mr
Thomas' merits to
notice - Mr W. Robinson
has written a letter
to Major Beam which
is enclosed in the
latter's letter to Govt.
Mr Robinson says -

"Until the French frontier
preventive

preventive duty in South
West was confided to
Mr Thomas, things con-
tinued in a most un-
satisfactory condition,
and the Revenue returns
showed a falling off.

From the time he was
placed in charge his
ceaseless activity and
integrity gradually
wrought an important
change. I need not say
that corruption and
intrigue are almost
inseparable from
frontier customs service
in all departments
when worked with
native subordinates.

Mr Thomas' personal
rigor and irreproach-
able honesty kept both
in check under cir-
cumstances of excep-
tional difficulty and
temptation; and I have
had

had for years the highest
opinion and fullest
confidence in the
late Preventive Customs
Inspector. I attribute
much of the improve-
ment in the customs
receipts and adminis-
tration which has oc-
curred since he was
in charge to his efficiency
and probity."

4. Lieutenant Young
the Superintendent
speaks of Mr Thomas' death as "caused by
typhoid fever brought
on by exposure", and
Major Beane says that
he died of "typhoid fever
contracted by exposure
in the discharge of his
duty". These ex-
pressions are scarcely
warranted by the
medical certificate
in which Dr Smith
says

says that the Inspector
was probably predis-
posed to infection, having
about the time he caught
the disease suffered
much from exposure
to rainy weather."

5. Mr Thomas
was, no doubt, a very
deserving officer, but
it is submitted that
to comply with the
application made on
behalf of his family
will establish a very
inconvenient precedent.

He did no more than
his duty, and it is
not alleged that in
the performance of it
he was exposed to
personal risks of more
than ordinary charac-
ter. The principle upon
which grants to the
families of ~~deceased~~
public servants have
been

who have died during their service

been occasionally allowed
appears to be that their
duties did expose them
to such risks. In
1868 an allowance of
Rs 15 per mensem up
to the age of 18 was granted
to the son of a Sub Magis-
trate in the Khond
Hills, who had rendered
good service both in
the Khond risings and
in the suppression of
Meriah sacrifices, &
had died of fever; &
more recently viz. in
Oct. 1869, the Govern-
ment of India sanc-
tioned a special
gratuity of Rs 500 to
the family of Rama
Rao, a Deputy Inspector
of Schools, who died of
fever contracted when
on duty in the hill
tracts of Ganjam.

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The principle would also seem applicable to the case referred to by Major Beam, viz., the gratuity granted to the family of Mr. Liepenstein, a Revenue Surveyor, who died of jungle fever in Coorg.

6. Orders are requested. The Local Government can, of course, only recommend a grant ^{of this kind} for the sanction of the Government of India.

Application for the grant of a gratuity to the family of the late Mr. Thomas, Inspector of Police.

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H.C.

To the Inspector General of Police. } Dec 14/3/70. *ML*

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Gratuity refused to
Mr. Thomas

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To

The Inspector General
of Police

Date March 14th 1870, No. 114
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