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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
5th May 1874.*

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer of Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 31st March 1874, No. 5394 :—

Adverting to G.O., No. 610, under date the 9th instant, I have the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration and orders of Government, the enclosed "Proceedings of the Executive Engineer on special duty, Madura District, to investigate a claim to gratuity on the part of Yeroolayee, widow of the deceased" workman employed on the Goodaloor Ghaut.

Referred with G.O., No. 610, dated 9th March 1874, for consideration in the Pension Department.

10th April 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1874, No. 245.

Under Sections 112 (b) and 118 of the Civil Pension Code (2nd edition), His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of a gratuity of six months' wages, or Rupees 45 to Yeroolayee, the widow of the deceased workman.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secretary.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
,, Collector of Madura.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PENSION.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Madras,
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Dated May, 5th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 5th May 1874, No. 245.

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Sanctioning payment of a gratuity of Rupees 45 to Xerothayee, the widow of the workman killed by a fatal accident while employed on the Goodaloor Ghant Works.

Proceedings of the Executive Engineer on special duty Madurai District to investigate & claim to gratuity or Pension on the part of
 Gurologer Widow of the deceased

Description of Claimant										Description of deceased			Amount of gratuity proposed
Name	Age		Height		Religion caste & tribe	Personal appearance & particular remarks	Present occupation & prospects whether in receipt of pay or pension	Cause of death	Name	Occupation and period of service	Nature of injury which caused death		
	Years	Months	Feet	Inches									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Gurologer	15	"	5	"	Hindul Seh, Agambadi caste	Color, fair. Marks of smallpox in face, curled hair	Cultivator and cooly	Wife	Pereastoppa Shanm	Cooly, 6 weeks	Death from the wound caused by the fall of a blasting stone.	1. Ambalam Archanna Taven 2. Bigyol Innothosamy Rajoo 3. Venkata = Sany Taven 4. Marrika Taven.	Rs 1.5 6 months pay =

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Special Executive Engineer of P.W.D.
Camp Machilra 26th March 1914

Record of Evidence and Remarks

Record of evidence taken by the Village Mooniff & the Police

The deceased was killed by a stone that hit him on the right elbow and chest at about 5 PM on the 22nd January 1874, while at work on the Goodaloor Chant Road; the fuse was set fire to by Mr. Tapp after crying out and duly warned, giving warning to the coolies to move off. He died about half an hour after he was struck. The distance was about a chain.

Uncle of deceased states that the latter was prevented from leaving his work by Maistry Jammul Sahib. This is denied by the Maistry & several of the coolies who saw the accident.

Remarks by Lieutenant M. Greer R.E. Ex. Engineer

Even if the Maistry had prevented him from going a long distance off, he did not prevent him from getting behind a large tree that was within 10 feet of him or of using his eyes which if he had done he was at a sufficient distance to move to one side on seeing the stone come at him. In the above evidence the distance mentioned is a chain, but this is not the fact, it was about 200 feet and the deceased was 30 feet above the blasting point. The cooly ought not to have been as close as he was as my orders to Mr. Tapp, the person in charge of the Blasting, and who actually sets every hole loaded and fired himself, are that "before setting fire to the fuse every one except the operator should be at least 200 yards distance, and men should be set on all sides to warn passers-by." But of course it was not intended that this rule was to be strictly adhered to whenever was obtainable at a closer distance; he says he screamed out for a couple of minutes that he was about to fire, but that owing to the thickness of the jungle he could not see whether all the coolies had gone a sufficient distance or not.

M. Greer Lieutenant R.E.
 District Engineer of Madurai

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 Camp Madurai 26th March 1874

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9th March 1874.*

No. 182. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 31st January 1874, No. 4,525:—

It is with sincere regret that I have the honour to report a fatal accident on the Goodaloor Ghaut Works. The enclosed letter from Lieutenant Greer, R.E., under date 26th instant, No. 637, gives every information in regard to this unfortunate occurrence and leaves little therefore for me to add here.

2. I think it only due however to Lieutenant Greer to mention that the Government may feel satisfied that no precaution has been omitted on that officer's part to prevent such a catastrophe as that which has happened.

3. During my recent visit to the ghaut, on one day of which no less than 64 charges were successfully fired, I had the means of observing the practice in force, and of assuring myself that every precaution was taken, by duly warning the coolies at work, to prevent accident. Indeed all the working parties are kept under strict military discipline, and nothing but wilful disobedience of orders could have led to the disaster, nor, on the other hand, without such discipline, could so many hundred tons of rock have been blasted without any kind of accident whatever, as has been the case heretofore.

4. I have only in conclusion to add that the proceedings drawn up in the form given at page 383 of the Circular Standing Orders of the Public Works Department will be sent so soon as the same is received from the Executive Engineer on special duty.

From Lieutenant M. GREER, R.E., Executive Engineer on special duty, Madura District, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Camp at Coomulie Tavalum, 26th January 1874, No. 637.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that a cooly was hit by a stone and killed on the Goodaloor Ghaut works on the afternoon of the 22nd instant during blasting operations; there is no doubt his death was caused by his own recklessness, as there was a large tree within about 10 feet of him, behind which if he had only taken the trouble to place himself he would not have been hit, or even if he had only taken the precaution of looking at the place where the blasting was going on, he was at a sufficient distance (about 200 feet and a height of about 30 feet above the blasting point) to have removed to one side on seeing the stone (about 1/3rd cubic foot in size) coming towards him.

2. At the same time the cooly ought not to have been as close as he was, as my orders to Mr. Tapp, the person in charge of the blasting, and who actually sees every hole loaded and fired himself, are that "before setting fire to the fuze every one except the operator should be at least 200 yards distance, and men should be set on all sides to warn passers-by," but of course it was not intended that this rule was to be strictly adhered to when cover was obtainable at a closer distance; he says he screeched out for a couple of minutes that he was about to fire, but that owing to the thickness of the jungle he could not see whether all the coolies had gone a sufficient distance or not.

3. Having stated the above facts it is only necessary for me to state that one of the relations of the deceased, who was employed at another part of the works, says that one of the maistries, under whom the deceased was working, prevented him from going to a further distance; this the

Enclosure No. 1 is a letter from the District Engineer at Madura to the Secretary to Government, D.P.W. dated 31st January 1874.

Proceedings of the Executive Engineer on special duty to investigate a claim for the probability of the incidence of the deceased.

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maistry denies, and from inquiries made by the Police, among the coolies, I believe the accusation to be unfounded; but even if it were true the maistry never prevented him from getting behind the tree which was within 10 feet of him, or of using his eyes.

4. The fact is that when I first commenced blasting operations here, about two years ago, it was as much as I could do to get coolies to believe that if they obeyed my instructions, or rather order, there would be no more danger in blasting than in felling trees, etc., but latterly they have got so accustomed to what is in reality a danger, if caution is not used, that rather than hide behind a tree (of which there are plenty in the jungle) or other cover, they stand exposed to see a sight that they believe to be as good as a display of fire works.

5. It is very unfortunate the above death happened just as I was congratulating myself that the Ghaut Works had been finished without a single accident.

6. In conclusion, I recommend that sanction of Rupees 45 (which is six months' pay) be granted to the widow of the deceased; he was about 18 years old, and married about six months.

No. 183.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1874, No. 610.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

RECORDED. The question of a gratuity to the family of the deceased will be taken into consideration on the receipt of the promised application in the prescribed form.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, MADURA.

Dated March 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 9th March 1874, No. 610.

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Nos. 182-183

Fatal Accident.—Report of a fatal accident to a cooly on the Goodaloor Ghaut Works on the 22nd January 1874, recorded; question of gratuity to the family of the deceased to be considered on receipt of the promised application in the prescribed form.

Referred with G.O. No 610
dated 9 March 1874, for consideration
in the Pension Dept.

Comdant Col. R. E.
Secy: to Govt.
P. M. D.

10th April 1874.

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 Pension No 5394
 From No: 2044.
 No 226
 The District Engineer
 Madurai

To the Secretary to
 Government DTW

Dated 31st March 1874
 Received 6 April 1874.
 Recd. Encls: 1.

Forwards for the
 favorable consideration
 of Govt a statement
 from the Executive
 Engineer on Special
 Duty to investigate
 a claim to gratuity
 on the part of a large
 widow of the deceased
 workman employed on
 the Bangalore Road.
 With an order.

Order Madurai 27th May 1874 No 245.

Under Section 112 (C) 4118 of the Civil
 Pension Code (2nd Edition) His Excellency the Governor
 in Council sanctioned the payment of a gratuity of
 six months wages at Rs 45 to 1/2 per day the
 widow of the deceased workman.

To the District Engineer Madurai
 - " - Collector of Madurai
 - " - District Judge Madurai
 - " - Public Works Division
 - " - Public Works Division

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Pension

To.

The District Engineer
Madras

G.O. 5th May, 1874, No. 245.

Nos.

Sanctioning payment
of ~~Rs 100~~ a gratuity
of Rs 50 to Perooloye
the widow of the work-
man killed by a fatal
accident while employed
on the Chyoda loor
Ghaut Works.