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G.O. No.	408	Press Mis.
Dated	14-7-	1874.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
14th July 1874.*

Read the following :—

TO VERE HENRY HOBART, *LORD HOBART,*
Governor of Madras.

MY LORD,—As the brother-in-law and only relative in India of the late Mr William Fraser, District Engineer of Kurnool, I beg most respectfully to bring under your Excellency's notice the services rendered to Government by that gentleman, with a view to obtaining a gratuity for his two children, now orphans unprovided for, having nothing to look forward to but such sum as may be realized from Mr. Fraser's estate.

2. Mr. Fraser was appointed at the recommendation of the late Sir John Burgoyne, R.E., by the East India Company, to the Madras Department of Public Works, which he joined in February 1855, and since that time he has served continuously without having taken furlough, sick leave, or even, I believe, privilege leave, so that had he lived till next February he would, I believe, have been entitled by his Covenant with the Secretary of State to a pension of £400 a-year.

3. Shortly after coming out Mr. Fraser explored the whole of the Bowany River Valley, and surveyed several sites for enormous reservoirs in the midst of almost impenetrable and most unhealthy jungles; during this time he suffered much from very bad fever, from the effects of which he never entirely recovered.

4. During the whole of his service he was engaged in designing and executing large and important works; amongst these the "Madras Water Works," "East Coast Canal," "Junction Canal," "Madras Harbor," &c., may be named.

For more than two years he was employed in the unhealthy District of Kurnool, and to over-exposure in its trying climate his death is attributable.

5. Mr. Fraser had been, I am informed, out marching through his district for five months continuously, the latter two about the hottest in the year, and only returned to his headquarters at Kurnool on the 8th of April; next day he became insensible and died on the afternoon of the 11th of April from heat apoplexy, the result, the Doctor who attended him said, of sun-stroke received in the district.

I further learn that during this time Mr. Fraser was constantly out till 1 or 2 p.m. in the day inspecting tanks and other works, so that his death is entirely owing to overwork and exposure during the hot weather in a most trying climate.

6. He has left a son and daughter to mourn his loss, the former studying medicine in Trinity College, Dublin, and the latter still at school, and for them there is nothing but the amount his estate will bring, which unsupplemented will form a very slender provision for their wants.

7. Mr. Fraser's very sudden death has prevented him from saving sufficient to provide adequately for his children, as the expenses of supporting and educating them up to this at home absorbed the greater part of his savings.

I earnestly hope that in consideration of Mr. Fraser's long and faithful service, coupled with the fact of his having died from sun-stroke in the execution of his duty, your Excellency will be graciously pleased to award a substantial gratuity to his children.

(Signed) E. W. STONEY,
Resdt. Engr., Madras Railway.

Referred for consideration in the Pension Department.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd June 1874.

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

Referred to the Accountant-General for the usual verification and report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th June 1874.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Under Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
14th July 1874.*

From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 10th June 1874, No. 113.

Audit Department.

I have the honor to state, in continuation of this office letter, No. 99, of the 3rd instant, that it appears from the records of this office, and of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, that the late Mr. W. Fraser was in receipt of Rupees 625 per mensem, from the 20th February 1855 to December 1856. Nothing is traceable about his promotion during that period.

Transferred to the Pension Department in continuation of Mr. Stoney's petition transferred on the 3rd June 1874.

OOTACAMUND,
13th June 1874.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Audit Department.

The undersigned has the honor in transferring, for disposal in the usual course, the accompanying application received under docket from Government, dated the 6th instant, to state that the services of the late W. Fraser can be verified from the records of this office, from 20th February 1855 to 30th April 1856, as Civil Engineer on pay of Rupees 625 per mensem.

Fort St. George,
12th June 1874.

(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Deputy Accountant-General.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to L. A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Acting Under Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 16th June 1874, No. 183.

In returning the enclosed original letter transferred to this office for disposal by the Accountant-General, I have the honor to state that the services of the late Mr. W. Fraser can be verified from the records as follows:—

Enclosure.

One original letter with memorandum by Accountant-General, dated 12th June 1874.

From 1st May 1856 to 7th May 1858, on Rupees 625 per mensem.

„ 8th May 1858 to 16th March 1859, on Rs. 762½ „

„ 17th March 1859 to 11th Nov. 1860, on Rs. 900 „

„ 12th Nov. 1860 to 31st March 1861, on Rs. 625 „

„ 1st to 30th April 1861, no entry appears in his audit registers of pay drawn by Mr. Fraser.

„ 1st May 1861 to 30th June 1863, on Rupees 625 per mensem.

„ 1st July 1863 to 31st Aug. 1870, on „ 750 „

„ 1st Sept. 1870 to 3rd Oct. 1870, on „ 800 „

„ 4th Oct. 1870 to 11th Apr. 1874, on „ 950 „

2. There is nothing in the records of this office to show the date of Mr. Fraser's arrival in India, but assuming it to have been the 20th February 1855, from which date his services can be verified from the records of the Accountant-General's Office, Mr. Fraser had served up to the date of his death—

Years.

Month.

Days.

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inclusive of the one month (April 1861) above noted, for which no entry can be traced of any pay having been passed to him.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
14th July 1874.*

3. In February 1862, Mr. Fraser was served with a notice putting an end to his engagement at the expiration of twelve months. This notice was ordered to be considered as cancelled in G.O., No. 393, of the 16th February 1863.

ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1874, No. 408.

His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets to have to inform Mr. Stoney that his claim for the grant of a gratuity to the children of the late Mr. Fraser is wholly inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Accountant-General.

To Mr. E. W. Stoney.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.



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Noted by the members of Govt.

Honorable Dr. Robinson C. S. I.

It does not seem to me that this is a case for the intervention of Govt.

Mr Fraser would have become entitled to a pension a few months ~~before~~ and would have probably been required to take it. His children would not have been - refitted by this.

It was his duty to have insured (as we all do) for the benefit of his children.

I would give the children the benefit of any precedent that exists - but certainly not create one.

I have long known Mr Fraser and his work and should not admit any claim to posthumous recognition of good service.

Sd/- Dr. R.

7/30/5

Honorable J. D. Sin C. S. I.

Are there any precedents? in this or Public Departments.

Sd/- J. D. Sin.

7/30/5.

The

Obt. of 1874 30/10/75.

PENSION.

To THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Secy, Secy, Secy

Date: July, 1874.

Head.

Post.

G.O., 14th July 1874, No. 508.

JULY.

The claim to a gratuity preferred on behalf of the children of the late Mr. W. Fraser, District Engineer of Karnool, considered inadmissible.

The Right Honorable the Governor.

So there is no one power to give
a gratuity to children whose a life is
lost in the execution of duty.

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Memorandum to accompany Mr. Fraser's
Petition on behalf of the late
Fraser C. E.

The conditions of Mr.
Fraser's Covenant were that he
should serve continuously on a
salary of £750 per annum - and
should be entitled, if incapacita-
-ted by illness for further service,
to a Pension of one third that
salary, or £250 a year, after 20
years service -

He has drawn a salary
exceeding that stipulated in his
Covenant since September 1865, when
he was appointed Executive Engineer
2^d grade on Rs 750 a month; succeeding
to a salary of Rs 900 a month from

October

October 1870 when he was appointed
Executive Engineer 1st grade -

He had served 19 years
continuously at his death -

(Signed) L. W. Walker *pl. R. E.*
Chief Engr. O. N. D.

Potacarnum }
28th May 1874 }

Recd. 28/5/74

Audit DEPARTMENT.

No. 99

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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
4 June 1874.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO THE Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

SIR,

With reference to your Memo No 30
dated 29th May 1874, I have the honor to state,
that the Records of the Public Works Depart.
having been transferred to the Controller of Public
Works Accounts, I have transferred your letter
to that Office for compliance.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
W. Rodin
Accountant General

Completed

Audit Department.

Treasury.

No. 1163

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
10 June 1874.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of this office letter & beg to inform you that it appears from the records of this office, and of the Comptroller of Public Works Accounts, that the late Mr. W. J. Brown was in receipt of Rs 626 per mensem, from 20 February 1866 to December 1866, nothing is traceable about his promotion during that period.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. J. Brown,
Accountant General.

W. J. Brown

P. N. 1874 24th
No: 3496

W. J. Brown
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W. J. Brown
P. N. 1874
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To
Very Henry Hobart Lord Hobart
Governor of Madras.

My Lord

1. As the Brother-in-law and only relative in India of the late Mr. William Fraser District Engineer of Tanjore, I beg most respectfully to bring under your Excellency's notice the Services rendered to Government by that gentleman, with a view to obtaining a gratuity for his two Children now orphans unprovided for, having nothing to look forward to but such sum as may be realized from Mr. Fraser's estate.

2. Mr. Fraser was appointed at the recommendation of the late Sir John Burgoyne R. E. by the East India Company to the Madras D. P. W., which he joined in ^{late of Government} February 1855, and since that time he has served continuously without having taken Surlough, Sick leave or even Illness Privilege leave, so that had he lived till next February he would I believe have been entitled by his Covenant with the Secretary of State to a Pension of £400 a year.

Shortly after coming out Mr. Fraser explored the whole of the Coovam River Valley.

if £250 a year if declared incapable of service.

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James Fraser to
the Secretary to
the Government
in continuation
of Mr. Fraser's letter
dated 18th June 1874

James Fraser to
the Secretary to
the Government
13th June 1874.

1874
DEPARTMENT
FROM THE ACCT. GENERAL
TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

To
The Secretary
to Government
Public Works Dept.

Dated }
Received }
18th June 1874

No. 1341

ENCLOSURES.

states that the late
Mr. Fraser was in
receipt of Rs 625
per annum and
nothing is payable
about his promotion.

James Fraser

and surveyed several sites for enormous reservoirs in the midst of almost impenetrable and most unhealthy jungles, during this time he suffered much from very bad fever from the effects of which he never entirely recovered.

4. During the whole of his service he was engaged in designing and executing large and important works, amongst these the "Madras Water Works" "East Coast Canal" "Junction Canal" "Madras Harbor &c" may be named.

For more than two years he was employed in the unhealthy District of Kurnool and to over exposure in its trying climate his death is attributable.

5. Mr. Fraser had been some time informed out marching through his District for five months continuously, the latter two about the hottest in the year, and only returned to his head quarters at Kurnool on the 8th of April, next day he became insensible and died on the afternoon of the 11th of April from heat apoplexy, the result, the Doctor who attended him said, of sun stroke received in the District.

I further learn that during this time Mr. Fraser was constantly out till 1 or 2 P.M. in the day inspecting tanks and other works, so that his death is entirely owing to over work and exposure during the hot weather in a

most trying climate.

6. He has left a Son and Daughter to mourn his loss, the former studying medicine in Trinity College, Dublin, and the latter still at School and for them there is nothing but the amount his Estate will bring, which unsupplemented will form a very slender provision for their wants.

7. Mr. Fraser's very sudden death has prevented him from saving sufficient to provide adequately for his children, as the expenses of supporting and educating them up to this at home, absorbed the greater part of his savings.

I earnestly hope that in Consideration of Mr. Fraser's long and faithful Service, Coupled with the fact of his having died from sun stroke in the execution of his duty, Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to award a Substantial gratuity to his children.

I have the honor to be
Very truly
Yr Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient & faithful Servant.

Edw. H. Stoney
Resident Engineer
Madras Railway

To be returned with reply on reverse.
AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
12 June 1874.

FROM THE DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,
TO THE *Controller of Public Works Accounts*
MADRAS.

Under your application for

on behalf of

THE undersigned has the honour to request in transferring for disposal in the usual course the accompanying application received under docket from Govt dated 6th Inst. to state that the services of the late Mr Fraser can be verified from the records of this office from 20 Feb'y/55 to 30 April/56 as Civil Engineer on pay of Rs. 625-0-0 per mensem.

W Cooke
By Accountant Genl

Enclon 1874 Deptt

No 361

The Resident Engineer
Madras Railway
through the Public
Works Department

Dated 2nd June 1874
Secy, Govt 1874

Referred for con-
sideration in the
Revenue Department
with views of Secy
by the Revenue
Department.

Minister of the
Secy: Govt
R. H. S.

Colacommund
3rd June 1874

Submitting a state-
tion on behalf of the
late Mr. Williams
Stewart, District Engi-
neer, Madras, 1874.
Submitting to account
a substantial gratuity
for his two children.

Referred to the Accountant General for
the usual verification and reports.

Fort Saint George
6th March 1874-3

W Cooke
Ag Under Secretary

To The Accountant General

Accountant General's Office
Recd 8
Ans 6 1874

W Cooke

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Note.

The papers relating to the late Mr. Fraser District Engineer Hurwood are identical with the intimation that no precedent is known in the Pension nor in the Public Department for the grant of a gratuity to the family of an officer who died from natural causes.

2. To entitle his family to a pension or gratuity a man must have first

Have not said + my note of 30th of 30th Mr. Fraser had been

An application of the pt. of public record I have been useless

So I

1914

Office of the District Engineer
Hudson



Dated 12th June 1914
12/13 - 2

Forwarded certain applications to verify the receipt of late W. Fraser 100 C.C. from 10th to 15th 1914
April 1914

Recd. 12/39/14/14

his death
"in the execution
of a public duty"
and then only
when.

"injury or death
is sustained in the
performance of
duty which is
attended with
extraordinary
bodily risk"

3. Mr. Fraser's services
has been verified
in the account
Department.

It amounted to
19 years & months & 20 days.

Warmer - 1882
no doubt because
his work was unceasing
fading - and papers were
actually in circulation warmer
him that his contract
was renewed at the
expiration of the 20 years
when he died
§ 112 & 113
Civil War Code 29/8/82

I fear that
nothing can be
done //

His pay had
ranged from Rs 625
to Rs 950 per mensem.

4. In the Marine
Department the
Government have
recently granted the
family of the late
Mr. Barton a grant
of Rs 500 out of
Post Funds.

5. In this case
Mr. Fraser an
application would
have to be made to
the Government of
India and there
seen no special
grounds on which
to have it.
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20. 4 June 94
No 192.

Mr. Streeper
Application for a
gratuity to the
children of the
late Mr. Fraser

Under Secretary

Memo for
orders
CJH

22nd June 74
C 27/6/74 R 3rd July/74

His

C. 20408 of 14 July/74

No 183

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Madras, 16 June 1874

From
The Officiating Controller of
Public Works Accounts
To
The Acting Under Secretary
to Government
Pension Department

Sir,
In returning the enclosed origi-
nal letter transferred to this Office
for disposal by the Accountant General,
I have the honor to state that the ser-
vices of the late Mr. W. Fraser can
be verified from the records as follows:
From 1st May 1856 to 7th May 1858 on Rs 625 per mensem.
— do — 8th May 1858 to 16th March 1859 — 762 1/2 — do —
— do — 17th March 1859 to 11th Nov^r 1860 — 900 — do —
— do — 12th Nov^r 1860 to 31st March 1861 — 625 — do —
— do — 1st to 30th April 1861 no entry. appears in
his audit Registers of pay drawn by
Mr. Fraser.

From 1st May 1861 to 30th June 1863 on Rs 625 per mensem.
— do — 1st July 1863 to 31st August 1870 on Rs 750 — do —
— do — 1st Sept 1870 to 3rd October 1870 — Rs 800 — do —
— do — 4th October 1870 to 11th April 1874 — Rs 950 — do —

2. There is nothing in the records
of this Office to show the date of Mr.
Fraser's arrival in India, but assuming
if

it to have been the 20th February 1853
from which date his services can be
verified from the records of the
Accountant General's Office, Mr Fraser
had served up to the date of his death.

Vide accompanying
Memo by
Deputy Account
ant General dated
12th June 1874.

Years	Month	Days
19-	1-	20-

inclusive of the one month (April 1861)
above noted for which no entry can
be traced of any pay having been passed
to him.

3. In February 1862 Mr Fraser
was served with a notice putting an
end to his engagement at the expira-
tion of 12 months. This notice was
ordered to be considered as cancelled
in G.O. No 393 of the 16th February 1863.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant,


Offg Controller of
Public Works Accounts



Order the very 14th July 1874 No. 108.
 of £ the for: in Annual Report
 to have to inform Mr. May that
 in claim for the Grant of a gratuity
 the child seen after late Mr. Fraser
 is wholly inadmissible &c &c

The City Controller of
P. W. Accounts

of the 30th day
to Government

Fort Saint George
Concomer ONE

Enclosure One
Dated 16th June 1894

States that the

services of late Mr. Thos
can be withdrawn from the
Records of his Office from
1st May 1856 to the 1st 1/2

April 1874 with the
ception of the month
of April 1862
with the ¹⁹ of 1868

Inside

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Pension

To the Public Works Department

G. O. 14 July, 1874, No. 408

Nos.

The claim
to a gratuity preferred on
behalf of the children
of the late Mr. W. Fraser
District Engineer of
Kurnool considered in:
admirable.

Precedent