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Famine Relief.

No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1877, No. 610 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Darogi, 6th February 1877, No. 9 :—

THE Government were pleased to grant in their Order, Financial No. 45, dated the 6th ultimo, a gratuity equal to six months' pay to a Sapper private, who died of cholera when on duty on the Relief Works near Bellary.

2. I regret to have to report the death of another of these men, private Rungasawmi, No. 325, E. Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners. He was attacked with cholera while at work on the Bomanhal road and died the same day.

3. I request that the Government will be pleased to grant a similar gratuity to this man's family to be debited to the Relief-works.

4. I enclose copy of the District Engineer's letter on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Goondakal, 30th January 1877, No. 4,521.

I REGRET to have to report the death from cholera of private Rungasawmi, No. 325, E. Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, who was attacked on the 26th instant during the day while at work on the Bomanhal road. He was brought into the Garrison Hospital at 4 P.M. and died at 4-30.

2. I have reported the matter to the Commandant, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

(True Copy.) (Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to Government Order, dated 6th January 1877, No. 45.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1877, No. 938.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council sanctions the grant of a gratuity from Famine Relief Funds, equal to six months' pay, to the family of the late Private Rungasawmi, No. 325, of the E. Company Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, who died of cholera on the relief-works in the Bellary District, as a special case.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Financial Department.
Exd. L. F. Zephir.

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REVENUE.
To
THE BOARD of REVENUE.
&c, &c, &c,
Dated March, 5th.
Read.
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Revenue Deptt.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 13th Feb: 1877.

No. 610 -

Read the following:-

No: 90.

From,

The Collector - Bellary.

To,

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Collectors office
6th Feb: Camp Davoji
Koppetta Taluq } (23) Thanked
J.W. Master
Colls.

Submitted for the orders of Government with reference to G.O. 6th Jan: 1877. No: 45.

[True Copy Extract]

H Lushington
Ag Secretary

To the Addl Secretary to
Government R.D.

E.M.C
Read Instructions

In regard to grant of Gratuity to a Sapper who died of Cholera at Bellary in February 1877

The only plea which can be urged in favour of the grant is that the work upon which the Sappers are employed is beyond, and foreign, to their calling as Soldiers – It is work undertaken by them at the special request of Government at a time of great pressure and of great sickness, in order that their skilled labour, example, and discipline, may be made of use in guiding & controlling the unskilled labour of the ryots employed on famine relief works –

The Sappers thus employed are necessarily brought into constant and close intercourse, with masses of half-starved people prone to disease, and of whom it may be said I believe that their very condition generates Cholera.

It certainly seems true that such a condition of things is Exceptional, and that

that the families of Sappers dying under such circumstances are not included in the prohibition contained in the Government of India's proceedings published in the proceedings of the Madras Government dy 5th January 1877

The grant of a donation of six months pay to the family of a Sapper who died previously under similar circumstances ~~are not included in the prohibition contained in the~~ Decree is no doubt a precedent and would be considered as such by the Govt, though, if it was now brought on reconsideration that this order had been too lightly passed, I do not see why Government should not say so and let it be known that no other grant of the kind would be made.

I am of opinion however that the Sappers have a special claim to consideration and that a grant of the kind should be made to each family deprived of its support through such a cause.

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I believe that the Sappers have done, and are doing, and will continue to do, excellent work and afford great aid to the Civil officers in carrying out their relief measures, and that the charges which may have to be met in the shape of such "blood money" will be more than covered by the help they have given to the State.

The Charge seems to me to be clearly debitable to famine relief works.

Madras
Feby 26th 1877.

Walter Chamberlain.

24th Feby. 978/0

Mexican Question.

Should suggest-

Mr Mallet being

referred for the con-

sideration of The

Comr. in Chief and

the Controller of Military

Accounts -

It opens up rather

a wide question as to

whether the Family of

a stopper - or inspector
any deputy - who
dies in special civil
duty, should be
granted a gratuity.
The Board of Inspectors
have warned us
against establishing
precedents in the
matter of pensions

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a gratuity to families
of deputy where his
home who die on
foreign service.
See papers en-
closed.
Yours sincerely
J. Michael.

For Lowe
to Lt. Col. Grant 235/8
Sent 29/2

My dear Lord Duke.

With reference
to your remarks on the
Bd's Rep. sent up in the
enclosed packet- I
by this last
post the matter to
Col: Richard Morri-
son with 2 enclosures
which I
send you.
I send the papers to W.
Sir W. Robinson & Ellis

Where we stand
to point out to
you first that the
charge for the pretority,
as it is not taken on
Building funds, is not
entail reference to
the Govt of India.
Perhaps the matter might
be settled in Council
Yours
Yr truly
J. H. Foster