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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 23rd to 29th July 1859.

No. 48. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th July 1859, No. 13.

* With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 12th March 1859.

1. I have the honor to submit* Tabular Statement shewing the number of Murders and Suicides that occurred in each District of the Presidency during the year 1858.

2. A cursory glance shows that these Statements, as regards Suicide, are prepared in a manner that renders them quite valueless, as matter of correct satatistical information. One Magistrate returns every Suicide in his District as "suspected;" and absence of even an approximate uniformity, which is now discovered to exist in the proportion of these occurrences to the population, seems to me to indicate laxity on the part of the Police in ascertaining the number of Suicides in every District. I think it is further desirable to have statistical information in regard to all deaths occurring under unusual circumstances.

3. I would therefore propose an alteration of the principle on which these returns are prepared, and recommend that the plan followed in England, together with the forms in use there, be adopted throughout the Presidency.

4. An Inquest is or should be held in every case of a death resulting under such circumstances, and I would propose that this be taken as the basis of these returns. It will be found that the result of most of these Inquests may be classified according to the following Table taken from the Criminal Statistics of England for 1857.

Finding of the Inquest as confirmed by the Magistrate.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion per cent.	Proportion to the population.
Murder...					
Manslaughter....					
Justifiable Homicide....					
Suicide.					
Accidental death...					
Injuries, causes unknown.					
Found dead...					
Natural death...					
From drinking.....					
" Neglect...					
" Want and exposure...					
" Other causes..					
Total... ...					

5. Suicides.—About which in this country suspicion frequently hangs, might still further be particularized as follows:—

By hanging.		By drowning.		By poison.		By Lethal weapons.		By other means.	
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.

6. I solicit the orders of Government to request the Magistrates to prepare their periodical Statements according to these forms.

Statement of Murders and Suicides in the Districts under the Madras Presidency, for the year 1858.

Number.	Names of District.	Population.	Murders.							Proportion to population.	Suicides.							Proportion to population.	Remarks.
			Proved.		Suspected.		Total.				Proved.		Suspected.		Total.				
			Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.		
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1	Ganjam	9,26,930	7	2	0	0	7	2	9	102,992	15	12	0	0	15	12	27	34,340	
2	Vizagapatam	12,54,272	8	0	10	4	18	4	22	57,012	0	0	16	26	16	26	42	29,864	
3	Rajahmundry	10,12,036	10	3	0	1	10	4	14	72,288	30	63	0	2	30	65	95	10,653	
4	Masulipatam	5,20,866	6	1	0	1	6	2	8	65,108	12	37	0	0	12	37	49	10,630	
5	Guntoor	5,70,083	4	2	0	0	4	2	6	95,014	18	30	0	0	18	30	48	11,877	
6	Cuddapah	14,51,921	10	2	3	0	13	2	15	96,795	30	76	0	0	30	76	106	13,697	
7	Bellary	12,29,599	28	6	0	2	28	8	36	34,156	14	48	4	26	18	74	92	13,365	
8	Kurnool	2,73,190	4	2	0	0	4	2	6	45,532	11	20	0	0	11	20	31	8,813	
9	Nellore	9,35,690	6	4	2	1	8	5	13	71,974	28	52	0	0	28	52	80	11,696	
10	Chingleput	5,83,462	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	194,487	1	1	2	0	3	1	4	145,865	
11	North Arcot	14,85,873	10	3	0	0	10	3	13	114,298	23	62	0	0	23	62	85	17,481	
12	South Arcot	11,35,961	3	0	2	0	5	0	5	227,192	10	10	8	11	18	21	39	29,127	
13	Salem	11,95,377	19	1	16	4	35	5	40	29,884	15	11	0	2	15	13	28	42,692	
14	Coimbatore	11,76,831	18	6	4	0	22	6	28	42,029	45	55	0	0	45	55	100	11,768	
15	Trichinopoly	7,09,196	4	1	0	0	4	1	5	141,839	11	7	0	0	11	7	18	39,400	
16	Tanjore	16,76,086	2	0	1	1	3	1	4	419,021	8	7	4	6	12	13	25	67,043	
17	Madura	17,92,737	3	3	20	4	23	7	30	59,758	17	25	0	0	17	25	42	42,681	
18	Tinnevelly	13,39,374	13	5	1	0	14	5	19	70,493	5	7	0	0	5	7	12	111,614	
19	Malabar	15,14,909	10	7	3	0	13	7	20	75,745	51	15	0	0	51	15	66	22,953	
20	Canara	10,56,333	15	6	3	1	18	7	25	42,253	42	28	1	2	43	30	73	14,470	
	Total	21,840,726	181	55	66	19	247	74	321	68,040	386	566	35	75	421	641	1,062	20,566	

Office of Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police,
Madras, 16th July 1859.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 23rd to 29th July 1859.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1859, No. 1011.

Government approve the forms submitted by the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police, and sanction their being generally introduced in lieu of the forms now in use. The per centage column, however, should be omitted. The information may be given in the general Statement that will be furnished by the Commissioner.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From the Criminal Statistics of England

For 1857.—

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From Drinking					
" Neglect					
" Want & Exposure					
" Other Causes					
Total					

5. Suicides – about which in this country suspicion frequently hangs, might still further be particularized as follows:–

By Hanging		By Drowning		By Poison		By lethal weapons		By other means	
Males.	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females

6. Solicit the orders of Government to request the Magistrate to prepare their periodical Statements according to these forms.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Serv.t
C. Rowan
Chief Commissioner
of Metropolitan Police

To
T. Redgrave Esq.re
Chief Secy to Govt
Home Department

O. 16th March 1859 No 29

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From

The Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort Saint George

16th July No. 13

No. 1171

Submits a Tabular Statement of the Murders and Suicides that occurred in each District of the Presidency during 1858. and recommends for reasons stated, that Magistrates prepare their periodical Statements according to the forms adopted in England, as shewn herein. -

With an Order.

No. 1011 - 27 July 1859.

Govt. approve the forms submitted by the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police, & sanction their being generally introduced in lieu of the forms now in use. The percentage column, however, should be omitted - The information may be procured in the general Statement which will be furnished by M. Cons.

See Jud. Ref. from Bor. - Govt. wish Statements prepared as proposed - Standard Forms to be issued by Mofussil Police -

The Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police.