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No. 148. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st June 1861, No. 738.

I have the honor to submit Statements of Murders, Suicides &c., which occurred during the year 1860.

2. They are prepared in accordance with the Order of Government, dated 27th July 1859, and are based on the result of the Inquests held by the District authorities in all cases in which death occurred under unusual circumstances.

3. Statement No. 1 shows the number of cases in each District classified accordingly, and the result of the enquiry held.

4. Statement No. 2 shows the number of murders and cases of manslaughter, of suicide, of accidental death, and of death from other causes in which Inquests were held, and in which the verdict was death, from natural or unknown causes.

5. As stated in my former letter\* I have most serious doubts as to the accuracy of the Returns of suicides, and I may mention that

most of the Superintendents are of opinion that many reported suicides are, in reality, murders. The attention of the Police Officers having been drawn to this matter, we may hope that eventually these Statements will more truly represent the actual facts.

6. The delay in submitting this Return has been caused by the non-receipt of the District Reports.

\*No. 305, dated 23rd May 1860.

No. 1.

Statement showing the number of Murders and Suicides &c., in each District for the year 1860, classified according to the result of the Inquests held.

| Number.    | Names of Districts.    | Murder and Man-slaughter. |         | Justifiable Homicide. |         | Suicide. |         | Accidental death. |         | Injuries, causes unknown. |         | Found dead. |         | Natural death. |         | From drinking. |         | From neglect. |         | From want and exposure. |         | From other causes. |         |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
|            |                        | Male.                     | Female. | Male.                 | Female. | Male.    | Female. | Male.             | Female. | Male.                     | Female. | Male.       | Female. | Male.          | Female. | Male.          | Female. | Male.         | Female. | Male.                   | Female. | Male.              | Female. |
| 1          | Ganjam.....            | 19                        | 1       | 1                     | 1       | 14       | 17      | 31                | 16      | 48                        | 139     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 2          | Vizagapatam.....       | 11                        | 1       | 1                     | 1       | 23       | 29      | 52                | 81      | 48                        | 129     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 3          | Godavary District..... | 8                         | 5       | 13                    | ...     | 40       | 84      | 124               | 170     | 119                       | 289     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 4          | Krishna District.....  | 12                        | 3       | 15                    | ...     | 31       | 62      | 93                | 113     | 54                        | 167     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 5          | Cuddapah.....          | 17                        | 7       | 24                    | ...     | 34       | 57      | 91                | 124     | 165                       | 269     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 6          | Bellary.....           | 24                        | 16      | 40                    | ...     | 23       | 54      | 73                | 99      | 149                       | 248     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 7          | Kurnool.....           | 14                        | 4       | 18                    | ...     | 18       | 33      | 53                | 100     | 80                        | 180     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 8          | Nellore.....           | 6                         | 2       | 8                     | ...     | 21       | 26      | 47                | 56      | 52                        | 108     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 9          | Chingleput.....        | 16                        | 12      | 28                    | ...     | 27       | 67      | 94                | ...     | ...                       | ...     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 10         | North Arcot.....       | 11                        | 2       | 13                    | ...     | 5        | 14      | 19                | 59      | 37                        | 96      | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 11         | South Arcot.....       | 20                        | 6       | 26                    | ...     | 5        | 5       | 10                | 78      | 101                       | 179     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 12         | Salem.....             | 8                         | 13      | 21                    | ...     | 1        | 49      | 75                | 124     | 165                       | 338     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 13         | Coimbatore.....        | 6                         | 3       | 9                     | ...     | 12       | 11      | 23                | 100     | 76                        | 156     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 14         | Trichinopoly.....      | 7                         | 1       | 8                     | ...     | 2        | 25      | 39                | 64      | 101                       | 65      | 106         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 15         | Tanjore.....           | 8                         | 3       | 11                    | ...     | 4        | 8       | 13                | 21      | 85                        | 69      | 154         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 16         | Madura.....            | 18                        | 11      | 29                    | ...     | 50       | 31      | 81                | 282     | 108                       | 390     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 17         | Tinnevely.....         | 4                         | 2       | 6                     | ...     | 16       | 16      | 32                | 4       | ...                       | ...     | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 18         | Malabar.....           | 19                        | 9       | 28                    | ...     | 21       | 8       | 29                | 52      | 35                        | 87      | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 19         | North Canara.....      | 242                       | 104     | 346                   | ...     | 13       | 436     | 632               | 1,088   | 1,765                     | 3,125   | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| 20         | South Canara.....      | 242                       | 104     | 346                   | ...     | 13       | 436     | 632               | 1,088   | 1,765                     | 3,125   | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |
| Total..... |                        | 242                       | 104     | 346                   | ...     | 13       | 436     | 632               | 1,088   | 1,765                     | 3,125   | ...         | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...            | ...     | ...           | ...     | ...                     | ...     | ...                | ...     |

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF

MADRAS POLICE,

MADRAS, 1st June 1861.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Inspector General of Madras Police.

No. 2.

Statement showing the number of Murders, Suicides and Accidental Deaths for the year 1860.

| Number.    | Names of Districts.    | Murder and Man-slaughter. |         | Justifiable Homicide. |         | Suicide. |         | Accidental death. |         | Found dead, injuries and causes unknown. |         | Natural death from drinking, neglect, want and exposure, and from other causes. |         |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|            |                        | Male.                     | Female. | Male.                 | Female. | Male.    | Female. | Male.             | Female. | Male.                                    | Female. | Male.                                                                           | Female. |
| 1          | Ganjam.....            | 19                        | 1       | 1                     | 1       | 14       | 17      | 31                | 16      | 48                                       | 139     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 2          | Vizagapatam.....       | 11                        | 1       | 1                     | 1       | 23       | 29      | 52                | 81      | 48                                       | 129     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 3          | Godavary District..... | 8                         | 5       | 13                    | ...     | 40       | 84      | 124               | 170     | 119                                      | 289     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 4          | Krishna District.....  | 12                        | 3       | 15                    | ...     | 31       | 62      | 93                | 113     | 54                                       | 167     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 5          | Cuddapah.....          | 17                        | 7       | 24                    | ...     | 34       | 57      | 91                | 124     | 165                                      | 269     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 6          | Bellary.....           | 24                        | 16      | 40                    | ...     | 23       | 54      | 73                | 99      | 149                                      | 248     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 7          | Kurnool.....           | 14                        | 4       | 18                    | ...     | 18       | 33      | 53                | 100     | 80                                       | 180     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 8          | Nellore.....           | 6                         | 2       | 8                     | ...     | 21       | 26      | 47                | 56      | 52                                       | 108     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 9          | Chingleput.....        | 16                        | 12      | 28                    | ...     | 27       | 67      | 94                | ...     | ...                                      | ...     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 10         | North Arcot.....       | 11                        | 2       | 13                    | ...     | 5        | 14      | 19                | 59      | 37                                       | 96      | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 11         | South Arcot.....       | 20                        | 6       | 26                    | ...     | 5        | 5       | 10                | 78      | 101                                      | 179     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 12         | Salem.....             | 8                         | 13      | 21                    | ...     | 1        | 49      | 75                | 124     | 165                                      | 338     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 13         | Coimbatore.....        | 6                         | 3       | 9                     | ...     | 12       | 11      | 23                | 100     | 76                                       | 156     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 14         | Trichinopoly.....      | 7                         | 1       | 8                     | ...     | 2        | 25      | 39                | 64      | 101                                      | 65      | 106                                                                             | ...     |
| 15         | Tanjore.....           | 8                         | 3       | 11                    | ...     | 4        | 8       | 13                | 21      | 85                                       | 69      | 154                                                                             | ...     |
| 16         | Madura.....            | 18                        | 11      | 29                    | ...     | 50       | 31      | 81                | 282     | 108                                      | 390     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 17         | Tinnevely.....         | 4                         | 2       | 6                     | ...     | 16       | 16      | 32                | 4       | ...                                      | ...     | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 18         | Malabar.....           | 19                        | 9       | 28                    | ...     | 21       | 8       | 29                | 52      | 35                                       | 87      | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 19         | North Canara.....      | 242                       | 104     | 346                   | ...     | 13       | 436     | 632               | 1,088   | 1,765                                    | 3,125   | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| 20         | South Canara.....      | 242                       | 104     | 346                   | ...     | 13       | 436     | 632               | 1,088   | 1,765                                    | 3,125   | ...                                                                             | ...     |
| Total..... |                        | 242                       | 104     | 346                   | ...     | 13       | 436     | 632               | 1,088   | 1,765                                    | 3,125   | ...                                                                             | ...     |

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No. 3.

Statement showing the particulars of Suicides for the year 1860.

| Number.    | Names of Districts.    | By Hanging. |         |        | By Drowning. |         |        | By Poison. |         |        | By lethal weapon. |         |        | By other means. |         |        |
|------------|------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|------------|---------|--------|-------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------|--------|
|            |                        | Male.       | Female. | Total. | Male.        | Female. | Total. | Male.      | Female. | Total. | Male.             | Female. | Total. | Male.           | Female. | Total. |
| 1          | Ganjam.....            | 9           | 6       | 15     | 4            | 7       | 11     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | 1               | 1       | 2      |
| 2          | Vizagapatam.....       | 3           | 4       | 7      | 18           | 19      | 37     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | 3               | 5       | 8      |
| 3          | Godavery District..... | 5           | 5       | 10     | 32           | 77      | 109    | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 4          | Krishna District.....  | ..          | ..      | ..     | ..           | ..      | ..     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 5          | Cuddapah.....          | 12          | 4       | 16     | 20           | 47      | 67     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 6          | Bellary.....           | 10          | ..      | 10     | 11           | 33      | 44     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 7          | Kurnool.....           | 7           | ..      | 7      | 20           | 26      | 46     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 8          | Nellore.....           | ..          | ..      | ..     | ..           | ..      | ..     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 9          | Chingleput.....        | ..          | ..      | ..     | ..           | ..      | ..     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 10         | North Arcot.....       | 12          | 4       | 16     | 15           | 63      | 78     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 11         | South Arcot.....       | 2           | 2       | 4      | 2            | 10      | 12     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 12         | Salem.....             | ..          | ..      | ..     | 78           | 101     | 179    | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 13         | Coimbatore.....        | 7           | 1       | 8      | 35           | 72      | 107    | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 14         | Trichinopoly.....      | 5           | 1       | 6      | 4            | 8       | 12     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 15         | Tanjore.....           | 10          | 1       | 11     | 2            | 8       | 10     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 16         | Madura.....            | 3           | 1       | 4      | 11           | 25      | 36     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 17         | Tinnevely.....         | 1           | 1       | 2      | 6            | 12      | 18     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 18         | Malabar.....           | 31          | 12      | 43     | 4            | 16      | 20     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 19         | North Canara.....      | 8           | 4       | 12     | 5            | 6       | 11     | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| 20         | South Canara.....      | 16          | 4       | 20     | 4            | 3       | 7      | ..         | ..      | ..     | ..                | ..      | ..     | ..              | ..      | ..     |
| Total..... |                        | 141         | 55      | 196    | 280          | 583     | 863    | 4          | 20      | 24     | 33                | 2       | 35     | 108             | 78      | 184    |

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OF MADRAS POLICE, MADRAS,  
1st June 1861.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Inspector General of Madras Police.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1861, No. 796.  
Ordered that copies of the Returns of Murders, Suicides, &c., be furnished to the Magistrates of Districts.

2. It is observed that Statement No. 1 is repeated over again in Statement No. 2. It may be omitted in future. The latter Statement is in sufficient detail for the purpose required.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup>: 796: 20 June 1861.

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