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Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,*  
*21st June 1862.*

No. 137. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th June 1862, No. 1,145.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit Statements of Murders, Suicides, &c., which occurred during the year 1861.

2. They are prepared in accordance with the Orders of Government, dated 27th July 1859, and No. 796, Judicial Department, dated 20th June 1861, respectively, 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. The delay in submitting this Return has been caused by the non-receipt of the District Reports.

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Statement showing the number of Murders, Suicides and accidental deaths for the year 1861, classified according to the result of the Inquests held.

| Statement showing the number of Murders, Suicides and Accidents during the year 1901 |             |                               |         |        |                               |         |        |                               |          |        |                               |         |          |                                          |         |        |                                                                                |         |            |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-------|
| Names of Districts.                                                                  | Population. | 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.                         |         | Total. | Male.                         |         | Total. | Male.                         |          | Total. | Male.                         |         | Total.   | Male.                                    |         | Total. | Male.                                                                          |         | Total.     |       |
|                                                                                      |             | Proportion to the population. | Female. | 1 to   | Proportion to the population. | Female. | 1 to   | Proportion to the population. | Female.  | 1 to   | Proportion to the population. | Female. | 1 to     | Proportion to the population.            | Female. | 1 to   | Proportion to the population.                                                  | Female. | 1 to       |       |
| 1 Ganjam.....                                                                        | 9,49,747    | 17                            | 4       | 21     | 45,226                        | 14      | 7      | 21                            | 45,226   | 83     | 71                            | 157     | 6,049    | ...                                      | ...     | ...    | 3                                                                              | 1       | 42,37,436  |       |
| 2 Vizagapatam .....                                                                  | 12,84,243   | 24                            | 2       | 26     | 49,393                        | 19      | 44     | 63                            | 20,384   | 146    | 127                           | 273     | 8,962    | ...                                      | ...     | ...    | 16                                                                             | 8       | 24 53,510  |       |
| 3 Godavery District.....                                                             | 10,81,703   | 6                             | 5       | 11     | 98,336                        | 35      | 92     | 127                           | 8,517    | 81     | 84                            | 165     | 7,373    | 9                                        | 8       | 17     | 56                                                                             | 26      | 24 14,841  |       |
| 4 Krishna District.....                                                              | 12,17,021   | 12                            | 8       | 20     | 60,851                        | 20      | 52     | 72                            | 16,903   | 70     | 94                            | 164     | 6,414    | 2                                        | ...     | ...    | 160                                                                            | 139     | 239 12,820 |       |
| 5 Cuddapah.....                                                                      | 10,56,830   | 13                            | 7       | 20     | 52,843                        | 28      | 64     | 92                            | 11,487   | 108    | 133                           | 241     | 4,415    | 6                                        | 1       | 7      | 49                                                                             | 34      | 83 24,073  |       |
| 6 Bellary.....                                                                       | 10,64,122   | 33                            | 15      | 48     | 22,169                        | 18      | 46     | 64                            | 16,626   | 65     | 63                            | 128     | 5,266    | ...                                      | ...     | ...    | 16                                                                             | 12      | 28 5,237   |       |
| 7 Kurnool.....                                                                       | 6,74,048    | 15                            | 6       | 21     | 32,097                        | 11      | 35     | 46                            | 14,653   | 60     | 74                            | 134     | 7,152    | 25                                       | 16      | 41     | 106                                                                            | 77      | 183 5,009  |       |
| 8 Nellore.....                                                                       | 9,58,423    | 17                            | 5       | 22     | 43,564                        | 22      | 40     | 62                            | 15,458   | 4      | 1                             | 5       | 1,22,241 | 1                                        | ...     | ...    | 83                                                                             | 39      | 122 3,370  |       |
| 9 Madras District .....                                                              | 6,11,209    | 8                             | ...     | 8      | 76,401                        | 29      | 57     | 86                            | 16,890   | ...    | ...                           | ...     | ...      | 2                                        | 7       | 9      | 207                                                                            | 224     | 431 5,292  |       |
| 10 North Arcot.....                                                                  | 14,52,554   | 16                            | 15      | 31     | 46,856                        | 69      | 74     | 143                           | 8,291    | 135    | 126                           | 261     | 4,542    | 19                                       | 7       | 26     | 119                                                                            | 105     | 234 5,807  |       |
| 11 South Arcot.....                                                                  | 11,85,623   | 33                            | 2       | 35     | 83,875                        | 2       | ...    | 2                             | 82,762   | 90     | 110                           | 200     | 6,621    | 2                                        | 3       | 5      | 135                                                                            | 93      | 228 19,175 |       |
| 12 Salem.....                                                                        | 13,24,200   | 16                            | 6       | 22     | 66,210                        | 33      | 49     | 82                            | 14,965   | 127    | 131                           | 258     | 4,756    | ...                                      | 2       | 2      | 46                                                                             | 18      | 64 12,004  |       |
| 13 Coimbatore.....                                                                   | 12,27,208   | 15                            | 6       | 21     | 58,438                        | 38      | 10     | 48                            | 14,763   | 224    | 82                            | 306     | 5,453    | 9                                        | 6       | 15     | 100                                                                            | 39      | 139 2,484  |       |
| 14 Malabar.....                                                                      | 16,68,628   | 22                            | 11      | 33     | 50,564                        | 21      | 18     | 39                            | 12,393   | 61     | 37                            | 98      | 4,932    | 4                                        | 1       | 5      | 159                                                                            | 56      | 215 6,860  |       |
| 15 North Canara.....                                                                 | 4,83,336    | 9                             | 2       | 11     | 43,939                        | 23      | 13     | 36                            | 17,877   | 86     | 60                            | 146     | 4,408    | 7                                        | 3       | 10     | 164                                                                            | 95      | 239 118    |       |
| 16 South Canara.....                                                                 | 6,43,602    | 14                            | 8       | 22     | 29,234                        | 2       | 3      | 5                             | 67,463   | 15     | 9                             | 24      | 33,732   | ...                                      | ...     | ...    | 53                                                                             | 65      | 118 13,897 |       |
| 17 Trichinopoly.....                                                                 | 8,09,580    | 8                             | 3       | 11     | 73,598                        | 5       | 7      | 12                            | 45,967   | 121    | 71                            | 192     | 9,337    | 17                                       | 3       | 20     | 96                                                                             | 83      | 129 12,878 |       |
| 18 Madras.....                                                                       | 17,92,737   | 4                             | 1       | 5      | 58,547                        | 14      | 25     | 39                            | 27,834   | 94     | 88                            | 182     | 7,359    | 4                                        | ...     | ...    | 71                                                                             | 33      | 104 240    |       |
| 19 Tinnevely.....                                                                    | 13,39,374   | 7                             | 4       | 11     | 121,761                       | 5       | 44     | 49                            | 98,765   | 132    | 72                            | 204     | 7,746    | 18                                       | 9       | 27     | 160                                                                            | 80      | 240 6,684  |       |
| 20 Tanjore.....                                                                      | 15,80,264   | 17                            | 7       | 24     | 65,844                        | 8       | 8      | 16                            | 98,765   | ...    | ...                           | ...     | ...      | ...                                      | ...     | ...    | ...                                                                            | ...     | ...        | 7,468 |
| Total.....                                                                           | 224,04,480  | 306                           | 115     | 421    | 53,217                        | 21      | 4      | 25                            | 8,96,179 | 432    | 709                           | 1,141   | 19,635   | 1702                                     | 1,436   | 3,138  | 7,139                                                                          | 125,066 | 1,815      | 3,000 |

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,  
Inspector General of Madras Police.

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MADRAS POLICE,  
MADRAS, 5th June 1862.

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Statement showing the particulars of Suicides for the year 1861.

| Number.                 | Names of Districts. | By Hanging. |         | By Drowning. |       | By Poison. |        | By Lethal weapons. |         | By other means. |                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------|------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|                         |                     | Male.       | Female. | Total.       | Male. | Female.    | Total. | Male.              | Female. | Total.          | Proportion to the population. |
|                         |                     |             |         |              |       |            |        |                    |         |                 |                               |
| 1 Ganjam....            | ...                 | 10          | 4       | 14           | 2     | 2          | 4      | ...                | ...     | ...             | 1 to 42,37,436                |
| 2 Vizagapatam....       | ...                 | 2           | 6       | 8            | 10    | 34         | 44     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 53,510                     |
| 3 Godavery District.... | ...                 | 5           | 6       | 11           | 27    | 80         | 107    | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 45,070                     |
| 4 Krishna District....  | ...                 | 2           | 9       | 11           | 17    | 45         | 62     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 14,841                     |
| 5 Cuddapah....          | ...                 | 8           | 1       | 9            | 14    | 62         | 76     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 3,534                      |
| 6 Bellary....           | ...                 | 3           | 4       | 7            | 13    | 42         | 55     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 12,820                     |
| 7 Kurnool....           | ...                 | 2           | 2       | 4            | 3     | 30         | 33     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 24,073                     |
| 8 Nellore....           | ...                 | 4           | 2       | 6            | 10    | 38         | 48     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 5,237                      |
| 9 Madras District....   | ...                 | 6           | ...     | 6            | 16    | 45         | 61     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 5,009                      |
| 10 North Arcot....      | ...                 | 2           | 2       | 4            | 35    | 17         | 52     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 3,370                      |
| 11 South Arcot....      | ...                 | 2           | 2       | 4            | 8     | 4          | 12     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 5,292                      |
| 12 Salem....            | ...                 | 2           | 2       | 4            | 27    | 46         | 73     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 19,175                     |
| 13 Coimbatore....       | ...                 | 3           | 2       | 5            | 3     | 4          | 7      | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 12,004                     |
| 14 Malabar....          | ...                 | 30          | 6       | 36           | 3     | 7          | 10     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 2,484                      |
| 15 North Canara....     | ...                 | 19          | 9       | 28           | 8     | 7          | 15     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 6,860                      |
| 16 South Canara....     | ...                 | 3           | 1       | 4            | 2     | 8          | 10     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 13,897                     |
| 17 Trichinopoly....     | ...                 | 7           | 1       | 8            | 6     | 9          | 15     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 12,878                     |
| 18 Madras....           | ...                 | ...         | 4       | 4            | 28    | 21         | 35     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 240                        |
| 19 Tinnevely....        | ...                 | ...         | 11      | 11           | 31    | 3          | 34     | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 6,684                      |
| 20 Tanjore....          | ...                 | 5           | 3       | 8            | 2     | 4          | 6      | ...                | ...     | ...             | 24 7,468                      |
| Total...                |                     | 128         | 74      | 202          | 219   | 542        | 761    | 8                  | 10      | 18              | 7,139                         |

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No. 138.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1862, No. 952.

The Inspector General of Mofussil Police when submitting his Return of murders, suicides, &c., for 1860, expressed his doubts as to the accuracy of the Return of suicides, observing that most of the Superintendents are of opinion that many reported suicides are in reality murders. This it is well known has long been the opinion of the most experienced Magistrates in the Provinces.

2. In the Statements now submitted the number of suicides is somewhat greater than the number reported last year, and advertent to the large number of

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|------------------|-----|
| Godavery.....    | 107 |
| Krishna.....     | 62  |
| Cuddapah.....    | 76  |
| Bellary.....     | 45  |
| Nellore.....     | 57  |
| North Arcot..... | 61  |
| South Arcot..... | 52  |
| Coimbatore.....  | 73  |

cases of suicide by drowning, reported in the Districts noted in the margin, the Governor in Council would wish to be informed whether the orders which require all wells to be walled round, are strictly enforced in those Districts.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,  
Acting Chief Secretary.

Pro: 29<sup>th</sup> July 1862 at 10<sup>th</sup> 49.  
20<sup>th</sup> July 1861 at 14<sup>th</sup> 49.

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From,  
W. Robinson Esqre  
Insp. Genl of the Police  
A. J. Arbuthnot Esqre  
Ag. Chief Secretary to  
Government  
Fort Saint George  
Dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Recd 7<sup>th</sup> June 1862  
N<sup>o</sup> 1145  
Enclosure one

Pro: 1101  
Submits State-  
ment of Murders & Suicides  
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to be printed & be-  
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With an Order.

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Ordered that copies of  
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The Magistrate of  
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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following  
letter from W. Robinson Esq.  
Inspector Genl. of M Police.

Here enter 5<sup>th</sup> June 1862 N<sup>o</sup> 1145

Order thereon 21 June 1862 N<sup>o</sup> 952

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To  
The Inspector General  
of Madras Police. } Sept 23<sup>d</sup>  
Magistrates of all }  
the Districts. } Sept 23<sup>d</sup>

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 21 June 1862

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Review the statements of  
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