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No. 338. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kotagerry, 10th July 1867, No. 1222.

Statistics.

I have the honor to submit the returns of unnatural deaths throughout the Presidency for the year 1866.

2. The total increase in the number of persons who met death by the criminal acts of others which took place in 1865 (370) was maintained in 1866 (371); but a larger number of cases were found homicides (104 against 77 in 1865). There was 267 murders against 293 in 1865. Fewer murders were committed in Ganjam (37 in 1866 against 51 in 1865), Vizagapatam (13 against 19), Kistna (7 against 15), Kurnool (11 against 19), and Canara (13 against 19); on the other hand, 42 were committed in Bellary against 26 in 1865, and in North Arcot, 17 against 13. In other Districts, the increase was unimportant.

3. Under suicides (594 males, 794 females—total 1388) the increase of last year (1242) was further exceeded by 11.7 per cent., as also the average of five years (1183). This increase of self-destruction was natural under the prevalent distress. Nine hundred and eighteen (266 males and 652 females) drowned themselves; and 355 (257 males and 98 females) hanged themselves. Suicides by these and other means, except poison, are now fairly ascertained and reported. Of suicides by poison, it may be averred, that we know very little. It is a secret offence, committed in privacy, and carefully concealed by surviving relations.

| Accidental deaths |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Reported in       | No.   |
| 1861              | 3,138 |
| 1862              | 3,177 |
| 1863              | 3,998 |
| 1864              | 5,853 |
| 1865              | 6,291 |
| 1866              | 6,893 |

4. A further increase in the number of accidental deaths is mainly to be attributed to improved information and regularity on the part of the Police.

5. Seventeen thousand three hundred and seven (17,307) persons are returned as found dead and died from want, &c.—15,094 deaths of this class, reported for Ganjam, may fairly represent the loss of

Found dead, and died for want &c.

life during the famine; but I do not consider the returns for Bellary (1030) accurate, still less those of other Districts. Practically, it is exceedingly difficult to ascertain these facts: numbers die out of sight of the Police; infant mortality, which is always enormous at these times, is scarcely heard of or noted; and reports are confined in the main to deaths which occur in the bazaars or public roads, when the Police are called on to assist in the interment of the corpse on account of poverty or other reasons.

Statement showing the number of Murders, Culpable Homicides, Justifiable Homicides, Suicides and Accidental Deaths, for the year 1866, classified according to the results of the Inquests held.

| Number. | Names of Districts. | Murder. |         |        | Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder. |         |        | Justifiable Homicide. |         |        | Suicide. |         |        | Accidental deaths. |         |        | Found dead, injuries and causes unknown. |         |        | Natural deaths from drinking, neglect, want and exposure, and from other causes. |         |        |
|---------|---------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|         |                     | Male.   | Female. | Total. | Male.                                      | Female. | Total. | Male.                 | Female. | Total. | Male.    | Female. | Total. | Male.              | Female. | Total. | Male.                                    | Female. | Total. | Male.                                                                            | Female. | Total. |
| 1       | Ganjam              | 81      | 6       | 87     | 18                                         | 1       | 19     | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 47       | 23      | 69     | 131                | 164     | 295    | 194                                      | 117     | 311    | 8,708                                                                            | 6,885   | 15,594 |
| 2       | Vizagapatam         | 9       | 4       | 13     | 8                                          | 4       | 12     | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 46       | 57      | 103    | 269                | 134     | 403    | 182                                      | 120     | 302    | 80                                                                               | 13      | 93     |
| 3       | Jeypore             | 9       | 6       | 15     | 2                                          | 2       | 4      | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 46       | 83      | 129    | 194                | 117     | 311    | 182                                      | 120     | 302    | 16                                                                               | 4       | 20     |
| 4       | Godavery            | 8       | 11      | 19     | 2                                          | 2       | 4      | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 20       | 51      | 71     | 182                | 120     | 302    | 219                                      | 176     | 395    | 1                                                                                | 1       | 2      |
| 5       | Kistna              | 8       | 11      | 19     | 2                                          | 2       | 4      | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 32       | 66      | 98     | 219                | 176     | 395    | 219                                      | 176     | 395    | 1                                                                                | 1       | 2      |
| 6       | Nellore             | 10      | 11      | 21     | 2                                          | 2       | 4      | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 37       | 77      | 114    | 240                | 214     | 454    | 240                                      | 214     | 454    | 1,030                                                                            | 1,030   | 2,060  |
| 7       | Bellary             | 10      | 11      | 21     | 2                                          | 2       | 4      | 1                     | 1       | 2      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 187                | 100     | 287    | 187                                      | 100     | 287    | 33                                                                               | 11      | 44     |
| 8       | Kurnool             | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 9       | Cuddapah            | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 10      | North Arcot         | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 11      | Madras              | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 12      | South Arcot         | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 13      | Tanjore             | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 14      | Trichinopoly        | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 15      | Madura              | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 16      | Tinnevely           | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 17      | Salem               | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 18      | Coimbatore          | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 19      | South Malabar       | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 20      | North Malabar       | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
| 21      | South Canara        | 11      | 11      | 22     | 4                                          | 1       | 5      | 4                     | 4       | 8      | 18       | 44      | 62     | 177                | 868     | 1,045  | 177                                      | 868     | 1,045  | 56                                                                               | 42      | 98     |
|         | Total               | 257     | 98      | 355    | 266                                        | 652     | 918    | 9                     | 21      | 30     | 86       | 7       | 43     | 26                 | 16      | 42     | 10,450                                   | 8,646   | 19,096 | 1,415                                                                            | 75      | 1,490  |

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Statement showing the particulars of Suicides for the year 1866.

| Numbers. | Names of Districts. | By Hanging. |         |        | By Drowning. |         |        | By Poison. |         |        | By Lethal Weapons. |         |        | By other means. |         |        |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|------------|---------|--------|--------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------|--------|
|          |                     | Male.       | Female. | Total. | Male.        | Female. | Total. | Male.      | Female. | Total. | Male.              | Female. | Total. | Male.           | Female. | Total. |
| 1        | Ganjam              | 18          | 7       | 25     | 13           | 9       | 22     | ...        | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...     | ...    | 16              | 6       | 22     |
| 2        | Vizagapatam         | 14          | 1       | 15     | 23           | 53      | 78     | ...        | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 3        | Jeypore             | 5           | 5       | 10     | ...          | 1       | 1      | 1          | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 4        | Godavery            | 8           | 8       | 16     | 35           | 79      | 114    | 1          | 1       | 2      | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 5        | Kistna              | 2           | 2       | 4      | 17           | 49      | 66     | ...        | ...     | ...    | 1                  | ...     | 1      | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 6        | Nellore             | 4           | 8       | 12     | 27           | 63      | 90     | ...        | ...     | ...    | 1                  | ...     | 1      | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 7        | Bellary             | 22          | 5       | 27     | 9            | 72      | 81     | ...        | ...     | ...    | 4                  | ...     | 4      | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 8        | Kurnool             | 4           | 8       | 12     | 13           | 41      | 54     | ...        | ...     | ...    | 1                  | ...     | 1      | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 9        | Cuddapah            | 7           | 6       | 13     | 39           | 80      | 119    | ...        | ...     | ...    | 2                  | ...     | 2      | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 10       | North Arcot         | 5           | ...     | 5      | 34           | 92      | 126    | ...        | 1       | 1      | 13                 | 5       | 18     | 1               | 3       | 4      |
| 11       | Madras              | 5           | ...     | 5      | 5            | 13      | 18     | 1          | 1       | 2      | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 12       | South Arcot         | 13          | 2       | 15     | 5            | 7       | 12     | 1          | 3       | 4      | 1                  | ...     | 1      | ...             | 1       | 1      |
| 13       | Tanjore             | 8           | ...     | 8      | 2            | 8       | 10     | ...        | ...     | ...    | 1                  | ...     | 1      | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 14       | Trichinopoly        | 6           | 4       | 10     | 8            | 8       | 16     | 1          | 2       | 3      | ...                | ...     | ...    | 1               | ...     | 1      |
| 15       | Madura              | 22          | 7       | 29     | 8            | 8       | 16     | ...        | 1       | 1      | ...                | ...     | ...    | 1               | ...     | 1      |
| 16       | Tinnevely           | 4           | 16      | 20     | 1            | 6       | 7      | 1          | 7       | 8      | 1                  | ...     | 1      | ...             | 2       | 3      |
| 17       | Salem               | 19          | 2       | 21     | 5            | 7       | 12     | 1          | ...     | 1      | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 18       | Coimbatore          | 11          | 6       | 17     | 13           | 38      | 51     | 1          | ...     | 1      | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
| 19       | South Malabar       | 48          | 13      | 61     | 2            | 3       | 5      | ...        | 1       | 1      | 3                  | ...     | 3      | ...             | 1       | 1      |
| 20       | North Malabar       | 14          | 4       | 18     | 3            | 1       | 4      | ...        | ...     | ...    | 1                  | ...     | 1      | 2               | ...     | 2      |
| 21       | South Canara        | 20          | 7       | 27     | 7            | 14      | 21     | 1          | 4       | 5      | ...                | ...     | ...    | ...             | ...     | ...    |
|          | Total               | 257         | 98      | 355    | 266          | 652     | 918    | 9          | 21      | 30     | 86                 | 7       | 43     | 26              | 16      | 42     |

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTION, GENL. OF POLICE, MADRAS, 2nd July 1867.

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

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1867, No. 1221.

Ordered that the returns received with the foregoing letter be communicated to the several Magistrates.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Recd. 10<sup>th</sup> July 1867

Pres. 31 July

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From

W. ROBINSON, Esq., C. S. I.,  
Inspector General of Police.

To

THE HON'BLE R. S. ELLIS, C. B.,  
Acting Chief Secretary to Government,  
Fort Saint George.

Dated 10th July 1867.

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&c, throughout the Presidency, for the year  
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to the General Magistrate.

M. L.

As per Magistrate's report dated 31/7/67

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