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Government of Madras.

Public Works
DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

No. 7. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge Central Office of P. W; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 22nd June 1858, No. 1340.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, the accompanying letters* from the District Engineers of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, the former reporting the demise of Overseer Koelmeyer on the 13th Instant, and the latter the death by suicide of Sub-Overseer Horrox on the 11th Idem.

Letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer, Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tranquebar 16th June 1858, No. 41.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Zillah Surgeon of Combaconum, dated 14th Instant, reporting the death of Overseer Koelmeyer at that Station on the evening of the 13th Idem.

Letter from J. M. JOSEPH, Esq., M. D. Zillah Surgeon at Combaconum; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer of Tanjore, dated 14th June 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that Mr. J. D. Koelmeyer Overseer D. P. W. died at this Station on Sunday evening 13th Instant.

Letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer, Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Trichinopoly, 15th June 1858, No. 309.

SIR,

It is my sad duty to have to report the violent death of Mr. Horrox, Sub-Overseer of the D. P. W. in this District.

2. The body of the deceased was found about midday of the 11th Instant shot through the heart lying on his cot in his own house in Warriore.

3. An Inquest was held on the 12th Instant before the Head-Assistant Magistrate, and the finding is that the late Sub-Overseer died by his own hand while labouring under temporary aberration of intellect.

4. I regret to say that there is good reason for believing, that anxiety and distress of mind about his Official duties (which I understand have of late been almost entirely those of Cash-Keeper and Accountant of the Military Buildings) acting on a temperament naturally nervous and very sensitive produced in his mind a morbid dread of failure as regards the punctual and accurate discharge of his duties, while in this state of mind it is to be feared that the sudden call upon him to close and submit his accounts at a short notice caused such distress and despair, that his mind gave way, with the pitiable result above reported.

5. In the deceased, the D. P. W. has lost one of its most valuable and deserving Subordinates, he has been connected with the Military Building's Department of the Southern Division for upwards of 20 years. I have known him for the last four years and knew him to be devoted to his duty and to be honest and upright in the execution of it.

6. A copy of the finding of the Jury on the Inquest held by the Head-Assistant Magistrate (for which this report has been delayed until to-day) is herewith forwarded.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

It is the unhesitating and unanimous opinion of the following members of the Jury of Inquest, sitting on the body of the late Mr. Horrox, that the deceased died by his own hand while labouring under temporary aberration of intellect.

12th June 1858.

(Signed) J. BLAND,
(„) C. REBEIRO,
(„) A. IGNATIO,
(„) C. W. ETRIDGE,
(Signed) H. M. S. GROEME.
Head Assistant Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. BIRD,
Magistrate

(True Copy.)

• (Signed) J. G. RYVES, Lieutenant
District Engineer.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1302; dated 7th July 1858.

The Officer in charge of the Central Office forwards two letters, one from the District Engineer of Tanjore, the other from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly. The former reports the death of Overseer Koelmeyer, and the latter that of Sub-Overseer Horrox, of the Department of Public Works. No cause of death is assigned in the case of the Overseer; but the Sub-Overseer is reported to have shot himself. Lieutenant Ryves states his belief, that anxiety and distress of mind in regard to his duties, latterly almost entirely those of Cashkeeper and Accountant of the Military buildings, led Sub-Overseer Horrox to the commission of suicide, when suddenly called upon to close and submit his accounts at short notice. Such being the case, the Government desire to have information on the following points. What was the call made on the deceased, and from whom did it proceed? In what state are the accounts of say late Sub-Overseer, under what Executive Officer did he work, and what does this Officer the of the circumstance reported?

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

From

Lt. J. G. Ryves

Lt. Sup. Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Engineer D.P.M.
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report the violent death of Mr. Horrox,
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found about midday of the 11th instant
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bright in the execution of it.

6. A. Copy of the finding of
the jury on the inquest held by the
Peace & Assistant Magistrate for
which this report has been delayed
until today / is herewith forwarded.

Trichinopoly
19th June 1858
Shampr
/ By J. E. Rymer
Lt Sup

It is the unhesitating and mani-
fested opinion of the following members
of the jury of inquest sitting on the
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intellect.

19th June 1858.

/ By J. Blund
" C. Refaro
" A. Ignatio
/ By A. M. S. Grooms
" W. App. Magistrate
/ True copy /
/ By J. Bire
" Magistrate
/ True copy /
/ By J. E. Rymer
" Lt Sup
/ True copy /
/ By J. E. Rymer
" Lt Sup

N^o 11.

From Major W. S. Burdwood
To Sup. Tanjong

Colonel C. P. Stater
Chief Sup. & P. H.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward copy
of a letter from the Medical Surgeon
of Tanjongmum dated 14th instant,
reporting the death of Overseer Raelmeyer
at that station on the evening of the 13th.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
W. S. Burdwood
To Sup.

To Sup. Office
Tanjongmum
16th June 1888

Colonel C. P. Stater
Chief Sup. & P. H.

To Major W. S. Burdwood
To Sup. of Tanjong

Sir,
I have the honor to report
that W. S. D. Raelmeyer

Overseer

Enclosed is a letter from
the Chief of Tanjongmum dated
14th instant reporting the
death of Overseer Raelmeyer
at that station on the evening of the 13th.

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W. S. Burdwood
To Sup. Office
Tanjongmum
16th June 1888

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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
N. 340
22 June 1858.
From The Superintending Engineer Southern Circle
In charge Central Office of P.W.

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Public
I have the honor to forward, for
Enclosure 2: the information of Government, the accompa-
nying letters from the District Engineers
N. 610309 dated 16th and 15th June 1858: of Bangalore and Trichinopoly, the former re-
porting the demise of Overseer Kailmeyer on
the 13th Instant, and the latter the death by
suicide of Sub Overseer Horrox on the 11th Idem.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Lawson
Superintending Engineer Southern Circle
In charge Central Office P.W.

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Lawson

Enclosure in a letter
from the District Engineer
of Bangalore dated 15th June 1858

Public 22
June 1858

Copy of a letter
from the District Engineer
of Bangalore reporting
the demise of Overseer
Kailmeyer at Bangalore
on the 13th Idem.

P.W. Dept

No 1302

Extract from the Mem. of Consultation
Under d. to the 7th July 58

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letter from the Supg Engr
in charge of the Central
Office of P.W.

(Here enter 22 June 1858 etc.)

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well

W. J. P. Esq. District Engr
Tanjore to send 100 Rs. to
the Sub Engr in charge
of the Central Office P.W.
to the Secretary to Government
P.W. D.

Dated 22 June 1858

No 1302

Engrs
1858-1859
of various buildings
and other various works

25 June 1858

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and from whom did it proceed?
In what state are the accounts
of the late suboverseer, under what
Executive Officer did he work,
and what does this officer say
of the circumstance reported?

WAS

10 Copies to the Off^r of Eng^r & Disb^d 8th

1898

Desire to have full
information respecting the
death of our American Horse
Reported to have shot him
= only.
From Chief Eye of 23rd July
Ch. 1892 inf. 11/11/98

1898

Ch. 1892
Ch. 1892 July 1898
Ch. 1892 July 1898
Ch. 1892 July 1898