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Public (Works) DEPARTMENT.

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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.

* Nos 41 & 309 dated 16th and 15th June 1858.

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 densitive 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 dispair, 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 procced? 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.

No. 1309.

From

Lt. J. G. Ryves
Dy Supt Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Engineer &c &c

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Trichinopoly
Dr Surgn Assn 15th June 58

I am sir
Yr Obt Servt
J. G. Byrne
Lt Surgn

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19th June 1858.

J. Blane
C. Pepin
A. Spratt
A. M. C. H. Driver
A. M. S. Groome
Asst Magistrate
True Copy
J. Bird
Magistrate
True Copy
J. G. Byrne Lt
Do Surgn
True Copy
A. Lawrence
Insp. Genl. of Hosps

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No 11.

From
Major W. S. Bordwood
Dr Sup. Tanjore

To
Colonel C. P. Tabor
Chief Sup. & Pr.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Assistant Surgeon of Trichinopoly dated 16th instant, reporting the death of Overseer Nethinegar at that Station on the evening of the 13th Idem.

I have &c
(Sd) W. S. Bordwood
Dr Sup.

Dr Sup. Office
Tranquebar
16th June 88

To
Major W. S. Bordwood
Dr Sup. of Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to report that Mr S. D. Nethinegar

Overseer

Dr Sup. Office
Tranquebar
16th June 88

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Dr Sup.

Coroner's Office at the Station
on Sunday evening 13th Instant.—

Ombiramum
11th June 1858.

Thomas
Sgt J. M. Sawyer M. D.
District Surgeon
Jane Carson
Sgt H. A. Burbridge
Ass Surgn

Jane Carson

Thomas
Insp. Supt. St. Cuthbert.
Central Police

Central Office of P.W.

No 2340

Fort Saint George

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

Enclosures 2:

the information of Government, the accompa-

nying letters from the District Engineers

No 414 & 309 dated

of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, the former re-

16th and 15th June 1858:-

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the 13th instant, and the latter the death by

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Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Lawrie

Superintending Engineer Sn. Circle

In charge Central Office P.W.

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Enclosure in a Letter

from the Superintending Engineer

Southern Circle

to the Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

dated 22nd June 1858.

No 414

Dismissed Overseer

Vaithianyen

Dismissed the Service by the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle for having received Bribes from Contractors

Vaithianyen at Chittoor

Enquired into the 13th Inst.

P.W. Dept. 13

No 1302

Extract from the Hons. of Commissioners
Under date the 7th July 58

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letter from the Actg Supt
in charge of the Central
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Received under 22nd June 1858 on

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P.W. Dept. No. 1370 dated 24th Dec. 58
From The Officiating Secretary to Govt
To The Chief Engineer & Secretary
Fort St. George Public Office 13th
Dated 22nd June 1858

The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 22nd
Received 22nd June 1858

No. 1370

Encls 2
Sd/ Rd. Temple Capt. RE
Offg Chief Engr & Secy

A true Copy
Sd/ Robt. Brereton Major
and Asst. Secy

Dft

25th June 1858

Overseer Harrow to the commission of suicide, when duly called upon to close and submit his accounts at short notice. Such being the case, the Court 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 the late Sub Overseer, under what Executive Officer did he work, and what does this Officer say of the circumstance reported?

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10 Copies to the Off.g Chairs Esq.re Dated 8.th

Public Works 1858 Dept to
Dy. to Cons. 15th July

No. 1302

Extract Mins of Coun:
Dated 14th July 58.

Desires to have full information respecting the death of Sub Overseer Horrox reported to have shot himself.

From Chief Engr of 29th July 58
Rec 1692 in C. 11 Aug

No. 748

No. 1230