

I am also to ask from
whence Mr. Nordmann
arrived at Arcouam
and what was his
destination.

I have to

F. D. B.

J. A. W.

Done

27/7/85

No. 1523 D.
GOVT. } 188 . { P. W.
OF MADRAS. } DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepâk,

2nd July 1885

OFFICE NOTE.

From

The Second Asstt
P.W. Department

To

The Dy Traffic Manager
Central Station

Sir
In acknowledging
the receipt of your
A/o of yesterday's date,
I am directed to ask
that you will kindly
favor this office with
any particulars
you may be in
possession of regard-
ing the suicide of
Mr. Noddman at
Arkonam on the
30th ult. I

No. 1540 D. 4th July 1885

Office note

From

The Under Secy to Govt
P. W. Dept.

To

The Agent & Manager
Madras Railway Co

Has the honor
to request that any
particulars available
regarding the recent
suicide of Mr. Noddman
at Arkonam may
be furnished.

W. B.
D.

No. 1523 Dey 2-7-85

T. 30.

Madras Railway Company.

Reply to your

In your reply

3/88364

Traffic Manager's Office.

give reference to

Central Station, Madras, 3^d July 1885

J. D. Bird Esq.
Second Assistant P. W. Dept
Chennai.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, No. 1523, dated 2nd instant, I have the honor to state that the whole of the information obtained has been furnished to the Agent and Manager and I have no doubt an application to that Officer will enable you to obtain what you ask for.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. H. M. A.
Traffic Manager

CU.
17.7.15

is known about the matter
when Refreshment Room
upstairs to inform Mr. Nordman
ready. He found Mr. Nordman
is hand, seated back in a

No. 1540 Dey 4-7-85

W²/523 Day 2-7-85

Sir.

The Despatch to S. of S. can now be completed for transmission next mail. Please see pencil Entries under "Property" & "Remarks".

AB

W. Do you think the Report to Secretary of State may now be despatched, with the Remarks as given in pencil? The verdict of coroner's jury, endorsed by magistrates, was that Mr. Nordman had committed suicide.

Cd.

28-7-85

Yes. but under head (8) - I should be inclined to say -

It is understood that no property is left in India, with exception of personal effects.

on what authority is the entry under head No 8 based?

Is it not expected under head No 9 that something should be said of the special circumstances connected with the death?

W.
17-7-85

W. There is no authority for the entry under head No 8 which I made in pencil, being doubtful as to its accuracy. how do I know how we are to ascertain the facts.

As regards the pencil entry - under head 8, I thought it not advisable to refer to the circumstances of Mr. Nordman's death, as he is supposed to have committed suicide, a point which may give rise to legal proceedings.

Cd.
17.7.85

Madras Railway,
Arkonam Dispensary
1st July 1885.

No 90.

To

The Medical Officer,
Madras Railway Company,
Rayapuram.

Sir,

Death of Mr. R. F. Nordman at Arkonam.

I beg to submit the following for your information.

Mr. R. F. Nordman, Executive Engineer, arrived at Arkonam by the South Indian Railway train on the evening of the 29th ultimo, and after dining at the Refreshment Room retired for the night in Room No. 4 at the Station, previously telling his servant not to wake him, but that he would call him, if required.

Another gentleman, Captain Woodward, R.E. arrived by the 12-45 P.M. mail train at about 4-30 A.M. yesterday and turned into an adjoining room. He stated that he heard some one moan and shortly afterwards the report of a gun or pistol. The latter he attributed to an occupant of one of the rooms, endeavouring to frighten the crows away (which were on some trees near the place and very noisy).

Nothing more is known about the matter until about 9 A.M. when Refreshment Room Manly Syavoo, went upstairs to inform Mr. Nordman that breakfast was ready. He found Mr. Nordman with a revolver in his hand, seated back in a

chair and some blood on the matting, and immediately informed Mr. Andrews, the Station Master who proceeded upstairs and found Mr. Nordman dead.

I was summoned at about 9-45 A.M. and found the deceased an European, aged about 45 years on a chair, with his head thrown back, face inclined slightly to the left and lower extremities stretched out at full length. Rigor mortis had set in. Body was well-nourished and of the medium height. He had light hair and a moustache also light. In his right hand was a six-chamber revolver, firmly grasped, with his thumb on the trigger. Four chambers were loaded at the time, the hammer being on the spent one.

There was a quantity of dry coagulated blood down his face from the left temple and eye, on the front of his shirt and on the matting below. On washing his face, I discovered a lacerated wound about a quarter of an inch in diameter, situated about half or three-quarters of an inch behind the outer angle of the left eye, or anatomically on the orbital plate of the sphenoid bone, immediately behind and involving the frontal process of the malar bone, which was completely shattered and comminuted. This wound was surrounded by a scorched surface and the hair about the left temple burnt, indicating that the piece was in contact or almost so with the part.

Another oblique lacerated wound involved the inner two-thirds of the left eyelid, but the eye-lashes were not burnt. The eye was

perfectly collapsed and the vitreous and aqueous humours had escaped.

There was no other discernible injury nor marks of violence. His clothes were not ruffled but on the contrary in order. The chair the deceased was in, was facing the head of a cot and at an angle of about 25 degrees, to the median line of the body, to the right, the sheet on the bed was stained by a blackish, bloody and serous stain. This direction being followed up, led to an impression on the wall, which was very probably struck by the bullet, which was thence diverted to the wooden partition wall and thence again diverted to about a yard from the deceased.

The chair on which the deceased was seated was placed in a line, with a looking glass, towards the left of him; another hand glass was stuck between the pillows and the cot railing so that the deceased had probably seen the reflection of the left of his face, from the larger on to the smaller glass.

The position of these glasses in relation to that occupied by the corpse, is very suspicious. It would give one the idea, that it had been studied by the deceased, with the object to see what he was about and do the deed effectually.

No clue was obtainable as to the cause of the act; some of his trunks were searched but nothing found to throw any light on the subject. A post card addressed to the Post Master, Madras was found bearing the date 29th June 1885 requesting that official

to redirect all letters to the deceased's address to Coonoor.

The deceased's brother-in-law named Leonard, Police Inspector of the Salem District, arrived this morning and stated that the deceased had been in poor health for some time past, and it was only two months ago, that he was brought before a Medical Board, who directed that he should have 18 months furlough.

He also said that he received a telegram and a letter from the deceased, both dated Pondicherry 27th June 1885, requesting him to come at once, as he was very ill and could not say at what time. He may die and wanted him to take charge of his effects. He acted on these and came to Arkonam 24 hours after what had happened.

This also leads to surmises.

Mr Leonard is quite in a way about the verdict and has lodged an appeal, in the Sub Magistrate's Court here, requesting that an European should hold the enquiry. I may state that although the enquiry was held by the Village Magistrate, among those who signed the Verdict were Messrs. French and Shelbourne and Colonel Begbie who were convinced in the opinion arrived at, from what they themselves saw and heard.

The Agent & Manager with the Medical Officer's compliments for information.

3rd July 1885.

Yours &c.
Sgt Norman A. Wray.
Apothecary

(True copy)

M. W.

3/88364
8831.

Madras Railway Company
Traffic Manager's Office.
Central Station, Madras, 22 July 1885

The Agent & Manager,
Rayapuram.

Dear Sir, Suicide at Arkonam

Your telegram of this date.

I beg to enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Divisional Traffic Officer at Arkonam reporting the suicide of Mr. Nordmann on the morning of the 30th ultimo

Yours &c.
Sgt A. W. Darke
for Traffic Manager.

gc/45147
Madras Railway Company
Asst. Traffic Manager's Office.
Arkonam 1st July 1885.

For
The Traffic Manager
Madras.

Dear Sir, Suicide at Arkonam Station

I beg to report that one Mr. Nordmann

shot himself in the up-stair room at
Arkham yesterday, the Station Master
writes as follows:-

"I beg to report that Mr. Nordmann
"arrived by the South Indian Railway
"train on the evening of the 29th June
"dined at the Refreshment Room and
"retired for the night upstairs, he
"instructed his servant not to call him
"in the morning, one of the natives went
"up yesterday announce at 9 A.M. that
"breakfast was ready, when he brought
"the intelligence that Mr. Nordmann was
"seated in a chair with a revolver in
"his hand and some blood underneath
"the chair I went up at once and on
"inspection shewed that the deed
"had been done some hours before
"as the body was rigid. A Captain
"Derward R.C. arrived by the 12.45
"p.m. mail and occupied the next
"room, he told me that at about
"5 A.M. or day dawn he heard groaning
"in the room occupied by Mr. Nordmann
"and very soon after that the report
"of a gun or pistol, he attached no
"importance to it as some crows
"were cawing noisily about the trees
"facing the rooms and it occurred
"to him that the shot was fired at the
"crows to disperse them."

"The Police were called in at once
"and an inquest held, when it was arriv-
"ed at that the act was a suicidal one

"on the part of Mr. Nordmann Mr.
"French arranged for the interment
"which took place at 5 p.m. last night.

Yours &c.
L. Garaghan
Asst Traffic Manager.

1 True copies,
M.R.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

MADRAS. 7th July 1885.

From

To

The Agent and Manager of the
Madras Railway Company.
The Under Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

SIR,

As requested in your docket
of the 4th Instant, No. 1540 D, I have
the honour to forward herewith copies
x From Traffic Manager No. C3/88364 } of the letters noted in
dated 2nd July 1885. 8831
From Medical officer dated 3rd July/85. } the margin regarding
the recent suicide of Mr. Nordmann
at Arkonam.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,
J. H. Seelie
Agent & Manager.

OWP,
5962/85.

No 15232. 2. 7. 83
" 15402. 4. 7. 83

July 1962

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Rev 7/7/85.
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W
I have just received
this account of the death
of Mr. Henderson & present
it at once for perusal.

C.S.
7.7.85

No 1768 W



July 1885

For perusal.

W
9.7.85

~~No 1756 Dd 130 July 1885~~
~~Recorded~~

C.S.
21.7.85

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No 1768 W of 29th July/85
To

The Under Secretary of
State for India

Sir

With reference to the
Secretary of State's Despatch
to the Government of
India of 28th April 1870,
No. 18, I am directed by
the Right Honble the
Governor in Council to
transmit to you the
annexed list of
casualties made up to
this date -

C.S.
17.7.85

W
17.7.85

Report of the death of a European
officer of the Madras Public Works Dept.

1 Name of deceased. Karl. Friedrich Nordmann

2 Date of death 30th June 1885

3. Place of death Arkonam a station
on the Madras Railway.

4 Occupation at the
time of death. Executive Engineer,
Second Grade.

5 Probable age at time
of death. Forty seven years and
seven months.

6 Native village or Country
of deceased if known. Grandenz, Eastern Pomerania
Germany

7 Particulars of family as
far as known if any
relation in country. Wife and children
in Germany; a
brother-in-law in India

8 If any property left
in what custody.

It is understood that
no property is left in
India, with the exception
of personal effects.

9 Remarks.

Deceased committed
suicide by shooting
himself through the
head with a revolver.

Fort Saint George

P. W. Department.

P.W. Secretary's letter
to Under Secy of State
for India.

No. 19684

Dated 29th July 1885

Transmitting report showing
particulars of the death of
Karl Friedrich Nordmann

CU
28.7.85

W
28.7.85

guy W
28.7

29
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28.7.85

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Just Dept order no 1871 mis.
of 18.7.85

P.A.W.

Please submit these
papers to Secy. & W
for removal.

Some days ago,
I sent down instructions
to E to draw up, for
transmission to the
India office, a report
of Mr Nordmann's
death, in the form
prescribed in Code
para 959.

This has now been
done.

To W

The report is being
sent with CU

CU
18.7.85

Submitted
accordingly

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No.

From

No.

Dated

Received

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Order in full dept No. 1871 mis.
18.7.85
recording report upon the suicide
committed by Mr K.F.
Nordmann at An Ramm.

DISPOSAL.

No. 401 E, dated August 1st 1885.

Perused and returned
(S) J.S.
W

To,
The full dept & serial
with file returned
1/8/85

No 213 Id June 5 1886

P.W.D.

Received

F C

Class

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Local No.

179.

To

From

Words.

Day.

Hour.

Minute.

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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urgent

To (Person)

From (Person)

Chief Engineer

Suptg Engr

1st Circle

Harris Vizagapatam

reported dangerously

ill & case considered

Hopeless.

particulars

by

details

ra 959

3 of 1883

Sp. Joseph

RECD. FROM

L. N.

SENT TO

L. N.

At

Hrs.

Mts. By

At

Hrs.

Mts. By

OOTACAMUND 4-6-86

Telegraph Master.

RATES OF CHARGE FOR INLAND TELEGRAMS.

The address (including name of Sender, and name and residence of Addressee) is transmitted free.

	First 8 words.	Each additional word.	A group of 3, or less figures, is reckoned as one word.
Deferred Message	... 8 Annas	... 1 Anna.	
Ordinary "	... 1 Rupee	... 2 Annas.	
Urgent "	... 2 Rupees	... 4 Annas.	

No charge for delivery within a distance of 5 Miles.



N^o 213 D of June 5. 1886.

Handwritten signature/initials

COOTACAMUND 5-6-86

6.21.7.85

FROM

N^o 213 D of June 5. 1886.

P.W.D.

Telegram

To Mr. Supdt. Engr. I Circle

Dow Law Commission

Report particulars of Harris' death by letter + also give details as per Code para 95-9 Standing Order 143 of 1883 & para 960.

dep^d 5/6/86.

Handwritten initials and date 5.6.86

NO. 54 V. 2

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DOWLAISHWARAM, 5th June 1886.

SIR,

I have the honor to report with regret that Mr. J. D. Harris Executive Engineer 1st Grade in charge of the Vizagapatam Division, died yesterday at Waltair, of some internal complaint. I have directed Assistant Engineer Mr. W. Knowles to take charge of the Division.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

your most obedient Servant

James Smith Major R.E.
Sup^r Eng^r 1st Circle.

No 213 Dd/ June 5. 1886.

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Mr Hon N. S. Sullivan
2 No 269 Bd/19.6.36

Recorded pending receipt of further report.

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7-6-36

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Ans. 33/6.

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Class	INDIAN TELEGRAPH.		Local No.
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(Station)	(Station)		
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To (Person) From (Person)
 Madras works/ 1st. Circle Supty Engr

1 your telegram fifth
 2 have reported harr
 death by letter.
 4 will send doctors
 5 account when received.

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At	Hrs.	At	Hrs.
	Mts., Br.		Mts., Br.

COTACAMUND 6-6-80
 Telegraph Master.

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no 4018 1-8-83

FROM,
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,
THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DATED 5th
DESPATCHED 5th June 1886
RECEIVED 11

No. 54 V. Z

ENCLOSURES. Nil

No 1656 W. d/ 30 June 1886

Mr J. D. Harris
Executive Engineer
First grade.

Reports with regret
the death of — on 4.6.86.

Note
The Report to the Secy. of State
will be sent on receipt of
the detailed report - call
for in P.W. Memo No. 213 of
5-6-86

16-6-86 A. 28-6-86
11-6-86 A. 16-6-86

with disposal

56 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th June 1886.

Read the following

le (H.E. No 54 V. Z. d/ June 5. 1886)

Law.

Reports of the deaths of
Capt. Hamilton.
Mr. Nardman
Col Montgomery
Mr Harris
are put up.

Capt. Romilly died in act
no report was made.

Major Andry died at Cochin
no report was made

10 W

Please see papers
submitted.

It will be seen
that regret was ex-
pressed in the cases
of Capt Hamilton
& Col. Montgomery

17-6-86

Communicated to
the Examiner J. W. A. A.

2. The Govt have received
with regret the report of
the death of Mr. J. D.

Harris, whose long and
meritorious services have
been of great public
value.

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17-6-86

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 no 401 8. 1. 83 116 17. 1. 86
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Commenced 5776/86
 to the Examiner
 P.W. Department

FROM,
 THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
 FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,
 THE CHIEF ENGINEER
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DATED 5th
 DESPATCHED 5th June 1886
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 6-6-86

11/6/86

No. 1656 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 30th June 1886.

READ the following

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sent
 11/7/86
 E. P. W. Accts ✓
 S.E. I Circle ✓

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Ans. 69/6. Ci 21/6.