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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
11th October 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 98. From the Acting Coroner of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 1st October 1867, No. 40.

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that, at an Inquest held before me in Perembore Barracks compound, within the limits of Madras, on the 11th, and, by adjournment, at the Doveton College, on the 25th and 30th September last, touching the death of Pydaya, the Jurors, after returning as their verdict “died from sanguineous apoplexy, how or by what means caused there is no evidence to show”, made the following observation :—“ The Jurors request the Acting Coroner to bring to the notice of Government the circumstance that, in the above case, a sealed jar, with stomach and its contents, and also a paper parcel containing a pasty substance, were allowed to remain in the Chemical Examiner’s Laboratory, Medical College, from the 11th to the 17th instant, without any steps being taken to have them chemically examined to detect poison.”

Referred to the Chemical Examiner, for his remarks.
FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) F. BRANDT,
2nd October 1867. Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 99. From Surgeon G. S. W. OGG, M. B. M. A., Chemical Examiner, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 4th October 1867, No. 216.

In returning a letter, dated 1st October 1867, No. 40, from the Acting Coroner, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, referred, on the 2nd instant, for the remarks of the Chemical Examiner, I have the honor to make the following observations.

2. Having assumed charge of the office of Chemical Examiner on the 17th September, I have no personal knowledge of the circumstances of the case under reference, further than that a sealed jar, said to contain the stomach and its contents of a native named Pydaya, together with a small sealed paper packet, containing the pasty substance referred to in the accompanying letter, were delivered into my hands on the 17th ultimo by my predecessor, Dr. Wyndowe, and that the analysis of these substances was proceeded with without delay.

3. I would beg, however, to remark that the cause of delay in the analysis of this case was probably the following.

4. In every instance that a chemical analysis is made with the view of determining the presence or absence of poison, it is necessary that the examination should be begun and carried through by the same person. Should this not be done, and the substances sent for analysis be permitted to pass, in the course of examination, through the hands of more than one person, in the event of a judicial inquiry into the circumstances of the case, the results of the analysis would, in all probability, prove to be inadmissible as evidence in a Court of Law, from the difficulty of tracing the identity of the substances examined through the complicated processes of a chemical analysis.

5. I would suggest, therefore, that, in all probability, the reason that induced Dr. Wyndowe to postpone the examination of this case was that, expecting to be relieved daily, he deemed it inadvisable to proceed with an analysis which he might be unable to complete before being relieved.

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6. I was informed, however, by Dr. Wyndowe that, on receiving the jar in question, he had opened it, and finding that decomposition had set in, no alcohol or other preservative liquid having been placed in the jar to prevent decomposition (a precaution essentially necessary in this climate), he had added alcohol, to arrest the further progress of decomposition, before resealing the jar and setting it aside for future examination.

7. In further reference to this case, I would beg to add that, if my information be correct, twenty-seven hours had been permitted to elapse between the death of the deceased Pydaya and the transmission of the substances sent for analysis to the Laboratory—a period sufficient (in the absence of any preservative liquid) to ensure the destruction by decomposition of many poisons of organic origin, and thereby, possibly, frustrate the object of a chemical examination.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1867, No. 1258.

The Governor in Council directs that a copy of the foregoing letter from the Chemical Examiner be communicated to the Coroner of Madras.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Coroner of Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns

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From

M. A. C. Hair Esq^r

Acting Coroner of Madras

To

The Honourable A. C. S. S. S. S.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that at an Inquest held before me in Perambore Barracks (compounded within the limits of Madras on the 11th and by adjournment at the St. Creton College on the 25th and 30th September last touching the death of Pydaya the Curors after returning as their Verdict "Died from Sanguineous Apoplexy how or by what means caused; there is no evidence to show" made the following Observations:—The Curors request the Acting Coroner to bring to the notice of Government the circumstance that in the above case, a sealed jar with stomach and its contents and also a paper parcel containing a powdery substance,

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Laboratory Medical College from the 11th to the 17th
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Chemically examined to detect poison.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

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Acting Coroner

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(Coroner's Office)
1st October 1867.

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Order Number 11 "Refused" 9/12/58

The Governor in Council
directs that a copy of the foregoing
letter from the Chemical Examiner
be communicated to the Governor of
Madras.



To the Town of Madison dated 15/11