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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>235</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>20-2-</i>	<i>1918</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th February 1869.*

No. 187. Read the following letter from the Coroner of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 12th February 1869, No. 4.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that, at an inquest held at Caseemoodoo Parcherry, Caseemoodoo, on the seventh day of February instant, before me, touching the death of Chellee; the Jury after returning as their verdict "accidental death by drowning in a well," made the following presentment:—"The Jury desire the Coroner to bring to the notice of Government the condition of this well; and the evidence of the Police as to notice having been given in this case, and in others, in the neighbourhood, to the Municipal Overseer, who has done nothing to have the wells repaired."

2. I beg, at the same time, to forward a copy of the evidence in this case.

Madras } Informations of witnesses severally taken and acknowledged, on the behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of Chellee in Caseemoodoo Parcherry at Caseemoodoo, within the limits of Madras, on the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, before me, John Urquhart, Esq., Her Majesty's Coroner for Madras, on an inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of the said Chellee then and there lying dead as follows to wit:—

Chellen, on solemn affirmation, in Tamil, saith—I am a coolie and live here. Deceased is my mother. Her name is Chellee. Last night about 10 P.M. I saw deceased alive and well. She was asleep in the house. This morning a little after gun-fire I got up. She was missing. I searched and heard people say "somebody fell into the well." Then I said "my mother is blind, perhaps she fell in." Then I searched and the peons removed the body and I identified her. Deceased was blind and used to speak nonsense. She used to wander about. She never threatened to destroy herself. I do not know anything more.

(Marked) CHELLEN.

Henry Archdall, L. R. C. P. E., being duly sworn deposes and saith—I am attached to the 1st District, and live in Royapooram. I have seen the body which is that of a woman between sixty and sixty-five, free from marks of violence. The teeth clenched, tongue not protruded, eyes closed, frothy white mucus from mouth and nose. Body stiff. Both eyes are blind from cataract. There is nothing suspicious, and no occasion to open the body. Deceased was drowned.

(Signed) H. M. G. ARCHDALL,
S. A. S.

Govinden, on solemn affirmation, in Tamil, saith—I am a boatman and live next this well. I know deceased. She was blind. She had her proper senses. This morning about half-past 5 I was inside when I heard a noise as if some one fell into the well. I ran up and saw the water moving. I reported to the Police, and they came and removed her. I did not remove her myself as I am an old man. No one was at the well when I went up. I heard no noise as of quarelling.

(Marked) GOVINDEN.

Payanee Andy, on solemn affirmation, in Tamil, saith—I am a Police Head Constable, No. 27, attached to Royapooram Bazaar Station-house. I reported the condition of this well to the Municipal Overseer Arnageery Moodelly, about eight months ago, as having a parapet in no part a foot high, and in some parts wanting. This piece of bamboo fence was put round by the neighbours about four months ago. The well was never repaired. The bamboo fence was originally all round, but is broken now.

(Signed) PAYANEE ANDY.

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William Brown being duly sworn deposeseth and saith—I am Sergeant of Police H. Division. I did not see deceased in this well. I have made inquiries but have heard nothing suspicious about the death of deceased. I did not speak about this well, but I have spoken often about wells in this neighbourhood to the Overseer, and no notice has been taken, and no repairs have been made in several cases which I have reported upon.

(Signed) W. BROWN,
Sergeant of Police, H. Division.

(True Copy).

(Signed) J. URQUHART,
Coroner.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1869, No. 235.

Communicated to the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, who is requested to report whether any orders have been given for the repair of the well in question, and what notice is proposed to be taken of the conduct of the Municipal Overseer, Arnageery Moodelly.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
„ Coroner of Madras.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

Dated February, 20th.

1869.

C. O., 20th February 1869, No. 235.

FEBRUARY.,
Nos. 187-188.

Requesting the President to report what notice he is going to take of the conduct of Overseer Arnageery Moodelly, to whose notice, it is alleged, the state of a well in Casemode, in which an old woman had been drowned, had been brought.

Madras
to wit }

Information of Witnesses severally taken
and acknowledged on the behalf of Our Sovereign
Lady the Queen touching the Death of Chellu in
Kannemoodoo Parahann at Kannemoodoo within the
limits of Madras on the Seventh day of February
in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Sixty Nine before me John Augustus
Esquire, Her Majesty's Comor for Madras, on and
Inquisition then and there taken on view of the
Body of the said Chellu then and there lying dead
as follows to wit,

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am a Coolie and live here. Deceased is my mother.
Her name is Chellu. Last night about 10 P.M. I
saw deceased alive and well. She was asleep in the
house. This morning a little after sunrise I got up.
She was missing. I searched and heard people say
"Somebody fell into the well" Then I said "My
mother is blind perhaps she fell in" then I searched
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Deceased was blind and used to speak nonsense.
She used to wander about. She never threatened to
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(Marked) Chellu.

Henry Archdale Esq. R. C. P. C. being duly sworn
deposes and saith I am attached to the 1st District
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(Signed) H. G. Archdall

S. O. S.

Govindan on solemn affirmation in Tamil with I am a boatman and live near this well. I know deceased. She was blind. She had her proper senses. This morning about 1/2 past 5 I was inside when I heard a noise as if some one fell into the well. I ran up and saw the water moving. I reported to the Police and they came and removed her. I did not remove her myself as I am an old man. I was at the well when I went up, I heard no noise as of girdling.

(Signed) Govindan.

Payanee Andy on solemn affirmation in Tamil with I am a Police Constable May attached to Payapooram Bazaar Station house. I reported the condition of this well to the Municipal Overseer Annagary Moodally about eight months ago as having a parapet in no part a foot high and in some parts wanting. This piece of Bamboo fence was put round by the neighbours about 1/2 months ago. The well was never repaired. The bamboo fence was originally all round but is broken now.

(Signed) Payanee Andy.

William

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(Signed) W. Brown

Sergeant of Police
H. Division.

(True Copy)

[Signature]

Coroner.

No 4.

From

John Urquhart Esquire

Coroner of Madras

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq. B.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that at an Inquest held at Karcemoodoo Paraherry, Karcemoodoo, on the Seventh day of February Instant, before me, touching the death of Chellu; the Jury after returning as their verdict "Accidental death by drowning in a well," made the following Presentment. "The Jury desires the Coroner, to bring to the notice of Government, the condition of this well; and the evidence of the Police, as to notice having been given in this case, and in others, in the neighbourhood, to the Municipal Overseer, who has done nothing to have the wells repaired. I beg at the same time to forward a copy of the evidence in this case."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Urquhart

Coroner.

Justice Department

Coroner's Office Madras

Letter No 4 of 1869

18th Feb 1869

No.

Copy of information taken
at the Inquest held on the body
of Chellu, giving the evidence of
the Police as to notice having been
given to the Municipal Overseer,
concerning the unsafe state of wells
in the neighbourhood.

Received 28/2/69

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Madras

Coroner's Office

12th February 1869

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Recd of 9 March

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Coroner of Madras.
(Here enters 12th Feb/69 No 4)

Order thereon 20 February 1869 No 235

Communicated
to the President of the
Municipal Commission,
Madras, who is requested
to report whether any
orders have been given
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what notice is proposed
to be taken of the conduct
of the Municipal Overseer,
Amageery Incharge.

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The Pres. of the Comm.
for the Town of Madras
Coroner of Madras

