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[Despatch Abstract.]

The late Mr. Frank

*Director
of Mr. Frank's
Salt Abkari
Revenue South
by reports to
of state for*

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Class.

NDIAN

TELEGRAPHS.

10174
Monthly
Number.

To
(Office)

Madras

From
(Office)

Mangalore Kna

Words.
21.

Day.
20

Hour.
12

Minute.
59

Official
Instructions.

To
(Person)

From
(Person)

Chief Secretary

Commissioner
Separate
Revenue

Regret to report levy's
death by suicide owing
to depression following fever
attack

64 Word Form.

F.C.2.

Recd. from

At

H. O.

Msg. by

At

H. O.

MADRAS

Telegraph Master

IN TELEGRAM NO. 157
MADRAS MYLAPORE MANGALORE
33 20 19 15 10/11/15

Chief Secy Dist. Trst. Mysore
Port St. George Adyar

Levy deputy commission
= or Jabbari committed
suicide this afternoon
by cutting throat with
razor in fit nervous
depression caused by
fever x

RECD. FROM L. N. SENT TO L. N.
At Hrs. Mts. By At Hrs. Mts. By

Date

Postmaster.

Current No. 105

DEPARTMENT.

Telegrams

From

The Dist Magistrate
Mangalore
+
Commissioner Separate
Revenue

No.

Dated 20/10 }
Received 21/10 } 1894

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the death
by suicide of Mr Levy
Deputy Commissioner
Salt & Abkari.

Mangalore.

21st Oct 1894.

CHIEF SECRETARY
24 OCT. 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Sir,

You will have received telegrams
from Dance & myself reporting Levy's suicide
yesterday evening. Govt. will desire to know
particulars which I am perhaps in a better
position to give than anyone but the doctor, as
Levy was a stranger to Dance & only slightly
acquainted - I believe - with Holmes.

It was arranged we should meet at Mangalore,
Levy marching up the coast while I went
later by steamer. I arrived on the 21st

and had a note from Levy to say he was ill
not able to come & meet me on arrival.
He was staying with Thornhill of the Survey Dept.
and after breakfast I drove down to see him.
I found him in high fever. He had played in a
cricket match at Cannanore and got a chill.
The following night he was drenched by rain
while travelling in a dug-out boat by back-
water to - I think - Hoderug. Though feeling
very ill he rode two marches but got a
bullock coach for the third march in to
Mangalore. Dr. O'Hara was in attendance
& very kindly took Levy up to his own house
on high ground in a much healthier situation,
so he under his immediate care. On Friday
Levy was better and on Saturday morning
the 20th I found him quite free from fever.

but greatly depressed and not quite himself. 2.
He made me shut the door & expressed his
anxiety as to what would become of his parents in case
the worst of his death as they were entirely depen-
dent on him, and asked if I could tell him how they
to raise some money to remit them. He was
very anxious to be allowed to return in the same
steamer with me to Calicut so that I could
look after him. I consulted the doctor who
said he could find nothing the matter except
weakness resulting from fever, thought Levy was
quite strong enough to go on board the following
day & that it was much better he should do
so as he was so bent on it. I cheered Levy
up in every way, & even said he had no ground
whatever for anxiety about himself and arranged
for travelling down by steamer with him to
Calicut. I had of course relieved him of all official work & wrote
a note of mine about embarkation. O'Hara &

said Levy was very much better, & declared he felt quite well, and that he - O'Hara - would go himself & get some suitable kind of farinaceous food for the journey. I went over to the club for some exercise before going to sit awhile with Levy; and while there some persons ran over to inform Holmes & myself that Levy had injured himself with a knife. We went to the house - some two or three minutes walk - and found Levy on his bed, ^{still breathing but} soaked in blood & with a huge gash in his throat and his right on the ground by his side. The doctor had not returned from making the purchases; he was sent for and on arrival found that Levy had cut deeply three times across & across, severing the wind-pipe & the jugular vein. He sewed up the wound with the native surgeon - Sanapathi - assistance, but Levy sank & died about 6.30 pm. O'Hara said he left Levy in excellent spirits, ^{latter} he had just taken some food & said he felt quite strong enough to climb the ship's ladder.

2.

The result could not possibly have been foreseen, as Levy had given no hint of a desire to injure himself, was apparently much better in every way and was anxious to preserve his own life for the sake of his friends at home. O'Hara has acted throughout with much care and consideration and with great kindness to one who was I believe an entire stranger to him. Goot has looked in Levy a very promising and devoted young officer who had rapidly mastered the duties of his office and was discharging them most efficiently. I had recently been on a long tour with him in the Quinvelly district and

was confirmed in the high opinion I had already
formed of his personal character.

I am taking his office with me to
Calicut and will there put Fowler
in charge pending the orders of Govt.

Yours sincerely
A. B. M. D. L.

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1,000-5-8-94.

Current No. 127

DEPARTMENT.

From

The Hon. Mr. A. T. Aundel
Mangalore

No.

Dated 21/10 }
Received 24/10 } 1894
Rep 25/10
Enclosures 1

SUBJECT.

Reports Mr. Levy's suicide
in detail.

Public DEPARTMENT.

D.O. No. 627/94.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for perusal.
1/2 a long sad case
24/10/94.
27/10

No 1229

3131
SOUTH CANARA DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Mangalore,

23 October 1894.

From

G. W. Dance, Esquire,

Acting District Magistrate of

South Canara.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial Department,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the following particulars regarding the death of Mr. Levy in continuation of my telegram of the 20th inst.

2. At about 5.30 P.M. on the 20th instant I received a note from the Hon. Mr. Brundel to the effect that Mr. Levy had cut his throat, and asking me to come over at once to Dr. O'Hara's house, where Mr. Levy was staying. I was in bed with a headache, but I started as soon as possible and got to Dr. O'Hara's house at about 5.45. Mr. Levy was then breathing heavily, but apparently unconscious. Shortly afterwards Dr. O'Hara and the Assistant Surgeon arrived. They at once pronounced the case to be hopeless, but nevertheless proceeded to suture the windpipe. Mr. Levy died at about 6.30. I held an inquest at once at which the following facts were elicited.

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I am satisfied that Mr. Levy committed suicide while in a fit of mental depression caused by his illness. No blame can attach to Dr. O'Hara, who was most kind and attentive to his guest. It was quite impossible for any one to anticipate that Mr. Levy would take his own life.

Mr. Levy's effects have been taken charge of by the District Judge. There is a very large pile of private letters which have not yet been gone through. Possibly they may throw some light on the matter. But, I submit that no useful purpose will be served by such an enquiry.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant,

N. H.
Deputy Magistrate
To Ag. Dist. Magistrate

Judicial

1894

From,
The District Magistrate of
South Canara.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated *23 October*
Received *24 October* 1894

No. 1229

ENCLOSURE (sic).

Subject.

Death of Mr. Levy, Deputy
Commissioner of Salt & Abkari
Revenue -

Reporting the circumstances
connected with the —.

No 1262

3205
SOUTH CANARA DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Mangalore,

30 October 1894

From

G. M. Dancer, Esquire,

Acting District Magistrate of

South Canara.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial Department,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

As requested in your telegram
of the 26th instant, I have the honor
to forward herewith copies of the papers
connected with the inquest held on
Mr. Levy, the late Deputy Commissioner
of Salt and Abkari Revenue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

G. M. Dancer
To Mg. Dist Magistrate

CURRENT NO. 3205.

28/-

Public Dept.
Judicial

1894

From
The Ag. Dist. Magistrate,
South Canara.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Judicial Dept.,
Fort St. George.

Recd 4/11 } October 1894.
Repd 5/11

No 1262

Enclosures - 2.

Forwarding copies of the papers
connected with the inquest held
on Mr. Levy, the late Deputy
Commissioner of Salt and
Abkari Revenue.

Inquest held on Mr. Levy, deputy
Commissioner of Salt.

Munachellam -

I was Mr. Levy's chokra. The
washerman had brought some clothes
from the wash. After talking to him
I brought a light to Mr. Levy's room.
Then I saw that the bed was covered
with blood. Then I ran out and told
the Dy. Commissioner's peon Ghouse
Meean and the doctor's peon and the
doctor's waterman and the doctor's
butler. The above four persons came
with me into the room and saw
Mr. Levy. When I was talking to the doctor
no one else was present. I was talking
to him outside the house underneath
the room of Mr. Levy. It was 6 o'clock
when I brought the light - (Note. I re-
ceived information at about 5/30, and
the suicide must have been discovered

shortly before). I did not speak to Mr. Levy. I did not see the knife. I did not go inside with the peon and the butler and the waterman. I stood at the door crying.

Ghouse Meean Sahib.

I have been a peon of the Deputy Commissioner for five or six years. Mr. Levy told me in the morning that I might take the office things to the steamer at 4 o'clock. The Duffadar and I put the things on the carts and sent them off. I and the doctor's peon and the doctor's waterman and the dhobie were talking together outside on the steps. Suddenly the doctor's butler and Mr. Levy's chokra ran out and said "ayo! the gentleman has cut himself with a knife." The doctor's peon and the waterman and I went inside together with the butler and Mr. Levy's chokra. I saw the blood on the bed. I did not see the knife. I

did not speak to the gentleman. Then we all went to get help. I came back with the judge, and we found the knife underneath the bed. 38

Diog Pinto.

I have been Dr. O'Hara's peon for two and a half years. I and one of Mr. Levy's peon were seated outside on the steps. The dhobie was also there. Dr. O'Hara's butler and one of Mr. Levy's servants came and said that Mr. Levy had done something to himself. Then we all ran into the room. We saw Mr. Levy lying on his left side with a razor in his right hand. We did not speak to Mr. Levy. I did not hear anything before the doctor's butler and Mr. Levy's servant came and told me about what had happened.

John.

I am the doctor's waterman. I was putting oil into the lamps. Mr. Levy's chokra came and said that he wanted

a lamp. I gave him a lamp. Soon afterwards the chokra came running back and said "come quickly!" I and the butler and the Dy. Commissioner's peon and the Doctor's peon and the chokra went to the room. As soon as I saw the gentleman lying on his bed as if he was dead I ran off to the Club to call the Doctor. When the chokra came to ask for a lamp and when he came to report what he had seen the butler was talking to me.

The above statements were read over in Tamil to Srinachellam, Ghouse Meeran and John, and in Canarese to Deog Pinto and acknowledged to be correct.

Mangalore } (Signed) G. W. Dance
20th October 1894 }
Ag. D. Magistrate

Charley.

I am a dhobie. I was given two of Mr. Levy's shirts to wash. I brought them

them back yesterday at 5 P. M. Mr. Levy's matry told me to wait for the butler's return. I was talking to the peons. The matry was standing close to us. Then he went inside. Shortly afterwards he came back crying that Mr. Levy had done himself an injury.

Read over to the witnesses in Hindustani and acknowledged to be correct.
Mangalore } (Signed) G. W. Dance
21st October 1894. }
Ag. D. Magistrate

Surgeon. Major O'Hara

On examining Mr. Levy yesterday I found one incised wound beginning $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches below the left ear and extending downwards and inwards for $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches up to the middle line of the neck dividing all the tissues and the windpipe. There was another incised wound beginning $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the left ear, passing horizontally across the neck for $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, dividing the tissues and windpipe. There

was a third incised wound beginning 4 inches below the right ear and passing obliquely 4 inches in length towards the middle line of the neck. The hyoid bone and the thyroid cartilage were severed. The jugular vein of the left side was severed. There was also one small superficial wound about half an inch long in the middle of the neck above the other wounds. Death was caused by shock and loss of blood. From the position and direction of the wounds I am of opinion that they were self-inflicted. I was called in to see Mr. Levy at his request on Tuesday the 16th instant. He was then staying with Mr. Thornhill. I visited him professionally on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday morning I brought him over to my house as the one in which he was staying was damp & unsuitable for him. Mr. Levy made rapid progress under my treatment and I had no reason to expect a fatal termination to his illness. He was

5-87
suffering from fever and a cough. He was never delirious. The fever & cough left him on Thursday afternoon and I had arranged to send him away by the steamer of today. On Friday and Saturday he was walking about the house. On Thursday and Friday he was cheerful. He passed a bad night on Friday and was depressed on Saturday morning. After an interview with Mr. Strundel and my telling him that he would be able to travel on Sunday he brightened up and was apparently very cheerful all the rest of the day. At 4.45 I took him some beef tea which he took. He was then apparently in good spirits. He got up and walked about the room to see how he could walk. He said he was quite strong enough to embark next day. I told him I was going out to order a boat for him and would be away about half an hour. I left the house at about ten minutes to 5.

I arranged about a boat for him and got some stores for use on his journey. While passing the Post office I went in for a few minutes. While I was there one of his peons came and told me that Mr. Levy had cut his throat. I hurried back at once and arrived at my house at about a quarter to six. I found him lying in bed soaked in blood. I saw that there was no chance of recovery. He was still breathing but unconscious. I sutured the windpipe as far as I was able and the two deep gashes. I then put a pad and bandaged the neck. He died at 6/30. P.M. I am quite unable to account for the suicide. I had no reason whatever to expect anything of the sort. He had shown no suicidal tendencies.

Read over to the witness in English and acknowledged to be correct.

Mangalore }
21st October 1894. } (Signed) G. W. Dance
Ag. Dist. Magistrate

Verdict

68/

I am of opinion that Mr. Levy committed suicide in a fit of mental depression caused by his illness.

Mangalore }
21st October 1894. } (Signed) G. W. Dance
Ag. Dist. Magistrate

(True copies)


Ag. Dist. Magistrate

C. No. 3081

Enclosure

In a letter from the District Magistrate
of South Canara to the *Chief* Secretary to Govern-
ment, *General* Department, Madras, dated
30 October/94 No. 1262

FOR ORDERS.

This is a shocking bad
business. Had no idea
that he was a man likely
to do a thing of the kind -
HJ
21/10/94

Very much
HJ 21/10

Reports of death by suicide of Mr
Levy Dr. Comm: Ball & Abkani Dept
are submitted for perusal. Information
has been telegraphed to the Private Secy
to the Govt.
Nothing has been suggested as regards
successor.

HJ
21/10/94

Copies of the Papers connected
with the inquiry held on Mr. Levy
the late Dr. Commissioner of the
Abkani Revenue.

Current No 8081.

Order *226th Oct 1894* No 804

Mr. Levy's death will be reported

to the Right Honorable the Secretary of
State for India and notified in the gazette

2. The following telegram will be des-

-patched to *the Dist. Magr,*
~~South Canara~~ South Canara-

N-550. Send copy proceedings inquest Levy.

Don't mind
Despatches (2)
26/10GAZETTE *30/10**25/10/94**Added 8-11-94*
with this appendix
Print
LetterTo the Right Honorable the Secretary
of State for India.

Right Honorable Sir,

We regret to have to report the
death at ~~Mangalore~~ ^{Mangalore}, on the 20th instant, of
Mr. Frank Levy of the Indian Civil Service,
Acting Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkari
and Separate Revenue, Southern Division <sup>and
able and promising young officer</sup>

2. He is reported to have committed suicide
by cutting his throat with a razor in a fit
of nervous depression which followed ^{some} ~~an~~ ^{long}
attack of fever.

3. We enclose for your information copies
have
of the papers which reached us on the sub-
-ject.

CB. *For Mr. Levy* *25/10*
25/10 *2nd Nov 1894*

Copy Des: with appendix
sent to Secy of India. 8/11/94

Note

With reference to paragraph 3 it is proposed to send copies of the telegrams, of Mr. Arundel's D.O. circulated yesterday and of the proceedings at the inquest. It is presumed that one has been held. On the occasion of Mr. Ratnavelu Chetti's death full particulars were sent vide G.O.d/ 15-10-81 No 3198 A Public/

Mr. Levy's Death

H.W.

H.W.

8/5.10.

2 OCTOBER 1894, No. 10, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

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We have the honour to be,
Right Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) Whitlock
/ A.W. Bliss
/ J. Lane

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2 October 1894.

Ed. A. Raitt.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.

From G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting District Magistrate of South Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Mangalore, 23rd October 1894, No. 1229.

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GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE

PUBLIC (1894) DEPARTMENT.

LETTER to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for
India.

Dated 2nd ~~October~~ ^{November},

No. 10 of 1894.

*Reporting the death of Mr. Frank Levy, I.C.S.,
Acting Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and
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OCTOBER 1894, No. , PUBLIC.

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Ed. A. Raiff.

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Please find the two telegrams forwarded 6 weeks ago to the Secretary to Government. 3/11

GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

PUBLIC (1894) DEPARTMENT.

LETTER to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for
India.

Dated October,

No. of 1894.

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2ND NOVEMBER 1894, No. 10, PUBLIC.

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(Signed) WENLOCK.
(") H. W. BLISS.
(") J. GROSE.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd November 1894.

Enc. A. Raitt.

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APPENDIX.

Telegram from the Commissioner, Separate Revenue, Mangalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 20th October 1894.

Regret to report Levy's death by suicide owing to depression following fever attack.

Telegram from the District Magistrate of South Canara, Mangalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 20th October 1894.

Levy, Deputy Commissioner, Abkari, committed suicide this afternoon by cutting throat with razor in fit nervous depression caused by fever.

From G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting District Magistrate of South Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Mangalore, 23rd October 1894, No. 1229.

I have the honour to report the following particulars regarding the death of Mr. Levy, in continuation of my telegram of the 20th instant.

2. At about 5-30 P.M. on the 20th instant I received a note from the Hon. Mr. Arundel to the effect that Mr. Levy had cut his throat, and asking me to come over at once to Dr. O'Hara's house where Mr. Levy was staying. I was in bed with a headache, but I started as soon as possible and got to Dr. O'Hara's house at about 5-45. Mr. Levy was then breathing heavily, but apparently unconscious. Shortly afterwards Dr. O'Hara and the Assistant Surgeon arrived. They at once pronounced the case to be hopeless, but nevertheless proceeded to suture the windpipe. Mr. Levy died at about 6-30. I held an inquest at once at which the following facts were elicited.

3. Mr. Levy travelled up from Cannanore by road and arrived here on the morning of the 16th instant. He went to the house of Mr. Thornhill, Deputy Superintendent of Survey. He complained of being ill and sent for Dr. O'Hara, who found that he was suffering from fever and a cough. After treating him on the 16th and 17th Dr. O'Hara removed Mr. Levy to his own house on the morning of the 18th instant as Mr. Thornhill's house was damp. Mr. Levy made a rapid recovery and it was arranged that he should leave for Calicut by the steamer on Sunday, the 21st instant. On Saturday morning he was very depressed, having passed a restless night, and appeared to apprehend a fatal termination to his illness. He was assured that he was in no danger, and, in the afternoon, he appeared to recover his cheerfulness. Dr. O'Hara left him at about 4-50, after giving him some beef-tea, in order to arrange for a boat to the steamer and some stores for the voyage. Mr. Levy was then apparently in very good spirits. When his servant went into the room at about 5-20 with a lamp he found Mr. Levy lying on his bed in a pool of blood and at once raised an alarm. According to the statements of one of the witnesses who was then called in the razor had not then fallen from Mr. Levy's hand. When the District Judge and Mr. Arundel arrived from the club the razor was lying on the floor by the side of the bed.

4. I am satisfied that Mr. Levy committed suicide while in a fit of mental depression caused by his illness. No blame can attach to Dr. O'Hara, who was most kind and attentive to his guest. It was quite impossible for any one to anticipate that Mr. Levy would take his own life.

5. Mr. Levy's effects have been taken charge of by the District Judge. There is a very large pile of private letters which have not yet been gone through. Possibly they may throw some light on the matter. But, I submit that no useful purpose will be served by such an enquiry.

From G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting District Magistrate of South Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Mangalore, 30th October 1894, No. 1262.

As requested in your telegram of the 26th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the papers connected with the inquest held on Mr. Levy, the late Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.

INQUEST held on Mr. Levy, Deputy Commissioner of Salt.

Arunachellam.—I was Mr. Levy's chokra. The washerman had brought some clothes from the wash. After talking to him I brought a light to Mr. Levy's room. Then I saw that the bed was covered with blood. Then I ran out and told the Deputy Commissioner's peon Ghouse Meean and the Doctor's peon and the Doctor's waterman and the Doctor's butler. The above four persons came with me into the room and saw Mr. Levy. When I was talking to the dhobie no one else was present. I was talking to him outside the house underneath the room of Mr. Levy. It was 6 o'clock when I brought the light. (Note.—I received information at about 5-30, and the suicide must have been discovered shortly before). I did not speak to Mr. Levy. I did not see the knife. I did not go inside with the peons and the butler and the waterman. I stood at the door crying.

Ghouse Meean Sahib.—I have been a peon of the Deputy Commissioner for five or six years. Mr. Levy told me in the morning that I might take the office things to the steamer at 4 o'clock. The duffadar and I put the things on the carts and sent them off. I and the Doctor's peon and the Doctor's waterman and the dhobie were talking together outside on the steps. Suddenly the Doctor's butler and Mr. Levy's chokra ran out and said "Ayo! the gentleman has cut himself with a knife." The Doctor's peon and the waterman and I went inside together with the butler and Mr. Levy's chokra. I saw the blood on the bed. I did not see the knife. I did not speak to the gentleman. Then we all went to get help. I came back with the Judge and we found the knife underneath the bed.

Diog Pinto.—I have been Dr. O'Hara's peon for two-and-a-half years. I and one of Mr. Levy's peons were seated outside on the steps. The dhobie was also there. Dr. O'Hara's butler and one of Mr. Levy's servants came and said that Mr. Levy had done something to himself. Then we all ran into the room. We saw Mr. Levy lying on his left side with a razor in his right hand. We did not speak to Mr. Levy. I did not hear anything before the Doctor's butler and Mr. Levy's servant came and told me about what had happened.

John.—I am the Doctor's waterman. I was putting oil into the lamps. Mr. Levy's chokra came and said that he wanted a lamp. I gave him a lamp. Soon afterwards the chokra came running back and said "Come quickly!" I and the butler and the Deputy Commissioner's peon and the Doctor's peon and the chokra went to the room. As soon as I saw the gentleman lying on his bed as if he was dead I ran off to the Club to call the Doctor. When the chokra came to ask for a lamp and when he came to report what he had seen, the butler was talking to me.

The above statements were read over in Tamil to Arunachellam, Ghouse Meean and John and in Canarese to Diog Pinto and acknowledged to be correct.

MANGALORE,
20th October 1894.

(Signed) G. W. DANCE,
Ag. District Magistrate.

Charley.—I am a dhobie. I was given two of Mr. Levy's shirts to wash. I brought them back yesterday at 5 P.M. Mr. Levy's maty told me to wait for the butler's return. I was talking to the peons. The maty was standing close to us. Then he went inside. Shortly afterwards he came back crying that Mr. Levy had done himself an injury.

Read over to the witness in Hindustani and acknowledged to be correct.

MANGALORE,
21st October 1894.

(Signed) G. W. DANCE,
Ag. District Magistrate.

Surgeon-Major O'Hara.—On examining Mr. Levy yesterday I found one incised wound beginning $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the left ear and extending downwards and inwards for $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches up to the middle line of the neck dividing all the tissues and the windpipe. There was another incised wound beginning $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the left ear, passing horizontally across the neck for $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, dividing the tissues and windpipe. There was a third incised wound beginning 4 inches below the right ear and passing obliquely 4 inches in length towards the middle line of the neck. The hyoid bone and the thyroid cartilage were severed. The jugular vein of the left side was severed. There was also one small superficial wound about half an inch long in the middle of the neck above the other wounds. Death was caused by shock and loss of blood. From the position and

direction of the wounds, I am of opinion that they were self-inflicted. I was called in to see Mr. Levy at his request on Tuesday, the 16th instant. He was then staying with Mr. Thornhill. I visited him professionally on Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Thursday morning I brought him over to my house as the one in which he was staying was damp and unsuitable for him. Mr. Levy made rapid progress under my treatment, and I had no reason to expect a fatal termination to his illness. He was suffering from fever and a cough. He was never delirious. The fever and cough left him on Thursday afternoon and I had arranged to send him away by the steamer of to-day. On Friday and Saturday he was walking about the house. On Thursday and Friday he was cheerful. He passed a bad night on Friday and was depressed on Saturday morning. After an interview with Mr. Arundel and my telling him that he would be able to travel on Sunday he brightened up and was apparently very cheerful all the rest of the day. At 4-45 I took him some beef tea which he took. He was then apparently in good spirits. He got up and walked about the room to see how he could walk. He said he was quite strong enough to embark next day. I told him I was going out to order a boat for him and would be away about half an hour. I left the house at about 10 minutes to 5. I arranged about a boat for him and got some stores for use on his journey. While passing the Post office I went in for a few minutes. While I was there one of his peons came and told me that Mr. Levy had cut his throat. I hurried back at once and arrived at my house at about a quarter to 6. I found him lying in bed soaked in blood. I saw that there was no chance of recovery. He was still breathing but unconscious. I sutured the windpipe as far as I was able and the two deep gashes. I then put a pad and bandaged the neck. He died at 6-30 P.M. I am quite unable to account for the suicide. I had no reason whatever to expect anything of the sort. He had shown no suicidal tendencies.

Read over to the witness in English and acknowledged to be correct.

MANGALORE,
21st October 1894.

(Signed) G. W. DANCE,
Ag. District Magistrate.

Verdict.

I am of opinion that Mr. Levy committed suicide in a fit of mental depression caused by his illness.

MANGALORE,
21st October 1894.

(Signed) G. W. DANCE,
Ag. District Magistrate.

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India.

Dated 2nd November,

No. 10 of 1894

*Reporting the death of Mr. Frank Leitch,
Acting Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Andhra
Separate Revenue, Southern Division.*