

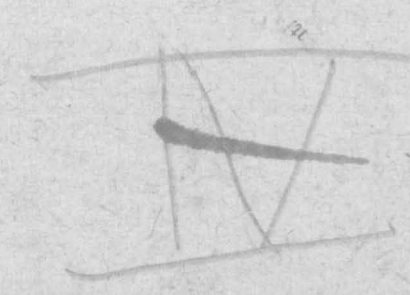
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Chokalingum being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith. I live on
 Chokaty Sana Pundaram. I have no fixed residence. I have known the deceased 6 days.
 I saw him at Mylapore and here; he was begging at Mylapore. Ever since I knew the deceased
 he has had Asthma. I asked him why he did not go to the Hospital and he said he would
 every day. He said he came from Madooru. He had a Cough. He could only eat a little.
 I do not know the name of the deceased. I think he would be 30 or 35 years of age.
 I last saw the deceased alive near this place the day before yesterday at 10 o'clock
 Morning. I did not see him again till 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When I saw
 him lying dead where the body now lies deceased looked like a man who would
 not live long. There was no food beside the deceased when I found the body.
 He never complained of not getting food enough. He used to complain of being
 very sick, and said he had not long to live he thought.

Signed Chokalingum

Ponnambalam being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith.
 I press the Idol here with flowers. I have seen the deceased for 5 or 6 days.
 I saw him on the pial of the House where the body now lies. Deceased left
 the pial the day before yesterday and returned in the evening. I saw the deceased
 alive at 10 o'clock yesterday morning near the drain on the side of the road.
 he was then obeying the calls of nature, he slowly walked laying hold of
 the pillar. he got to the pial where the body now lies. Deceased died about
 eleven o'clock yesterday morning. He did not say any thing to me he seemed
 to have great difficulty in breathing and to be in pain. I saw the deceased all
 this time from 10 o'clock until he died except a few minutes I
 do not know the name of the deceased.

Signed Ponnambalam
 Gounder

Govindoo Row. Police Con. No. 249 being duly sworn in the
Tellogoo Language Deposeth and Sweth. I am attached to this district
Yesterday Morning About 11 o'clock the last witness came
to the Tannah and told me that the deceased had died
on the Pal here. I came and saw the deceased lying
where the body now is. I examined the body there were no
marks of violence on the body. I have made inquiries about
this case but have heard nothing suspicious about
it. There was no food beside the deceased when
I saw him He had two Caps and a deer Skin on
which he was lying besides his cloth.

Witnessed Govindoo Row.

Henry William Porteous Esq. Surgeon 1st District. being duly sworn deposeth and
Sweth. I have seen the body of the deceased along with the Coroner and Jury. Heard a
Man present say the deceased was his Sister in law. I do not know his name. I have
examined the body of the deceased with the exception of a livid mark round the
neck the body is perfectly free from all marks of violence either on her person
or clothes. The body was stretched on the floor when I saw it there was a new
Cord rope with a running loop at one end hanging about 6 feet from the ground
the other end being secured on one of the Cross pieces of the Couples of the
roof. I examined the position of the livid mark. It was most distinct
on the left side with slight abrasion of the cuticle the mark gradually
decreased towards the right side. In this case the livid mark extends
upwards under the jaw towards the right ear whereas an strangulation
in all probability the mark would have been more circular. According
the deceased died from suffocation the result of hanging. From a
careful examination of the apartment person of the individual and
locality I am of opinion the hanging was self inflicted in so small
a place it could not have been done by another without marks of
violence on her clothes and to the numerous chatties regularly piled
round the small room. It is evident she must have ascended by
the small ladder in the room to a platform near the roof and
there thrown herself down. The noose was about 6 feet from the
ground or stretched probably 5 feet and a half

Signed H. W. Porteous
Surgeon 1st District.

Moonesawing

Moonesawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a Bell Collector in the village of Bridges House. The deceased whose body I have now seen along with the last witness and the Crowther and Jey is my wife. Last saw the deceased alive last night at 10 o'clock. She was then in the house preparing to take her meals I went out to the next street opposite my house to a place where I have got my bed room I returned about 6 o'clock in the morning. I knocked at the door; the door was bolted inside; I had got in at the street door; it was at the door where my wife sleeps, that I knocked and could not get in. I continued there for 5 or 6 minutes and then the Master of the house came, went on the roof and unroofed it. then told me he saw my wife hanging. I went in till the Pious came and took the body down. my wife was in her sound mind when I saw her last. She used to suffer much pain at the menstrual periods. She did not complain yesterday. I do not know if she had any pain yesterday. She was not subject to fits. Two or three days ago the deceased had some words with me about the rice. I did not threaten her then I called her an ass. We had no words last night. Deceased was 28 years of age. Deceased generally enjoyed good health except at the periods I have mentioned. The name of the deceased is Paupamah. The deceased generally was in the habit of coming to my room to sleep once in 8 or 10 days.

Signed Moonesawmy.

Khadora Chetty being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a brick layer. This is my house. I was in the house last night after 10 o'clock. I came home at 10. The deceased was helping her husband and some others to food. I then went away to sleep in another part of the house. The husband of the deceased was with her when I went away. This morning at 6 o'clock when I was eating my meals the last witness said he could not get into his wife's room. I went on the roof. took off the tiles and saw the deceased hanging with the head to one side. I did not notice if the bolt was fast inside but I tried to get in at the door and could not. There was no other way of getting in or out of the room. The room has as key only a bolt inside the last witness sent for the Tannah Pious; they came, sent for a black smith, and had

had the door forced open. The deceased was hanging by the rope. Now seen by the Jury. The ladder now seen was resting against the wall near the platform at its west side. The deceased was quite dead. She was properly dressed without marks of struggling. I have known the deceased 5 or 6 months. She and her husband seemed to live happily together. Deceased seemed to be in the proper senses always. I heard no noise last night in the deceased's room. The last witness was in the habit of going out to his bed at night. The ladder was kept in the back yard. I saw the ladder there yesterday. The deceased was in the habit of using the ladder once or twice a day to take down the bratties from the platform.

Signed Khadora Chetty.

Venkatarammy Police Constable N. 161 being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said as I was going my rounds this morning about 7 o'clock the witness Moonesawmy called me and I came here. I tried to open the door of the room in which the deceased now lies from the outside but could not. I then called a Carpenter who brought his chisel and cut the bolt inside. There was no lock to the door. I did not go on the roof when I went in. Now the deceased hanging dead by a rope round the neck. There was a ladder leaning against the wall near the platform. The deceased could get on the platform from the ladder. I examined the body, there were no marks of violence on it. I examined the clothes, they were not disordered in any way. The number of Chatties seen by the Jury were picked up and orderly as they now are. There were a few tiles off the roof, no one could get through the hole thus produced.

Signed Venkatarammy.

14 July 1860. Chellan D. M.

Henry William Porteus Esq. Surgeon 1st District being duly sworn in the English language deposeseth and saith. I have seen the body of the deceased with the Coroner and Jury. I heard a man now present say the deceased was his nephew. I have examined the body of the deceased both externally and internally on the left side of the head there is a small incised wound of about an inch long and of a trifling character there being no injury to the bones of the head on the left side of the lower a contused wound on each and a half long but also of a trifling character being superficial. there was froth issuing from his nostrils on internal examination of the body it was found wholly free from any diseased appearance, there was no water in the lungs or in the stomach which was empty. There were no other marks on the body besides those mentioned. The arms were rigid as is usual after death at this period features placed from information. I have received a verdict the deceased met his death by drowning. This I consider likely from the froth from the nose, the placid look, and the absence of all disease. The deceased appears about 11 years of age.

Signed H. W. Porteus. Surgeon 1st District
Chellan being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith I am a Coolie. I live in the Black Town in 545 Hall Street. I know the deceased whose body I have seen with the Coroner and Jury his name is Chellan. I saw the deceased yesterday at 2 o'clock afternoon playing in the house where the deceased now lies. He was then quite well. I know nothing about the death of

of the deceased. He was about 14 years of age. I am uncle of the deceased.

Signed Chellan

Lutchmee being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith I am the sister of the deceased. I saw the deceased this morning at 7 o'clock. He was then boiling water in the house where the body now lies. I went outside the house and did not see the deceased again alive. I returned from the next street where I had been about 8 o'clock this morning and went to the well in the back yard to look for the rope which was missing. I saw the legs of the deceased in the well. I began to cry people came and took the body out. The deceased was quite dead. There were 6 women in the house besides the deceased when I left the house, and they were there when I returned. My brother was quite well this morning, he was not in the habit of drawing water from the well. The well rope is in the well now it was so when I saw the legs of the deceased in the well. The 6 women were outside the house they did not belong to it.

Signed Lutchmee

Bungaroo P. Deon N. 166. being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposeseth and saith. I am attached to the General Hospital Gate Tannah. This morning when I was out at the Hospital gate a child came running to tell me a boy had fallen into a well here. I came here and saw the body where it now lies. I have made enquiries about this case and have heard nothing suspicious about it.

Signed Bungaroo

Bungaroo being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposeseth and saith. I am a Police
Peon N^o. 106 I am attached to this district. Yesterday Evening at about 6 o'clock I was on
my rounds here. from the bridge near this I discovered something in this pit.
on approaching the pit I found the body of the deceased in the pit. Had the
body placed where it now lies after I had got it taken out of the pit. I examined
the body. I did not know the deceased. There were no marks of violence on the
body. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing particular about it.
I have heard nothing suspicious about this case. No one has come forward to claim the body.
The deceased had no clothes on, he had no string round his waist and no mustaches. I
thought him an east Indian. The water is up to the middle, there is also some
mud up to the knee.

Signed Bungaroo.

James Kellie Esq. Surgeon 2^d District being duly sworn deposeseth and saith. I have
seen the body of the deceased along with the Coroner and Jury. I have examined the body
of the deceased. There are no marks whatever of violence externally, the body is perfectly
healthy. I opened the body. In the chest all the organs were healthy, with the exception
of the lungs which were slightly congested. Heart quite natural. I examined the
abdomen organs quite healthy. The stomach contained a small quantity of watery fluid
but no food. From the expression of the countenance and the position of the body. I consider
the deceased has not met his death by violence. I cannot positively assert whether
or not the deceased was drowned in the pit here but in the absence of all marks of
violence and the appearance of the lungs there is good reason to believe
that such has been the case. The deceased appears to be about 20 years
of age. He is as dark as a native. He has no string round his body.

Signed J. Kellie

Surgeon. 2^d District

Pooroothothum Naick being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposeseth and saith. I have a
Bazar near this. Yesterday evening about 6 o'clock. I saw the deceased seated, where the body now lies.
I have seen the body of the deceased with the Coroner and Jury. The body I have now seen is that of the woman
I saw last night. The deceased was stretching out her legs and sitting down. I did not speak to her.
I do not know if she was in pain. She had on a white cloth but I do not know if it is the same
as that now covering the body. I was not near the deceased than 20 feet as I was coming along
this morning. I saw a large crowd and then I saw the body of the deceased where it now lies. The
body was naked. Someone covered it whilst I was there. I do not know any one who was present.
The deceased had her clothes lying in a heap under her. I did not know the deceased. I never saw
her before last night. No one was with her when I saw her last night.

Signed Pooroothothum.

James Kellie Esq. Surgeon 2^d District being duly sworn deposeseth and saith. I have examined the body of the
deceased by order of the Coroner. The body was pointed out to me by the Coroner. I observed no
marks of violence on the body, the look is that of a wasted emaciated person as if he had been suffering
from disease. I examined the chest and found a large quantity of serum in both cavities. The
pericardium also contained a large quantity of water. I proceeded no further in the examination as the
above was quite sufficient to account for death which usually in such complaints takes place suddenly.
The deceased died from Hydropneumothorax.

Signed J. Kellie
Surgeon. 2^d District.

Neerabadren Coromund Head Talwar being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith. By order of the Coroner. I pointed
out to the last witness the body of the deceased. The body I pointed out is that of the woman on whose body the present inquest is now
being held.

Signed Neerabadren.

Samunnah being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposeseth and saith. I am a Police Peon N^o. 104 attached to the Narasimham
Taluk. About 6 o'clock when going on my rounds this morning from information received. I came to the spot where the body
of the deceased now lies. Boys and people were standing all round. Pooroothothum Naick told me he had seen the deceased
alive last night there. This was all the information I could get about this case. There were no marks of violence on the
deceased. The body was covered with the cloth now covering the body. There was no other cloth about the deceased. Some of
this same cloth was below her body. There was only the tin pot seen by the Jury found beside the deceased. I did not
know the deceased. I never saw her before. The deceased was about 40 years of age.

Signed Samunnah.

Yeatheragaloo 2nd Dresser. attached to the House of Correction
Black Town. being duly sworn depose and say. I have
known the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner
and Jury, about 10 months. his name was Kasser Houssein deceased
was strong and well for nearly 3 months after he came into Jail. He came
into Hospital about 2 months ago Complaining of general debility and
also of motion of the limbs. Deceased became worse day by day until
the 16th instant when swelling commenced in the face and chest and then
attached the limbs. there was great difficulty of breathing. he took
no food for the last 4 days and was delirious. Deceased died at 11 o'clock
last night. During the sickness of the deceased he was seen by Dr. Paterson
regularly every day. I also visited the deceased twice a day. Deceased had
what was ordered by the Medical Officer and what required by a sick
man while in the Hospital. Deceased was about 20 years of age.
Deceased died of disease of the heart.

Signed V. Yeatheragaloo
2nd Dresser.

Collapoor being duly sworn in the Tamil language depose and say. I am the
daughter of the deceased, whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury. I lived
with my mother in Mylapoor. yesterday morning at 7 o'clock deceased left home
saying she was going to sell her fruit. I again saw her at 10 o'clock at Triplicane
I did not see her again alive. Deceased did not then complain. My mother used
to be sick from pain and swelling every 4 or 5 days. She did not complain
of this yesterday. Deceased had no cough but had pain in the breast. I
do not know how old the deceased was. Her husband was dead. Deceased
was in the habit of coming here. I heard this morning at 3 o'clock
of her death and I came here then. When I came here this morning
I found her lying where she now is with her clothes properly
put on. She was dead. Deceased had no jewels on when
she left home yesterday morning. Deceased never had
left my mother's name was Mulla Colunday. Deceased had
a basket with mangoes in it. She had no money.

Marked Collapoor.

Amooqum being duly sworn in the Tamil language depose and say.
I am a potter. at half past 10 o'clock last night. I came through
the door of my house where the deceased now lies and saw the deceased
lying where she now lies. she was moaning and breathing hard. I asked her
4 or 5 times who she was. she did not answer me but kept making signs
about her chest as if in pain. I ran off to the Tally's Station and brought the
Tally's now present. This Tally when we came here said this did not
belong.

belong to his boat and Man to Royapettah Tannah and brought a person named Moonesawmy when I returned the deceased was dead. This was about half past 12 o'clock at night. I never saw the deceased before I went into my house about 1/2 past 1 the deceased was not at my door then.

/ Marked / Arumogum.

Hugh Francis Clarke Cleghorn Esq. In d. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Surgeon 1st District. I have examined the body of the deceased externally there are no marks of violence. Under the seat there was a very large quantity of bilious evacuation and haemorrhoids on examining the chest the lungs and heart healthy except some adhesions of the pleura. In the abdomen the flatulence was very great the Colon was loaded with very hard scybala and there were traces of chronic dysentery affection both in the small and large bowels from which she must have suffered for some time and which appeared sufficient to account for death there were no red patches or other suspicious signs about the stomach the deceased seemed about 35 or 38 years of age the body seemed well nourished externally. The flatulence must have been existing some time and would account for the pain and difficulty of breathing.

/ Signed H. F. C. Cleghorn Surgeon 1st District.

Parthasarth being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am Police Teller N. 13 attached to the Teller's Station at Royapettah. The witness Arumogum came to my Station at 1/4 to 11 last night and reported that a woman was lying senseless with her belly swelled, here I came to the spot. The deceased was gasping. I called out but she never answered. I went to buy a palanquin and when I came back in the minutes she was dead. I sent the witness Arumogum to call the Doms of this station as this is in the Mylapoor Station. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about it. The deceased had no basket of fruit or money with her. There was no smell of spirit about her. There was a basket at some distance from the deceased.

/ Marked / Parthasarth.

24. *Supra* Case of a Dead.

Henry William Porteous Esquire being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Surgeon 1st District. I have examined the body of a man named Rama Iyer. I found the body free from all external marks of violence. There were traces of old disease in the covering of his lungs. No marks of disease in the cavity of the belly. The stomach distended and contained several ounces of the mud and water. There was very little water. There was not more congestion of the lungs than would result from post mortem changes they were prevented from collapsing by the old adhesions my opinion is that death in this case was caused by drowning. This is proved so far by obtaining from the well a quantity of the same description of mud as that found in the stomach of the deceased. The quantity of mud could not have been forced into the stomach before the drowning without marks of violence.

/ Signed H. W. Porteous

Surgeon 1st District.

Sobbiah being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposed and said. The deceased is my father. I have seen the body of the deceased with the coroner and Jury. The body is that of my father. my father lived in the house where the body is now found. I live in a house at some distance since 2 months. The deceased has been a little mad and for.

for the last 10 days more so than usual. Saw the deceased up to 8 o'clock yesterday morning. I and my mother saw him then in his own house. I went to my house then and was shaving myself about 20 minutes after. When I received information that deceased had fallen into the well. Seen by the Jany. I came to the place and saw them in the act of taking the body out. Deceased was quite dead. He was quite well at 8 o'clock except that he was mad. Deceased was about 54 or 55 years of age. He was not subject to fits. He was sober yesterday morning, deceased never threatened to drown himself. There was no rope nor was there any post near the well when I went. Deceased was not in the habit of drawing water. The name of the deceased is Rama Lyer.

Signed / Soobeah.

Moonesawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language Deposition and oath. I am a P. Peon No. 280 attached to the Chenga Bazar district. Yesterday morning about half past 8 o'clock from information received I came to the house of the deceased, got into the well and took out the body of the deceased with the assistance of another Peon. Nothing was seen in the well at first until I went down. The well is 12 feet deep from the surface of the ground and has 6 feet of

of water in it. I have made inquiry, but have heard nothing suspicious about.

Signed / Moonesawmy.

Vencamah being duly sworn in the Teloozo language Deposition and oath. I am the wife of the deceased. Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock. I was with the deceased in the room of the hall of the house. I left him for a short time alone and came into the street. I heard a sound of something falling in the water. I thought it might be him as he was out of his mind and ran to the well and saw the water disturbed. There I ran out and gave the alarm. I missed him from his place when I returned before I went to the well. Deceased has been out of his mind for 2 months. He never tried to destroy himself. There was no rope or Chembu in the well. The deceased was not subject to fits.

Signed / Vencamah.

Enter July 1875. Venkammah Head

Venkammah being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury. The deceased is my niece. Her name is Marvendammah. She is 20 years of age deceased and live near this well. Now seen by the Jury. She was confined about 4 days ago. I was with her yesterday, and I went at 3 o'clock afternoon to get her some decoction to stop the thirst. I was making the decoction and I heard a noise as of some one falling into water. Deceased was lying on a mat when I left her. I was not but a minute gone when I heard the noise I ran to the well and saw the deceased in the well. I raised a cry and all the people came. The body was taken out immediately. There was life in the deceased when taken out. She did not speak. She was breathing and opened her eyes. She was a little sensible. She opened her eyes. She lived 40 minutes. Deceased when I left her was crying water water. There was no rope or Chattie or Chembor in the well. Deceased had no fever, no pain in her stomach. Deceased was accustomed to go to this well. There is no rope or Chattie missing. There was no one in the house but the deceased and myself. Deceased was married. She has had children. She never was out of her senses.

Marked Venkammah.

Henry William Porteus Esq. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Surgeon of the 1st District. I have examined the body of a woman pointed out to me by the Coroner's Head Talliar. Externally the body is perfectly free from all marks of violence. Internally, the lungs were healthy, and

distended

distended and with the exception of some old adhesions the structure perfectly healthy. The heart also healthy. The trace of disease in the cavity of the belly. The stomach distended with air and contained several ounces of a brown vegetable mixture of an aromatic smell. The stomach was wholly free from all traces of disease showing that the mixture was of a harmless nature. I can state that the deceased had been very recently delivered. There was no diseased appearances about the womb. I consider the death in this case to be the result of the immersion in the water. No violence could have been used in this case without leaving some marks of it. It is the custom to abstain from food for 3 days, also to abstain from water and to administer some of these aromatic.

Signed H. W. Porteus, Surgeon 1st District.

Varabaden Coroner's Head Talliar being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am with D^r Porteus the last witness to point out the body of the deceased to him. The body I pointed out to D^r Porteus was that of the woman on whose body this August is now being held.

Signed Varabaden.

Jagganatham being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am a table cloth maker. I live near this and work here. Yesterday about 3 o'clock afternoon. I was coming to my work. People were all crying out that a woman had fallen into this well. I got in and took the deceased out of the well and put her down near the well. There was life in the deceased. I went away. I did not see the deceased again. There is a little above a man's depth of water in the well. There was no Chattie or rope found by me in the well. Deceased did not speak to me. I do not know any thing more.

Marked Jagganatham.

Ring covering

Rungasawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a police peon N^o 141 attached to the Chenna Mootoo Choultry Tannah yesterday afternoon I was going my rounds about 3 o'clock. I got information and came here and saw the deceased and the body lying where it now is. I have made inquiries about this case I have heard nothing suspicious about this case.

Signed Rungasawmy -

July 13th 1855. A woman name Vellamam Deceased.
Yellamam being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said, I saw her this place yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. I was returning from Town and saw the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury sitting a little way from where the body now lies I did not observe whether she was sick or not. I did not notice any pots or Chatties. The deceased appeared to be a poor woman, but I do not know whether she was a beggar or not. I never saw the deceased after this until I saw her body with the Coroner and Jury. I never saw the deceased before. I do not know her name.

[Marked] Yellamam.

Angapen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I sell Mats in a place near this at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. I went to obey the calls of nature near where the body of the deceased now lies and saw the body of the woman where it now lies. I never saw her before. The deceased had the same dress on as at present. There was no blood about the deceased. I immediately went to the Tannah here and reported to the Duffadar.

[Marked] Angapen.

Moonesawmy Police Peon N^o 135. being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am attached to this Tannah. Yesterday about 3 o'clock afternoon the last witness reported at the Tannah in consequence of which, I came here and saw the body of the deceased where it now lies. I inspected the corpse but found no marks of violence on the body. There was no money, nor jewels, nor basket nor pot beside the deceased. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about this case. I never saw the deceased before.

Signed Moonesawmy.

John Short Esquire M. D. acting Surgeon D^o District being duly sworn

Sworn Deposeeth and Saith. I have seen the body of the deceased with the Coroner and
Jury. By order of the Coroner. I examined the body of the deceased. There are no
external marks of violence on the body. on examining the body. The brain
Exhibited the vessels empty, the brain substance soft, there was no
effusion, and no other abnormal appearance. The lungs were collapsed
without disease; the heart small and empty but healthy. The stomach
and intestines were filled with air, the liver and the other organs
are all tolerably healthy. I consider the deceased died from atrophy
of the organs of the body perhaps caused partly by want of food.
I should say the deceased was about 40 years of age. The stomach
was perfectly empty. In the weak state of the deceased exposed
to the sun would be sufficient cause for death and that
would account for the state of the vessels of the brain.

Signed J. Shortt. M.D.

Acting Surgeon 2^d District.

Mooneappen Naicken being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeeth
and saith, I am a gardenier. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen
with the Coroner and Jury. His name is Samy Moodelly. Deceased was a man
employed in cleaning wells. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock deceased met
me and asked me to help him to clean wells, we were engaged by the
owner of this house to clean a well at 3 o'clock afternoon deceased
got into the well now seen by the Jury and handed out the baskets of
dirt. He handed out 4 baskets and did not make his appearance
for the 5th. Then I called out to him several times and he did not
speak. I could not see the deceased where I looked into the well.
I could not get into the well as I was unaccustomed to it. I went
to the Tannah and reported it. The Police Man got into the well and the
body was taken out about half an Indian hour after I missed the
deceased. Deceased was quite dead. He seemed well when we came
to the well here. He was about 50 years of age. He was not subject
to fits so far as I know.

Signed Mooneappen Naicken.

Teetappen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeeth and
saith, I am a Painter. I live in the house here where the well
seen by the Jury is. About 3 o'clock afternoon yesterday I engaged
deceased to clean out the well now seen by the Jury. Deceased got in and I
helped the deceased and last witness to take out the dirt. Deceased handed
out

out 4 baskets but did not appear for the 5th deceased was under water inside to take out the dirt, deceased did not come to the surface. The last witness went to the Tannah. The Tannah Poon immediately came and the body was taken out quite dead.

(Signed) Prestappen.

Veere being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. The deceased is my husband. He left home yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. I did not see him again alive. He lived near the General Police deceased was quite well. Not subject to fits. Had no cough or palpitation. His name was Sawmy Moodally. I do not know his age.

(Marked) Veere

James Sanderson Esq. Surgeon 3^d district being duly sworn deposed and said. I have examined the body of the deceased there are no marks of violence on the body. There is a frothy appearance about the mouth and nose as well as a swollen appearance of the face and the upper part of the body particularly. There are no appearances leading me to suppose the deceased met his death by unfair means. The report stated to me that the deceased had died from suffocation by drowning or by bad air in a Well. Either of these causes would account for the symptoms deceased appears about 50 years of age.

(Signed) J. Sanderson

Surgeon. 3^d District.

Ramasawmy being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am a servant in the Nabob's Palace. I am the younger brother of the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury. Deceased's name was Syappa. The day before yesterday morning at about this time the deceased took some oil which a man gave him. Deceased began to vomit and purge and continued to do so till yesterday afternoon when he died at 10 o'clock. Deceased was suffering for some time from pain in his back, he went to Hospital and after 10 days was discharged. Relieved about 2 months ago. The pain in the back became worse shortly after leaving the Hospital. Deceased did not take any medicine for the pain until he took the oil the day before yesterday. I do not know what oil it was. The object of it was to purge. Deceased purged nothing but water of a white color. He vomited also nothing but water. He was thirsty. He had no fever. He had no pain. He looked like a man in Cholera deceased was not subject to vomiting or purging. I know the man who gave the oil. His name is Mootyalloo. He is here now. He is a servant of the Devan. He gave my elder brother's daughter some of this oil three months ago which purged her very much and made her vomit but we stopped the vomiting and purging by rice and tire and lime juice. Deceased is about 50 years of age. My house is in Triplicane. Deceased lived with me.

(Marked) Ramasawmy.

Karasummaloo being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am a bearer. I am son in law of the deceased. We lived in the same house. The day before yesterday morning early. Deceased complained of pain in his loins and limbs, and my elder brother gave him some oil, which he got from Mootyalloo now present. Deceased had purged and vomiting after the oil. This continued until he died. at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. I was with the deceased up to 12 o'clock in the day on which he took the medicine; deceased suffered no pain in his stomach when I was with him. Mootyalloo is a relation of ours. He was on good terms with the deceased. He is not in the habit of giving medicine but used sometimes to get it from him. He is not a doctor but a bearer. we asked for the medicine from Mootyalloo nothing was added to the medicine after it came from Mootyalloo.

(Marked) Karasummaloo

Chinna Ramasawmy.

Chenna Ramasamy being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am the nephew of the deceased. I have been in the habit of taking the oil given to the deceased for years. Mootyalloo had some of it and I went and got some of it and gave it to the deceased the day before yesterday. When I took the oil it used sometimes to purge but this was always checked by rice tire and lime Juice. I gave deceased the same dose as I was in the habit of taking myself. It was 4 hours after deceased took the oil that the vomiting and purging began. I do not know what this oil is made from. Mootyalloo told me to give the usual dose to the deceased. We gave deceased rice tire and lime Juice. I did not add anything to the oil deceased used to take before.

Charles Chenna Ramasamy.

Mootyalloo being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am a servant in the house of the Devan. The day before yesterday about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock in the morning, the witness Chenna Ramasamy came to my house near the Devan's Palace and requested me to give him some oil for the deceased which we used to take. I gave him one dose, the only one I had left, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tea spoon full. I had been in the habit of taking this oil. I got it from the doctor now present. The oil used to cause me vomiting and purging. It was very bilious as it used to purge me very much, but the purging could always be checked by the tire and rice. I do not know what oil this was. It looks like lamp oil nothing was added to the oil by me.

Charles Mootyalloo.

Mahomed Omar being duly sworn in the Hindustanee language deposed and said. I am a doctor. I have been in the habit of giving him medicine. I gave him some oil some lamp oil about a dose of 10 drops. I am in the habit of giving this regularly and often. His business the office of the oil is to produce motions the first day and if repeated the next day it produces 5 or 6 motions. It should not purge after the first day if no more is taken. It should not purge after the first day neither should it vomit. Sometimes it vomits if there is bile. I gave Mootyalloo the oil about a month ago. I did not direct Mootyalloo to add any thing to the oil.

Signe of Mahomed Omar.

John Cornelius Mayer Esq.

John Cornelius Mayer Esq. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Chemical Examiner to Government. I received in presence of Dr. Cleghorn one day last week either Thursday or Friday in the College the stomach and intestines of a human being in a covered Chattie. I immediately proceeded to make a careful inspection of the stomach and small intestines. I found an inflammatory blush over a large portion of the small intestine and over parts of the stomach. The whole stomach was very considerably injected. The stomach and intestines were then submitted to the usual processes for the detection of metallic poisons. at the subject of these operations a dark colored oil was observed floating in globules on the top of the fluid. The whole of the operations were carefully carried out, but in neither case was there any thing to indicate the presence of metallic poisons. The oil as far as I could judge was a specimen of the common purging nut oil. I have not carried out any complete investigation as I have been waiting for an acknowledged specimen so that I might compare the reactions. I am informed that the purging nut oil is a very acid purgative. I do not know it practically. I am informed that it is commonly used by the natives. Not being in practice since I came to Madras I am not able so well as other medical officers to answer these questions. I do not know the proper dose of this oil. If there was purging in this case there must have been a large dose given as oil disappears rapidly from the stomach and there was a considerable quantity present in this case. As far as I could judge there was no vegetable poison in the oil but I am not prepared to state positively that there was not. The inflammatory blush in the intestines and stomach was caused I believe by some acid substance taken into the stomach. I cannot positively state that the oil found in the stomach and intestine caused this but I suspect so. Vegetable matters will cause inflammation though they may not corrode the stomach. I do not think a medicinal dose of an acid purgative would cause such appearances in the stomach and intestines in ordinary cases. I do not include extraordinary cases of peculiarity of constitution. I have never seen a common purgative produce such effects but my experience is limited. The general state of the mucous membrane was such as to show that the small vessels had been under considerable excitement. The amount of irritation of the membrane was such as in my opinion sufficient to account for death.

Signe of John Mayer Chemical Examiner.

Ralph Francis Clarke Cleghorn Esq. M. D. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Surgeon of the 4th district on the morning of the 3rd Instant at the Mahomedan burial ground near the Sec. House.

Chenna Ramaswamy being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am the nephew of the deceased. I have been in the habit of taking the oil given to the deceased for years. Mootyallor had some of it and I went and got some of it and gave it to the deceased the day before yesterday. When I took the oil it used sometimes to purge but this was always checked by rice tre and lime Juice. I gave deceased the same dose as I was in the habit of taking myself. It was 4 hours after deceased took the oil that the vomiting and purging began. I do not know what this oil is made from. Mootyallor told me to give the usual dose to the deceased. We gave deceased rice tre and lime Juice. I did not add anything to the oil deceased now took the oil before.

Marked Chenna Ramaswamy.

Mootyallor being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said. I am a servant in the house of the Devan. The day before yesterday about 1/2 past 5 o'clock in the morning, the witness Chenna Ramaswamy came to my house near the Devan's Salan and requested me to give him some oil for the deceased which we used to take. I gave him one dose, the only one I had left, about 3/4 of a tea spoon full. I had been in the habit of taking this oil. I got it from the doctor now present. The oil used to cause me vomiting and purging. It was very belis as it used to purge me very much, but the purging could always be checked by the tre and rice. I do not know what oil this was. It looks like lamp oil. Nothing was added to the oil by me.

Marked Mootyallor.

Mahomed Omar being duly sworn in the Hindustani language deposed and said. I am a doctor. I live in Dabhoona. I have been in the habit of giving him medicine. I gave him some oil some lamb oil about a desert spoonful is a proper dose for an adult. I am in the habit of giving this regularly and often. Its business the effect of the oil is to produce 3 or 4 motions the first day and if repeated the next day it produces 5 or 6 motions. It should not purge after the first day if no more is taken. It should not purge after the first day neither should it vomit. Sometimes it vomits if there is bile. I gave Mootyallor the oil about a month ago. I did not direct Mootyallor to add any thing to the oil.

Marked Mahomed Omar.

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Marked John Mayer Chemical Examiner.

Ralph Francis Blake Cleghorn Esq. M.D. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Surgeon of the 4th district on the morning of the 3^d instant at the Mahomedan burial ground near the Sea House.

I examined the body of a man pointed out to me by the coroner's head Tallyar. The body was that of a man aged about 42. Moderately robust, and deceased about 18 hours. I examined the body of the deceased there were no external marks of violence about the body; heart and lungs healthy on opening the abdomen there was evidence of peritoneal inflammation recent. Lymph being effused on the serous membrane. There was generally but slight vascularity of the intestinal mucosa both large and small which were generally of a pale rose colour as viewed externally. The kidneys were somewhat congested. There were no other appearances to account for death. The morbid changes observed were confined to the marks of irritation or inflammation of the intestinal canal. There were no marks of softening or ulceration. They were such appearances as would succeed severe diarrhoea. The stomach and bowels were removed entirely, being placed in a clean Chatter with 8 ounces of arrack and a little pure water. The Chatter and its contents were not opened until delivered by me to Mr. Morton the Assistant of Dr. Mayer the last witness. Immediately after giving the Chatter to Mr. Morton I went and brought Dr. Mayer and Mr. Morton opened it in my presence. The same colour of pale rose was observed on the inside of the stomach and intestines. There was no mark of ulceration observed. There was no softening. The intestinal tube was almost quite empty with the exception of several round worms and a small quantity of a reddish brown oil which exuded in globules. This oil appeared to me to correspond very much in smell and colour with the purging nat oil. Purging nat oil is the name commonly used by natives. It is an uncertain remedy, its activity depending on the presence or absence of the little fern. If the fern is removed the action is mild. I believe Dr. Christison is of this opinion. This oil is used by West Indian Practitioners. The appearances of the stomach and intestines clearly indicated that death was produced by the overaction of some strong purgative. Vegetable oils of this nature are occasionally followed by alarming symptoms. There was nothing in this individual to indicate any peculiarity of constitution, but not having seen him before death I cannot speak positively to this point. Deceased was in Hospital here in February last. He was then suffering from chancre and pain in his loins. This oil is used by West Indian Practitioners according to Christison in doses rather less than Castor oil. Christison found the oil uncertain and gave it up. His doses were from one to two tea spoons full.

(Signed) H. F. C. Cleghorn
Surgeon 4th district.
Veerabadren.

Veerabadren being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said, I am coroner's head Tallyar. I went with the last witness Dr. Cleghorn on the 3rd instant to see the body of the deceased in the burial ground near the Ice House. The body I pointed out to Dr. Cleghorn and which he examined is that on which the post inquest is now being held.

(Signed) Veerabadren.

Moothal Nandoo being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposed and said, I am a Police Constable attached to the Marine Villa on the evening of the 2nd instant as I was going my rounds. I heard that the deceased had died from the effect of some oil that he had taken. I went to the burning ground and prevented them burning the body, and one of the witnesses Chinna Ramaswamy told me that some oil had been given to the deceased to purge him and that he had got some tire and onions to stop it but that he had died from the effects of the oil. I did not go to the house to search for oil. The house is near the Nabob's Palace at Triplicane. They said there was no more oil. I have made inquiries amongst the neighbours. I have heard nothing suspicious about this case. The deceased and his family lived happily together; they did not quarrel.

(Signed) Moothal.

Mr. George Norton being duly sworn in the English language deposed and said, I am Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry Dr. Mayer. About a week ago Dr. Cleghorn called at the College about between 3 and 4 o'clock afternoon one day. He brought a pot, and deposited it in the laboratory in my presence. I closed the doors of the laboratory and went out for a little time and when I returned the pot was undisturbed, no one could get in to the laboratory during my absence the door was closed but not locked. There was no seal on the pot but it was tied over with a cloth and the name J. G. Norton was written on it. I think about 1/2 an hour after Dr. Cleghorn brought the pot to the College. I examined its contents along with Dr. Mayer.

(Signed) George Norton.

Asst. to the Professor of Chemistry.

John Emilins Mayer being examined on his former oath deposed and said, I have made a further searching examination of a specimen of the oil suspected to be purging.

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Nat oil and reported to be the same as that given to the deceased and found in his stomach. The oil found in this stomach was not in sufficient quantity to make an examination with. The specimen sent me appeared to be the same as far as I could tell by very careful inspection, as the oil in the stomach of the deceased. The results of the examination were as follows. The specimen sent and reported to be the same as that administered, was compared with an undoubted specimen of purging Nut oil. The reactions with various tests were quite different in the two oils. From the behaviour of the oil sent me with alcohol Ether and entire acid I am of opinion that it was nothing more than a crude specimen of Castor oil. Castor oil is soluble in alcohol which very few oils are. The suspected oil is soluble in alcohol Nitric acid oxidises castor oil with the disengagement of nitrous acid gas. The same reaction takes place with the suspected oil. These actions being very characteristic of Castor oil and it being well known that if the seeds of the Castor are steeped a long time longer than usual an acrid matter is obtained from the inside of the seed husk of this acrid matter were present in the specimen given the deceased all the symptoms might readily follow. I think in this case a large dose than is common or experience would authorize must have been given to produce such an extensive blush. I have both read and heard of Castor oil producing violent purging and other unpleasant symptoms but I do not recollect any fatal case. It is quite possible but to say probable that a debilitated subject such purging might be fatal. There were no traces of any vegetable poison in the specimen submitted to me so far as I can tell. There might be a minute quantity of some unknown oil of a very poisonous character for which there are no tests in the present state of science. There could not have been any other poison than an oil and I think it very unlikely that this unknown oil even was present.

Signed John Meager
Chem. Examiner -

Thangapa Chetty being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith, I am a Bazar keeper in this corner of Bodacal Street and I live in this house now seen by the Jury near this. The deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury is my wife. I left the house this morning at 6 o'clock. The deceased was then sleeping in the house. I returned about a quarter to 8 to the house and saw the deceased alive and chewing some betel in the house. I was stringing up the part of my stock not required in the bazaar in the firewood hall near the well now seen by the Coroner and Jury. I was not able to see the well. I saw the deceased go into the back yard where the well is. She had a brazen pot in her hand. about half an Indian hour after she had gone into the back yard, and while I was still stringing up my stock, a woman in the house named Devankee Ammah who is lame and who was sitting doing nothing in answer to my question "what is that" having heard a noise, said that the deceased had taken one pot of water up and had fallen into the well in the act of pulling up a second pot. Then no one would go into the well and at 9 o'clock a Palliar came and got two men to get in who took the body of the deceased out of the well. The deceased was quite dead. She was in the water an Indian hour and a half. She was about 55 years of age. She was not subject to fits. She had good sight. She was in the habit of drawing water from this well. Deceased had some Jewels on when she was taken out of the well of the value of 6 or 7 Pagodas. She had no property of her own. She had good health. There was no quarrel between deceased and myself. There were in the house at the time the deceased. Devanay ammah another woman named Boogavanum and myself. the name of the deceased is Thangammah. I saw no well rope. there was a brazen pot as a hook-way from the well.

Signed Thangapa Chetty

Davana Ammah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith. I live in the house now seen by the Coroner and Jury. I am the wife of the younger brother of the last witness Thangapa Chetty. This morning at 8 o'clock there were in the house seen by the Jury myself, the deceased, the last witness, and a woman named Coollammah. The woman Coollammah is the woman who brought me here.

I was sitting leaning against a post in the hall. I could not see the well in the yard. I saw the deceased come as if from the well and deposit some washed clothes. She poured one pot of water into a brass pot standing near the well and she went back as if to draw another pot of water and I heard a noise as if a body had fallen into the well. I cried out that Annamallee had fallen into the well. Then the last witness cried out and went to the street and gave the alarm. The Tanna Peons were sent for by the last witness. They came in two Indian hours after the deceased had fallen in and took out the body of the deceased out of the well. I did not see any hole in the back yard, before I heard the noise of falling. I was only 4 feet from the well. There was a wall between me and the well deceased and the last witness were very affectionately together. They did not quarrel. Deceased was drawing water with a pot of earthenware. The husband of the deceased was packing up firewood in a bundle in the Sudder Hall. I saw a well rope in the hand of the deceased and I saw a pot when she poured the water from the pot into brass pot. I did not see any pot in the well after deceased had fallen in. The earthen pot was one of common size for drawing water with. I did not see the well or the well rope after the deceased had fallen in. I could not go to the well after the deceased had fallen in because I have a bad leg. I could not walk. Deceased was not subject to fits. I first gave the alarm the last witness cried out after I did.

Marshall Davanammah.

Henry William Porteous Esq. Surgeon 1st District being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Surgeon of 1st District. I examined the body of a female about the age of 45 years who seemed to have been dead 8 or 10 hours on Friday evening last at about a quarter to 6 o'clock the body was lying on the inner verandah of a house in Moor Street. The clothes of the deceased were not torn. The cloth was properly fastened and was that usually worn by a female. I examined the cloth myself. I examined the body externally on the crown of the head there was an incised wound about an inch and a half long; the bone was uninjured and not exposed. The wound seemed to have been caused by a fall and not by a knife the edges being separated. This wound could not have been caused by a blunt heavy body giving a blow on the head.

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There was no mark of contusion wound the wound which any heavy body falling on it would have produced. on the right arm near the right elbow a slight abrasion and on the left fore arm another slight abrasion of a trifling nature. There were no other marks of violence on the body no marks of cords on any part of the body. I examined the chest and found the lungs distended, perfectly healthy and containing a small quantity of water. Heart was also healthy, empty; blood fluid viscous of the abdomen were all healthy. The stomach contained a quantity of half digested food and Vegetable matter, but no water. There were two worms in the stomach. Structure of the stomach perfectly healthy and free from any irritation. The nostrils were filled with white froth and by pressure on the chest it oozed out freely from the nostrils and mouth and from the latter a large worm gradually elapsed. There was no appearance of noxious matter in the contents of the stomach. From the external signs and the absence of all appearance of disease I should say that the deceased died from drowning. Had violence been used in this case and the deceased been put into the well seen by me in the back yard of the house in Moor Street by violence I consider that there must have been some marks of violence a woman of the frame of the deceased who have been able to offer resistance to any violence. I am of opinion that the wound on the head was probably caused by something at the bottom of the well as by the fall.

Signed H. W. Porteous. Surgeon 1st District.

Varadachari Bonvers Read. Sathir being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I went with the last witness Dr. Porteous and pointed out the body of a woman in a house in Moor Street Corner on Friday evening last. The body I pointed out to Dr. Porteous and which he examined, was that of the woman on whose body the inquest was held at Moor Street Corner on Friday evening last.

Signed Varadachari.

James Ansell being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Constable of the 1st Division. From a report which reached my Tannah on Friday morning last about 9 o'clock. I went to the house in Soday Hall Street in which the body of the deceased was seen by the carrier and I saw a Sathir now present and some other persons carrying the body of the deceased from the back yard to the inner verandah of the house. I examined the body of the deceased and saw froth issuing from the mouth and nostrils and some cuts on the head. I reported to the Magistrate and have made enquiries about this case but have found but nothing suspicious about it. I do not think a woman so old as the deceased could offer much opposition or resist much if thrown into a well. The deceased appeared about 50 years of age.

Signed James Ansell
Constable 1st Division

Varadachari

Venkataramay being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposed and said. I am a Police
N. 28 attached to the water Gate Sannak near Nagapornam on Friday morning about 7 o'clock
I came on my rounds. As I was coming on my rounds and was on Moor Street. I heard a
cry that some one had fallen into a well. I went to the door of the house in which
the body of the deceased was seen by the Coroner and Jury and found the door
locked and a cry within. I knocked at the door which was immediately opened
I went in and went to the well in the back yard. I saw two Coolies in the well
half way down. They cried out that they were afraid and that it was dark
and they came up. I sent for two Parish people and they took the body
of the deceased out of the well seen by the Jury, in my presence. The first
Witness was present at this time. I was not sent for. There was about 4 feet of
water in the well. I do not know what position the deceased was found
in but the head was uppermost when brought up.

Signed Venkataramay -

Poornaganam being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. My husband keeps the
bazaar near the Cutwall bazaar Market. I live in the house in which the body of the deceased was
found by the Coroner and Jury. On Friday morning last about 7 o'clock I was in the house engaged with
my Chatties and pots and I heard a noise, and I saw the husband of the deceased run from inside the
house to the well in the back yard. I saw the deceased immediately before I heard the noise. She was drawing
her house deceased might have been drawing water. I did not see the well from where I was. I did not go to the
well after I heard the noise. I took up my child. I was panic struck. Deceased was in the habit of drawing
water from the well in the back yard. I am no relation of the family of the deceased. Deceased and
her husband lived on good terms with each other. Deceased was not subject to fits.
She could take care of herself. She did not drink. She could see well.

Witnessed Poornaganam.

John Fleming being duly sworn deposed and said. I am a lance Corporal in the 2^d.
Europeans. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury.
His name is Patrick Flynn. He was a private in the 2^d. Europeans in my Company.
on the evening of the 5th of this month about half past 7 o'clock. I saw the deceased
in the C. Company's barracks he told me he was going on the Ramparts. I did not see
the deceased again alive. Deceased was under the influence of liquor, but he
could walk straight and speak correctly. The deceased was in the habit of drinking.
I do not know if he had been punished recently. He was often punished. More
frequently than other men commonly are in the Regiment. I never heard him
threaten to destroy himself. I do not know how old he was.

Signed C. J. Fleming. C. Company
2^d. & L. I.

John Forbes Esq. L. R. C. P. L. Surgeon 2^d. Europeans being duly sworn deposed and
said. I have seen the body of the deceased along with the Coroner and Head Talbot. The name
of the deceased is Patrick Flynn belonging to the C. Company 2^d. Europeans N. 1728.
and aged 24 years. Deceased was brought to the Hospital here yesterday morning between
8 and 9 o'clock. When brought he spoke rationally. No fracture or other external injury was
found on the body of the deceased except a small abrasion about the size of a quarter of a rupee
which was found on the back of the head, and ecchy marks of the penis. Deceased complained of pain
in the back and could not sit up. on pressure of the spine he complained of great tenderness towards the
dorsal vertebrae. on passing the hand over the bladder it was found distended and 28 ounces
of water were drawn off, he did not complain of Paralysis. The usual means were adopted but
the deceased became worse. and about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon he had fever. he
became gradually unable to articulate, the breathing became hurried and he died at 7 o'clock
yesterday

Yesterday evening. I examined the body of the deceased after death and found the 5th Cervical vertebra dislocated and fractured. The spinal marrow protruding. The organs of the body were all healthy. The deceased was healthy man and had been very seldom in Hospital deceased died from fracture of the 5th bone of neck. Such an injury was necessarily fatal.

Signed John Forbes Surgeon
D. C. L. Surg.

Thomas Jacobate being duly sworn in the English language deposed and said. I am a musician in the Garrison Band. as I was walking in front of my house inside the fort near the St. Georges Gate on Sunday evening last about 9 o'clock I heard a groan. I went on the top of the Ramparts to see where this came from. I looked below and saw a man lying on the ground. I asked him if he fell off the Ramparts and he said yes. I could not get to where he was. I went and called the guard. The guard and I came to the spot where I heard the groan come from and there. I saw the deceased lying on his belly. He said he was dying; and that he had slipped off the Ramparts. He ceased was put in a doolie and I returned home and did not see him after this. I did not know the deceased. He could speak sensibly to me when I saw him.

Signed Thomas Jacobate
Musician Garrison Band.

James Fry Esquire being duly sworn deposed and said. I am doing duty under the Surgeon of the 2^d. Europeans. I am an Assistant Surgeon. in the Company's service. Last Sunday night about half past 9 o'clock I was requested to see the deceased in the Barrack again in the Fort. I went to see the deceased and found him in a state of intoxication. He could give no account of himself. He complained of no pain. I examined him minutely and discovered no fracture of any kind. I directed him to be kept in Barracks during the night and reported him next morning to the Surgeon D^r. Forbes. The deceased did not seem to be affected in his breathing at that time. I saw him. When I saw him in the morning in Hospital the breathing seemed to be slightly affected. I considered that the deceased was suffering from injury to the spine but I could detect no fracture. When I saw him on Sunday night. I could not make out that anything was the matter with him in account of the state of intoxication in which he was.

Signed James Fry
Assistant Surgeon.

Venudamborneri Head Pallari being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I went with the witness D^r. Forbes to see the body of the deceased. The body I pointed out to D^r. Forbes was that of the man on whose body the present injury was now being held.

Michael Kean being duly sworn deposed and said. I am a private in the 2^d Europeans. I went with the witness Mr. Jacobate and saw the deceased lying on his back at the bottom of the Ramparts near the St. Georges Gate. He said he had his back hurt and all his limbs. He said he fell down from the top of the Ramparts. He could speak rationally. When the deceased taken in a doolie from the spot where I saw him.

Signed Michael Kean.

Mungatha being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a laborer and sell. I live in the neighbourhood. Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock some people brought the deceased whose body I have now seen with Coroner and Jury from the tank near this, towards the place where the body now lies. The deceased was not walking two men were carrying him. I do not know where deceased and the men were coming from. It was from the direction of the Tank I was engaged at my own business and did not observe if the deceased appeared sick or not. I did not see the deceased again till I saw the body with the Coroner and Jury. I did not know the deceased.

Signed Mungatha.

Veerasawmy Reddy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a Cultivator I live in Town. My Garden is here. Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock as I was getting out of my Garden I came over in the direction of where the deceased now lies. I saw the deceased lying in the shed where the body now lies. I did not observe whether he was in pain. I called out to him. 'who is this lying here'. He did not answer by shock his hand. I went away at 2 o'clock afternoon I came back and found the deceased dead in the shed. I do not know anything more about this case. I did not know the deceased.

Signed Veerasawmy.

John North Esquire M. D. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am acting Surgeon 2^d. District. I have examined the body of the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury. There are no marks of violence on the body externally. I have examined the body internally. The contents of the Chest appear healthy except the right lung which appears to be diseased. The deceased appears chronic. The whole of the coats of the bowels were found on opening the abdomen to be in a high state of inflammation of recent date. I consider this to be the cause of his death combined with starvation I think. There was nothing in the stomach. It was empty. There was nothing about this case which led me to suppose any poison had caused this inflammation. Had poison caused such inflammation. I should have expected to find some marks of it in the stomach. There was none. The deceased appears to be about 40 years of age.

Signed J. North. M. D.
Actg. Surgeon 2^d. District.

12 August 1855. Police Office, D. District.

James Sanderson Esq. Surgeon 3. District being duly sworn deposeth and saith
examined the body of the deceased along with the Coroner and Jury. Heard a man now present
identify the body as that of his brother. I examined the body. There is the mark of strangulation
round the neck extending on the right side of the throat upwards to the ear. There are no
other marks on any other part of the body. The deceased was evidently labouring under great
The tongue and eyes were protruding. In this case I have no doubt the deceased met his death by
strangulation. The cloth now seen by me would cause such strangulation. There are no
mark of struggle. There is nothing to lead me to suppose that the strangulation
was caused by another person.

Signed J. Sanderson. Surgeon 3. District.

Sheik Hamed being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee Language deposeth and saith
I am a Tailor. Live in Triplicane. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the
Coroner and Jury and the last witness. He is my younger brother. Deceased has been sick for
3 months with Syphilis. Deceased lived at the Nabob's palace. I saw the deceased 3 days ago
He came to my house. Deceased seemed to be then in his usual health and spirits. Deceased
was not in the habit of eating bang. I know the woman now present named Ponne.
She was a stranger and lived with us. Deceased kept this woman. I have not seen them
together for two months. Deceased occupied the premises seen by the Jury as a lodging in
which he kept this woman. Deceased and Ponne did not fight so far as I know. Deceased
is 17 or 18 years of age. Heard the deceased was dead this morning at 8 o'clock. I was then
at the Sehar Bazaar at Triplicane. Heard it from the woman Ponne and a man
who came to my house. I was at home all night from 9 o'clock last night. The name of
the deceased is Godam ally.

Marked Sheik Hamed.

Ponne being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposeth and saith. I am a totter. I live in
Savalum till lately and then I lived here in the house next to that in which the body of the
deceased

deceased now lies. I do not know the deceased. I never lived with him as a wife. I saw him last
10 days ago at his house at Triplicane. I went there to see a woman. I knew to whom I gave
two Pice and desired her to feed me. I then saw the deceased for the first time. This
is 10 days ago. I know the witness the brother of the deceased 4 days ago. He gave me
2 annas and desired me to come and live with him. I went with him and remained
one day and then went to Pallavaram 11 days ago. The cloth by which the deceased
was suspended is the very cloth. I saw him here on 10 days ago.

Marked Ponne.

Sheik Meeran being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposeth and saith. I am a Tailor. Live next door but
one to where the deceased's body was found. I went yesterday to Triplicane to see my sister in law. I returned at 11
o'clock last night. I saw the last witness seated in the road near the drain opposite the room in which the body of
the deceased now lies. She was about 2 feet from the door of the room. There was no light in the room. I did not see whether
or not any one was in the room. I did not know the deceased, I did not know the last witness. I have seen him
before. He never lived with me. He did not live in my house last night. I heard no noise last night of struggling. No
one lives in these houses generally. I never saw the deceased there this morning at gun fire the witness Ponne
was in the street and I saw her beating her mouth and saying some man is hanged. I went to the door and saw
the deceased hanging in the room where the body now lies. I went and reported to the Saunah. No one was in this
house on Saturday up to 12 o'clock.

Marked Sheik Meeran.

Meenatchee being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposeth and saith. I live by begging. I have
no house. I sometimes sleep at the house of the last witness and sometimes in the Coil in Kelpank. I slept
at the Coil last night. I know nothing about this case. I was coming from the Coil along here about 7
o'clock this morning when the peon took me up. I do not know the witness Ponne. I never lived at
Triplicane.

Marked Meenatchee.

Triplicane.

Vellasaamy

Veerasingh being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said, I am a Gardner. The day before yesterday a Tallai Naigue Called me at 7 o'clock morning near the place in Chandrapettah where the deceased was found. The Naigue took me into the shop where the body of the deceased was seen by the Jury and there saw the deceased hanging by the neck. The feet of the deceased were not touching the ground, they were two feet from the ground and the legs were stretched out. The head of the deceased was half a foot from the ground. The deceased was hanging by a cloth seen by the Jury. This cloth was attached to the roof of a Salungu Nagler by a knot and was passed round the neck and knotted behind the neck. The tongue was protruding. The face was turned up, the eyes staring open. There was no appearance of urine having been passed. The cloth of the deceased was not wet or dirty. Deceased was suffering from disease of the penis. There was no chair or stool or other article of furniture in the room. There were no boards on the floor. I do not know anything more. I opened the knot at the back of the neck of the deceased and assisted in laying the body where it was seen by the Coroner and Jury. I did not observe any mark on the neck.

Signed / Isaacson

Thebosa being duly sworn in the Tamil language Deposeth and saith. I live here in my husbands eldes brother's house
 I am the mother of the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury the name of the deceased was
 Paul. He was by years old yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. I saw the deceased alive for the last time. He was then picking
 up sticks near the school at 7 o'clock I missed the deceased and went in search of him but could not find him.
 I saw the body of the deceased at 7 o'clock lying where it now is in the school There was no life on the Child. The
 deceased was not in the habit of going to play in the fields seen by the Jury I do not know how the deceased got over
 the wall. I do not know anything about how deceased met his death. I did not hear he had fallen into the well
 Now seen by the Jury Deceased was subject to a sort of fits. He could see well. He was quite well when I saw
 him last alive.

Signed Thebosa.

Signed Asa Peter

John Mott Esq^r M. D. being duly sworn deposed and said, I am acting Surgeon 2^d district. I have examined the body of a child pointed out to me by the coroner and father. The body appeared that of a well nourished child of between 5 and 6 years of age. Externally there are no marks of violence except a slight contusion of the left knee quite unconnected with the death of the deceased. Internally the brain presented various congestions as did also the lungs, the heart was healthy. The abdominal organs were healthy. There were no marks of poison or irritation in the stomach which was empty. There was no frothy mucus in the air tubes or in the nostrils. The face was calm. There was no mark of terror. There was no injuries to the fingers. From the appearance of the deceased, I consider the death in this case was caused by asphyxia. Asphyxia is result of drowning. There are no indications of violence in this case. -

Signed John Mott. M. D. Surg. 2^d district.

Kembadian coroner Read Tathar being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said he went with the last witness and pointed out the body of the deceased to them. The body he pointed out to the witness was that on which the present inquest is being held -

Signed Kembadian -

20. August 1855. Cinnagumall. Deceased

Ramasamy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a labourer or brick layer. I live behind this house. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the jury and I say this is my younger sister. She is a married woman; she lived next door to me. I last saw her alive at gun fire this morning. She was in the yard of my house where she generally sleeps. Deceased said to my mother that she was going to fetch water from the well in which the body was found. About day light. I heard a noise here and came running and saw the body of the deceased taken out of the well. Deceased was in good health. She could see she was not subject to fits. I saw a pot out side the well and broken. There was a rope round the pot, a well rope. Deceased had no quarrel with her husband or any of her neighbours. The name of the deceased was Cinnagumall.

Marked Ramasamy.

James Sanderson Esq. Surgeon 3. District being duly sworn in the English language deposed and said. I have examined the body of a woman pointed out to me by the Coroners Head Tallas. The appearance of the body is that of a person who has been drowned. Frothy mucus from the mouth and nostrils swollen appearance of the face. There is a lacerated wound two inches in length and penetrating to the skull in the upper part of the forehead. I consider this wound to have been caused by the head coming in contact with the rings of the well in which the body was found. I do not think it could have been caused by a knife. There is no fracture of the skull. There are no other marks of violence about the body of the deceased to lead me to suppose that the deceased met with her death from the violence of others.

Signed J. Sanderson
Surgeon 3. District.

Narabadien Coroners Head Tallas being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I pointed out to Dr. Sanderson the last witness the body of the deceased. The body I pointed out, and which Dr. Sanderson examined was the body in which the present inquest is now being held.

Signed Narabadien.

Abbo Natchen being duly sworn in the Telugu language deposed and said. I am the husband of the deceased. I am a gardener. I last saw the deceased at 8 o'clock last night. She gave me my rice in my house. I went to sleep at my Master's garden and my wife went to her mother's to sleep. I did not see the deceased again alive. Deceased was quite well last night. She is in the habit of coming to this well. Deceased had no quarrel with anyone.

Marked Abbo Natchen.

Daurummah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am the mother of the deceased we were all sleeping together in my house last night. The deceased this morning about gun fire got up and told me to take charge of the child till she came back. and then she went out. Deceased was in the habit of going out every morning. She used to sweep this house. Deceased had no pot that I saw. I was sleepy. I did not see the deceased again alive. I do not know how old the deceased is.

Marked Daurummah.

Ponnummah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I live in this house. This morning the deceased came to the door and asked me to open it. I did so. She went to the well seen by the jury with a pot and well rope as usual. I did not see deceased draw any water. I did not see her again alive. The deceased was in the habit of coming to my house every morning to sweep and cowdung the house. She was in the habit of drawing water from this well every day. I went to light the lamp after opening the door. I heard a sound as if deceased had broken the water pot.

Marked Ponnummah.

Ummiappen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a police Tallas No. 6 attached to the Chundiattepettah Tannah. This morning at 1/2 past 5. I was at my Tannah a man came and gave information which made me to come here. I went to the well seen by the jury and searched. I got coolies and they took the body out in my presence. I could see nothing in the well above the water. The water is up to the neck of a man. From the surface of the ground to the water the depth is 30 feet. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about it.

Signed Ummiappen.

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Mahomed Sar being duly sworn in the Hindostanee language deposes that and saith I am
a beef butcher I live near this I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner
& Jury He is my brother in law For the last 5 or 6 Months the deceased has been suffering from a pain in
his chest and by reason of this pain he died last night about a quarter past 8 o'clock The name of the deceased
was Mahomed Hyath he was 36 or 37 Years of age I was with the deceased Yesterday when he died Yesterday
morning the deceased was suffering from pain in the chest & complained of difficulty of breathing He did
not complain more than usual I do not know whether he took his meal or not I saw deceased in the
afternoon He then again complained of pain He did not complain of palpitation or asthma In the
evening I saw the deceased at 5 o'clock he was then in the same state & could walk about a little
a little after 5 o'clock he complained of the pain having increased & he lay down & never got up again
at last he could hardly breathe at all He was sensible till half past 6 o'clock deceased had no cough When
he first began to suffer 5 or 6 Months ago he complained of pain every two days For the last 6 or 7 days
he has not been able to work at his trade that of a butcher He does not drink He has no swelling about
the body deceased took no food from 5 o'clock Yesterday evening—

James Sanderson Esquire Surgeon 3^d District being duly sworn deposes that and saith
I have examined the body of the deceased along with the last witness & the Coroner Head Teller
There are no marks of Violence on the body anything to indicate that the deceased
had died from any violent Cause Most probably from the evidence I have heard the
deceased has been labouring under endocarditis and died from that Cause.

Signed J. Sanderson
Surgeon 3^d District

Pursava Kum Saravana Pillay being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes that and saith
I know the deceased Deceased has been quite well but for a pain in his chest from which he suffered
for 5 or 6 months a great deal The day before Yesterday evening he complained of the pain I have been
in the habit of seeing him daily I am a relative of the deceased I am a friend The deceased
and his family lived in peace together I did not see the deceased Yesterday deceased
had no cough no swelling of the feet He had difficult breathing and occasional
lividity of face—

Signed P. Saravana Pillay

Deerabuddren Coroners Head Teller being duly sworn in the Tamil language
deposes that and saith I went with the witness J. Sanderson to see the body of the deceased
the body I pointed out to J. Sanderson was that of the man or whose body the
present Inquest is now being held—

Signed Deerabuddren

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Peromall being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes that and saith I am a Coachman in
Mr. Broadbents employ I live in Karaing poorum I know the deceased whose body I have
now seen with the Coroner & Jury The deceased is a horse keeper He is my nephew deceased
lived with me I last saw the deceased alive at 8 o'clock Yesterday Morning He
was then at Broadbents stable He did not come home after 8 o'clock About 11 o'clock
a boy came and gave us news of the death of the deceased I got leave and came here
and saw the body of the deceased lying where it now is Deceased was not subject
to fits He could swim He was 20 Years of age His name is Chinna Cannoo—

1 Marked Peromall

Chinna pyon being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes that and saith about
12 o'clock Yesterday noon I and six others were bathing in the sea near this The
Lannath Peon came up to us and beat some of us for bathing as there were sharks about
I went away The deceased then told me to come with him & have one jump in and there
to run away I went with him and I was washing the sand off my back when he returned
round and saw blood in the water got a fright and ran away There were two others bathing
beside deceased I got so alarmed that I did not see the deceased after I saw the
blood I heard the deceased cry out something when I saw the blood I do not know any
thing more The deceased was further out than I was—

1 Marked Chinna pyon

Jaya sawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes that and saith Yesterday at 12 o'clock noon I was
on the sea beach here I saw four boys in the water The last witness came running beating his breast
I asked him what was the matter He cried they are gone they are gone I stood and saw
two heads & blood I went & reported to the Lannath Peon that a shark had taken the deceased away—

1 Marked Jaya sawmy

Goolam Hoosain being duly sworn in the Hindostanee language deposes that and saith I am a Police Peon
At 11 o'clock attached to the Lannath Yesterday at 10 o'clock I saw some boys bathing & prevented them
at 11 o'clock I heard that they were bathing against that some were running away & some were
missing I went to the back here & saw nothing The body of the deceased came ashore floating
when I was on the back in a very short time after I went to the beach in a quarter of an hour
I examined the body there was a wound on the left hand as if the skin was torn The
whole of the right thigh was torn away There were no bones broken—

1 Marked Goolam Hoosain

Henry William Porters Esquire being duly sworn deposes & saith I have seen the body of the deceased along with the Coroner & Jury I have examined the body which is that of a boy about 16 Years of age spare make wholly free from any mark of external violence I examined the contents of the chest and found extensive disease of the whole of the right lung it was inseparable from the walls of the chest and partially solidified and jugged with blood in the upper part the left lung was perfectly healthy no disease appearance about the heart contents of the abdomen all carefully examined and found free from disease I consider that the deceased has died from pulmonary apoplexy the result of natural causes—

Signed H. W. Porters Surgeon District
Pamiak being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes & saith I am a police constable attached to the Edgar Annah Yesterday evening about half past 4 o'clock when on duty on the road near the Town Police office on information received I went to the spot where the deceased was lying in the corner of the Fish Bazar. The deceased was cold lying down and was shaking his head. He had difficulty of breathing he could not speak. I brought a bandy in 5 minutes put the deceased on the bandy and brought him here. He was dead when brought here. He died when near the Bogapomam gate. I have made enquiries about this case, but have heard nothing suspicious about this case.

Signed Ramiah.
Maree in mall being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposes & saith I am the brother of the deceased. The name of the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury and the witness Dr Porters is Maree deceased lived with me. I have not seen him for 4 days when he left for his master's house. He was quite well then. He had no cough. No difficulty of breathing. I do not know anything about this case of his death.

Signed Maree in mall.

Appasawmy Chitty being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposes & saith I am a bettel shop keeper I live here in this house last evening about 5 o'clock the deceased sat down on the roof of the house where the body now lies in about 2 minutes her hands & legs began to give & shake. She lay down and died immediately she did not speak I did not speak to her I saw she was in a bad state and I sent for a Peon she had something like a Cough I did not know the deceased she is of the dancing women's caste not of mine The Peon came about the time deceased was dying—

Signed Appasawmy Chitty

Akelandam being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposes & saith I am a dancing woman I live in Moolah Street Black Town I know the deceased she is my sister her name is Peelaance she lived with me she is 60 years of age Yesterday afternoon she left the house at 4 o'clock to go to a feast I did not see her again alive she was well then she had no ornaments on except those now on the body namely two brass pendants. Deceased has not been suffering from sickness at any time she had no cough she had no difficulty of breathing she had good appetite—

Signed Akelandam

Maggie now being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes & saith I am a constable attached to the Elephant Gate I saw the deceased yesterday evening about 4 past 5 o'clock the first witness came and reported to me in the road near this that there was a woman lying on a pile here I came and saw the deceased lying where the body now is I found the woman grasping she grasped twice then she died. I have made enquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about it. Signed Maggie now.

Henry William Porters Esq. Surgeon District being duly sworn deposes & saith I have examined the body of the deceased that of a healthy looking female pointed out to me by the Coroner's head Talwar the deceased appears about the age of 55 remarkably fat free from all mark of external violence on examination of the chest found the heart loaded with fat and extensive disease of the principal valves converted into bone along with the chief blood vessel of the body, and in my opinion would account for the most sudden death. There is no possible doubt but that this woman's life has been for some time in imminent danger of sudden death and that her death has been caused by the disease found. Signed H. W. Porters, Surgeon District

Veerabhadram Coroner's Head Talwar being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposes & saith I went with the last witness Dr Porters to see the body of the deceased. The body I pointed out to Dr Porters was that of the woman on whose body the present inquest is now being held—

Signed Veerabhadram

Atheemah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and says
I live near this house I am supported by my relations I am a distant relative of the
deceased whose body I have seen with the coroner & jury the name of the deceased is
Thoyee last Wednesday week the deceased was in the act of taking the rice pot off
the fire in a room in the house in which the body now lies; the front of her cloth was
caught fire I saw this take place I attempted to put the fire out with my hands and
burnt my hands I put water on the deceased and put the fire out. It was between 7 or 8
o'clock in the morning when this took place. The whole of the front part of the cloth was on
fire the back part was not burning all the skin of the breast & thighs and legs
and hands was found to be gone when we examined after extinguishing the fire we
put ink on the burnt parts and the back of the plantain tree. The doctor came on
the third day after the accident. Deceased complained much of pain & had fever
she was delirious. Deceased was 15 years of age. Deceased died at 6 o'clock yesterday
evening she was in the habit of moving about the rice pots on the fire. She had
a muslin cloth on when the burning took place she was not subject
to fits.

/ Marked / Atheemah

Beemaroo being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes and says
last Friday I was sent for to see the deceased I found her with the skin off the
breast and legs as if from fire. There was a discharge of water from the sores. There
was no appearance of pieces of cloth or any blackness of the skin. Deceased was a
little delirious and had a fever on her. I ordered her a prescription which
was used. The medicine consisted of some white lead and Coccamut root &
some Mercury also some medicine to allay the fever. I have been 30 years
a doctor I saw the deceased yesterday she was feverish and complained
of the burning of the sores she did not complain of pain of stomach
sickness vomiting she had the bowels regular she had no sleep
yesterday. Deceased died from weakness.

/ Signed / Beemaroo

Banpammakkah being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes and says I am
a Coolie I live in the house here I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with
the coroner & jury she is my brother her name is Satchmeelammah last evening
before dark we all lay down in the house to go to sleep. There were the deceased her
son and myself I heard a hoise as if in the well near the door of the house I got
up I came out and saw the well rope outside the well & the head of the deceased
inside the well I went out & made a noise and came & some body got in
and took the deceased out. Deceased was not quite dead she died within an Indian
hour she never spoke merely breathed a little. Deceased was scarce 16 years of age
she was in the habit of going to the well now seen by the jury she
could see she was not subject to fits she was in her right mind I do not think
it strange for the deceased to draw water at that time of the day she wanted
water I thought for some necessary purpose.

/ Marked / Banpammakkah

Mooreappa being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and says I am a
Police Constable No 250 attached to the Chengal Bazar yesterday evening about 6 o'clock
I heard that a woman had fallen into a well here I came to the well now seen by the
jury & directed a person to get into the well the deceased was taken out of the well
in my presence she was dead I examined the body of the deceased there were no marks
of violence on the body I have made inquiries about the case but have heard nothing
suspicious about it there was no froth about the mouth or nostrils when I saw
the deceased taken out of the well.

/ Marked / Mooreappa

Yeatheragalloo 2^d Doctor attached to the Monegar Choultry being duly
sworn deposes and says I have examined the body of the deceased there are no
marks of violence on the body of the deceased on opening the chest there was a large
quantity of water found in the cavity there was also much water in the stomach and a
little rice there was no inflammation about the stomach no mark of poison in the
stomach there was no congestion in the lungs or heart the heart was empty there
were marks of drowning in the deceased there was froth issuing from the mouth
and water in the stomach there was no mud in the stomach.

/ Signed / Yeatheragalloo 2^d Doctor

14th September 1855. Ramalingum being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith I am a beggar. I live in the shed opposite where the body of the deceased was found. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner & Jury. His name is Papasammy. He is about 40 Years of age. He goes about getting his rice where he can. Last night I saw the deceased last alive. He was then sitting in the shed I live in. I gave him some rice. He then went away. I do not know where he went to. This morning in consequence of being a long I got up and saw the body of the deceased lying where it now is. Deceased did not complain to me last night. He took his usual quantity of rice. I have known deceased 4 or 5 Years. I have never heard or of his being sick. He has not been subject to fits. The deceased never remained in one place but moved about. He had no house of his own.

1 Marked by Kristnen Pandarum

Hugh Francis Clarke Cleghorn Esquire M.D. Surgeon 4th District, being duly sworn deposeseth and saith I have examined the body of the deceased, whose body I have now seen with the Coroner & Jury. The body of the deceased was found in an attitude of repose as if he had been resting for the night on the slab on which he was found. There were no marks of violence on the body. I examined the chest. The lungs are healthy. The heart much enlarged nearly 10 ounces in weight about 3 ounces of water in the pericardium. The dilatation of the left ventricle was very great. The tricuspid valve was cartilaginous and imperfect. A small abscess occupied a space about 2 inches long one broad and $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch deep in the septum between the right and left ventricles. The other organs of the chest and abdomen were healthy. From my examination I consider that the deceased died a natural death. He died from disease of the heart. This was likely to cause an early death without perhaps any previous sickness. Deceased was between 30 or 40 Years of age. The body was moderately robust.

Signed H. F. C. Cleghorn
M.D. Surgeon 4th District

14th September 1855. Ramalingum being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith. I am a beggar. I live in the shed opposite. I saw the deceased last morning. I never saw him before or since. He came to me here and asked me for a drink of water. I gave it to him, he went away, and I have never seen him since. I do not know his name. I do not know whether he was sick or not. Deceased told me he was a beggar. I do not know any thing more.

1 Marked by Ramalingum

Officer Police Constable attached to the Cenotaph Sannath being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeseth and saith Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock as I was coming my round I saw the deceased lying where the body of the deceased was dead. I examined the body. There were no marks of violence on the body. The cloth was covered with marks of purging. He was very thin & with the face much reduced. I have made inquiries about the case but have heard nothing suspicious about it. No one has come forward to claim the body. The deceased I think must be a beggar as he had a shoe over him like what they have. The deceased appeared about 40 Years of age.

1 Marked by Officer

James Sanderson Esq. Surgeon 3rd District being duly sworn deposeseth and saith I have examined the body of the deceased now seen by me with the Coroner and Jury. The body externally is that of an emaciated man of about 40. The cloth in which the body is wrapped is covered with greenish yellow discharge. No doubt having come from the bowels. The liver I found very much contracted in size and indicating diseased action of long standing. The colour adhering to the concave surface of the liver and for four or five inches in that part was found to be inflamed running into mortification all the part of the bowels in the immediate vicinity of the liver deeply tinted with bilious fluid. The several portions of the small bowel inflammatory spots of about an inch in length running also into mortification. In the cavity of the abdomen there was about a pint of brownish serous fluid. The liver was almost burnt up and was scarcely acting at all. I consider the deceased died from Acute Rheumatism inducing exhaustion from long continued disease of the liver. There is not any reason to believe that the symptoms have been caused by any poisonous substance taken.

Signed J. Sanderson
Surgeon 3rd District

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1. *Signe de / Varrain Savoy -*

24th September 1858. Guffor said Deceased

Mr. John Henderson assistant apothecary attached to the Leprosy Hospital being duly sworn depose and say that I have examined the body of the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and say positively that there are no marks of violence on the body. The body is that of a spare man of about 35 years of age. The left lung appeared wanting, a large sack filled with seropurulent fluid occupied the space of the left lung, numerous bands of lymph across the lower portion of the sack easily broken down. The heart small and empty, a great deal of fluid in the pericardium. Upper lobe of the right lung with tubercle in it, the remaining lobes congested. Small intestines of a dark the choler and on being opened small ulcers of the mucous coat were discovered. Liver small and easily broken up. Spleen and kidneys healthy in my opinion the deceased died from matter filling the left side of his chest. the effect of inflammation. the stomach was empty and perfectly healthy. There is no reason to suppose the deceased died a violent death. His death was quite natural.

Signed John Henderson Assistant apothecary.

Lallah Meah being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language depose and say that the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and say is my uncle. His name is Guffor said. I am a butcher I live near Poplams Broadway. Deceased did not live with me, he was a little out of his mind, and wandered about for the past three years, begging and living any where. I last saw the deceased alive 10 or 15 days ago. He was then in the street near the Market begging. I did not speak to him. I heard him coughing a little, and seemed like a sickly man. I did not take him home then because he would run away. I have tried him before and he did not stay but ran away. Some people told me last night that my uncle was dead and I came here and found the body where it now lies. I do not know how old the deceased was. He used to suffer from Croup fits and foolishness. He has suffered with Cough pain in the belly, and Croup fits for 5 or 6 months.

Marked Lallah Meah.

Lutchnee being duly sworn in the Tamil language depose and say that I will call near this yesterday at 11 o'clock forenoon I passed by and saw the deceased on the pier where the body now lies. He was then alive. I do not know if he was suffering. I again passed at 12 o'clock noon and found the deceased dead. I then went away.

Marked Lutchnee.

27th September 1858. Lallah Meah Deceased

Lallah Meah being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language depose and say that I am a rice dealer. I live in this house now seen by the Jury where the body of the deceased lies. The deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and say is my brother. He lived with me. He was younger than I am; 30 years old. About 8 o'clock last night a little after gun fire, deceased, and, I took our meals together, and smoked Hookah, and we then went out for the purpose of going to see a friend. After we got to our friend's house, about 10 houses off from this we smoked Hookah's and then I returned home. The deceased and our friends went away to see a sick person, in a bandy I got for them. They returned at 12 o'clock and deceased desired me to lay out his bed. He was well then. deceased lay down to sleep, and at 10 o'clock this morning he complained of feeling sick at stomach and he vomited. He then went to sleep again about 5 o'clock this morning the boy who opens the Bazar awoke me as he could not awake deceased to get the key of the Bazar. I then found he was dead. There was no life or breath in him when I tried to awaken him. Deceased was sleeping on the pier of his Bazar last night. His usual place is this. deceased was quite well yesterday. He has been complaining of pain in his chest for the past 3 days. He had no difficulty of breathing no palpitation. He complained of ten of sickness of stomach. there was no appearance this morning of purging or vomiting about the deceased. He had a motion of the bowels like water before he vomited at 10 o'clock. When deceased was sick and purged at night. I asked if he had eaten anything at the friend's house. we went to and he said he had taken nothing the name of the deceased is Lutchnee Meah.

Marked Lallah Meah.

Nunoo Boye being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language depose and say that I know the deceased. I will rise in the Bazar of the deceased. This morning about an Indian hour after day break I returned to the Bazar for the keys.

I went and awoke the last witness and he went for the key to the deceased and found the deceased dead. Deceased was well yesterday. Deceased and last witness lived on good terms with each other.

Witnessed Munnor Doye

Kader Moyaddeen being duly sworn in the Hindostanee language deposed and said. Last night the deceased came to my house. we both went to see a friend in Triplicane. we returned about 10 o'clock or nearly 12 as we were returning near the Governor's garden deceased complained of a pain in his chest and desired me to drive. Then we drove home and I left him at my house. He left me to go home. Deceased was well when at our friend's house. He did not eat or drink anything there or in my company. He smoked a Hookah. Deceased and the first witness lived together on friendly terms. I do not know anything more.

Signed Kader Moyaddeen

Veerasamy Police Talliar N^o 55 being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. This morning about 1/2 past 6 o'clock upon information received I went to the spot where the body of the deceased was found. I went to the bazar and then I saw marks of vomiting and smelled a smell of liquor. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about it. I went to the bazar because there was a crowd there.

Signed Veerasamy

39. September 1861. Pithay - D. ...

Chinda three being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a boat man; I live near this in Royapooram. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury. He is the son of my Uncle. Deceased is a Boatman. His name is Kithay. He is 15 years of age. Yesterday at 4 o'clock afternoon we were all returning from Ennore myself, the deceased, and another now present named Eyzen. We stopped at a place a little on the other side of Washersmans pettah to drink today. We all took today and the deceased walked on a little in front when he suddenly turned round and said he was bitten. He was in the middle of the road at this time; it was this road. I was about 4 yards behind him. The road was quite sandy like this there was no grass nor brushwood on the road. I saw nothing in the shape of a snake or insect. Deceased did not say what had bitten him when I asked him. When we were where the deceased was bitten it was about 7 o'clock and was dark. The other man was with me. Deceased then walked on as before singing. He walked on till he had walked about 1/2 an Indian hour and then fell down fainting. We had come up to the deceased before he fell down. I then lifted the deceased upon my shoulder and brought him the owner's house of the boat of the deceased, at Royapooram, opposite the Church. Then I said the owner started off for a doctor and when we came back in a quarter of an English hour there was a large crowd collected round the deceased. A Talliar took deceased away to his station and then brought him here. I came with him. He came as quickly as possible. The deceased when brought here was frothing at the mouth cold and perspiring. He never spoke after he fainted first. I do not know whether he was alive or not when he was brought here.

here. Deceased was brought here 2 english hours after he said he was bitten. Deceased had good health. He was not subject to fits. He was not sober when he fainted nor when he complained of being bitten. He was in his senses. I was not intoxicated.

[Marked] Chundadree

Crossen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a boatman. Live in Royapponam. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock we set out from Ennore to Madras. The last witness and deceased were with me at Tervatru. we got some Toddy. then we went on and arrived about 7 o'clock at Washmanapattah. Deceased and the first witness were rather in front. I was behind. Smoking Deceased walked first - all at once deceased called out "appah" - I asked what was the matter Deceased said I have stepped on some thing which has bitten me. Then we walked on till we came to a woman's shoppe who was selling cakes. I then took down the light and looked and saw marks of blood on the outside of the right leg of the deceased between the knee and the ankle. The blood was coagulated and about as big as a pea. we wiped away the blood and could see nothing under it. Then we set off and when we arrived at the turning - from this road into Royapponam, the deceased fell down. we lifted him up. I put him on the shoulders of the first witness. He perspired very much. Then we took him to the owner's house. He did not speak. I then went away. I did not see him brought here. Deceased was sober last night. Deceased and the first witness were in the same boat with me. They were on good terms. There was no quarrel last night.

[Marked] Crossen -

William Anderson Wandermere Esq. M. D. of Madras Acting Surgeon 1st District being duly sworn deposed and said I saw the deceased along with the coroner and

July -

July on Sunday last the 30th September in the Native Infirmary. The body was that of a well conditioned man of about 20 or 21 years of age. There were no marks of blood on the body. - about the inner ankle of the left foot there were a few slight depressions of the skin that were irregularly placed with reference to one another and these were unattended by any manifest distention of the veins of the left leg. There was no mark on the outside of the right leg between the knee and the ankle. I examined the skin all over and saw no other marks than those I have mentioned. I examined the body internally and was from the first struck by the extreme fluidity of the blood, this fluidity doubtless produced immediately the engorgement of the vessels which I remarked especially in the intestines. There was a congestion of the vessels of the brain on examining the head; there was a little old lymph effused on a very small portion of one of the coverings of the brain. This lymph had no effect on causing the death of the deceased. The lungs were slightly congested and the heart was healthy and contained no clots at all. The vessels of the intestines were congested, to the highest degree. I cannot state that this congestion amounted to inflammation. I incised the stomach between two ligatures cut out the organ and sent it unopened with its contents to Mr. Mayers the Chemical Examiner to Government and in my presence the jar was in a clean basin which it was placed in my presence, and in my presence the jar was covered with clean leather, the leather tied on the jar, and the ends of the string were sealed by myself with my own signet ring, a fac simile of which seal was sent at the same time with the jar in a note. I sent to Mr. Mayers. I did not arrive at any settled conclusion as to the Cause of Death and therefore requested being allowed to postpone giving my evidence, till I learned the result of the chemical examination of the stomach and its contents. I do not feel

Signed W. J. Mansoveron - M. d. -
Actg Surgeon 1st District -

Chinda die being examined on his former oath Deposeth and saith. We had nothing to eat after 12 o'clock on Saturday at noon when all the Boatmen took their meals at

Egmore. Deceased had nothing to eat after 12 o'clock of that day at noon. There were ten boat men of us took our meals together at this time. We all had separate Chetties; We all boiled our rice in one pot. When eating rice deceased was seated near me; there were two men between me and the deceased. Pallathan and the witness - Eroosen were the names of the men between deceased and myself. Deceased was quite well after taking his meals at 12 o'clock noon, he went with us and carried the salt we were working with into the boat, and helped to take the boat to the ship. Deceased did not go into the ship. Deceased, Eroosen, and I left Ennore at 4 o'clock afternoon of Saturday last September 29. We left because next day was Sunday. Deceased was quite well when we left. We did not eat anything on the road from Ennore to Madras. We had some Toddy. Deceased did not eat anything on the road. He had Toddy from the same person as we. We all had the Toddy from the woman now present. I do not know her name. We went up to a woman's shop who was selling Cakes to see where the deceased had been bitten. Deceased did not eat anything there. We had the Toddy at 6 o'clock and it was at 8 o'clock deceased fell faint. Deceased and I took the Toddy out of separate pots. I did not feel any bad effects from the Toddy I had. We were not paid on Saturday last. We had 1 anna each on our persons. Deceased was not taking any medicine at this time from any doctor. Deceased had no private property. Deceased had a Grandmother, an uncle and an Aunt living at Royapuram in his own house. The boy now present was the person I saw at the Cake Shop when I went to see where Deceased was bitten. I did not see the woman now present in that shop.

Marked Chundadice

Amornthum

Amornthum being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said, I live at Sivatore. I keep a Toddy shop. I do not know the two men now present; they might have been at my shop on Saturday evening last. 70 people were there on Saturday. I have a license to sell Toddy from Government. There was no quarrel at my Toddy shop on Saturday last.

Marked Amornthum.

Moonesamy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said, Three men came to my shop on Saturday evening last about 1/2 past 7 o'clock. The two men now present were of the three men. The one of the 3 men who is not here now asked me for a light. I saw a large lump of blood the size of a pea on the leg of this man who asked for the light near the inner ankle. He did not complain of pain. The two men now present seemed friendly with him. They all three looked at the blood and the one not now present gave a curse. "May it perish," and they walked on. I did not again see these men till I saw see two of them. I never saw them before. I do not know anything more. The man who is not now here was not drunk, the two now present were sober. The one not present now had the smell of liquor. The two now present were at a distance. I don't know if they had a smell or not of liquor.

Marked Moonesamy.

Eroosen being examined on his former oath deposed and said, about 12 o'clock on Saturday last the deceased and I and all the Boat men took our meals at Ennore. Deceased did not eat any meals after this. I was sitting near the deceased. Deceased did not eat any meals after this. The rice and fish Curry were boiled in two pots and we sitting next to him. The rice and fish Curry were boiled in two pots and we all helped ourselves out of these two pots, no one helped another. Deceased did not eat anything between Ennore and Madras. He had Toddy. I believe he had Toddy at Sivatore, but I did not see him drink it. Chundadice, and deceased were seated at the Toddy shop when I came up; Chundadice was drinking when I came up. Nethay was not. The woman from whom we had Toddy, and the boy who gave us the light are now present. I did not see any woman at

at the cake shop where we got the light. The deceased did not eat anything there. The number of the boat is 25. The owner is Laggans -

Marked Croosen.

Maduray being duly sworn in the Tamil language Depose that I am a Boatman. I live in Royapooram. I belong to boat No. 25. the boat in which the two men now present Croosen and Rasapen are. I have never heard Rasapen called Chundadree. on Saturday the Twenty ninth September, ten of us including the boy Nithay who is dead were working from service at Ennore Shipping salt. about 3. - English hours before lamp light we ceased work. The last trip we made to the ship the Captain gave us half a rupee amongst us. we pulled up our boat up the beach to dry. we came to the Pandal. The two men Croosen and Rasapen were sitting. we then took our meals and then Croosen Rasapen and the deceased boy Nithay said they were going home. at meals Rasapen was seated next to Nithay on that day. They have on other occasions been seated together at meals with any Rasapen. Croosen and Nithay seemed on good terms with each other. They got an anna each out of the half rupee given by the Captain and all three left together for Madras. I do not know anything more. We did not get wages paid on that day. I do not know anything more. We did not get wages paid on that day. I do not know whether or not the deceased Nithay had any money with him - besides the anna.

Marked Maduray.

Pallathan being duly sworn in the Tamil language Depose that I am a Boatman I live in Royapooram. I belong to boat No. 25. along with the men Croosen and the other now present whose name I do not

not remember. we were all working at Ennore. Croosen, this other man now present and the deceased boy Nithay were all with us and took their meals with us. I was eating my rice. Nithay was there at some distance from me about a yard and a half. I do not recollect if any one was between us. I was not sitting next to him. I do not know who was sitting next the deceased. about 4 o'clock deceased and the two men now present went away from Ennore. They were all quite well then. They seemed on good terms with each other. I was at 12 o'clock noon of Saturday September 29th last, when Croosen, the other man now present, and the deceased boy Nithay last took their meals with us at Ennore.

Marked Pallathan

Maniappen being duly sworn in the Tamil language Depose that I am a Boatman. I am Tindal of the boat No. 25, the two men now present are part of my crew. the name of the one is Chundadree and the name of the other Croosen. Chundadree and was to the name Rasapen but is not called so. on Saturday September 29th last, the deceased, the two men now present and some others all had their rice at 12 o'clock noon at Ennore. I was there. I do not know in what position they sat. There was no meal after 12 o'clock noon. The deceased Nithay, and the two men, Croosen, and Chundadree, left Ennore at 4 o'clock. The deceased seemed quite well, he had not been vomiting before he left Ennore. They all three left together. There had been no quarrel between deceased and Croosen or Chundadree. They had not been paid their wages that afternoon. Chundadree and Croosen bear a good character.

Marked Maniappen.

Marriammah being duly sworn in the Tamil language Depose that I am a widow; the deceased is my grandson. His name is Nithay. He used to bring me half his living and I lived on that at Royapooram. The deceased went to Ennore to the salt. I went there to see him on the Tuesday before his death and left him on the Wednesday. He was then quite well. deceased and the man Chundadree who is also my grandson were always on good terms.

terms. I did not know the man Croosen before I did not know anything about the death of the man.

Marked Marammah.

Lager being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am the owner of five Masulak Boats. I live at Royapooram. I knew the two men now present. named Croosen. and Chundadree. they belonged to the boat. No. 25. Chundadree has been in my service for 5 years when I went home to my house on Saturday 29th September last at 1/2 past 9 o'clock at night. I was informed by my wife that one of my boat's crew had been bitten by a snake. that they brought the man there and then took him away. I heard that Croosen and Chundadree had brought the man. I did not see the man. I did not see Chundadree that night. I did not go for a doctor for the deceased with Chundadree. my elder brother might have gone.

Marked Lager.

Beema Moodally being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said. I am a P. T. No. 71. attached to the Nagasali Tannah Royapooram on the 29th September last about 1/2 past 8 o'clock Evening. I got information by which. I went to Nagasali Civil Lane near the Royapooram Tannah. where I saw the deceased on the back of the man Chundadree now present. Chundadree said a snake had bitten deceased. Deceased did not speak. I then took the deceased to the station and then immediately to the Monegar Choultry. Deceased was dead when he arrived at the Monegar Choultry. I did not see any mark of snake bite. I should not know snake bite if I saw it. I have made inquiries at Royapooram and Trivatoor. I have not heard anything suspicious about any one. I did not search the witness Croosen and Chundadree.

Marked Beema Moodally.

William Hudson Sansom Esq. M.D. being duly sworn deposed and said. I am Acting Surgeon in the District. I have seen the body of the deceased along with the Coroner and Surgeon. I am now present say the deceased was his younger brother. I have examined the body of the deceased there are no marks of violence on it. The skin of the hands and feet are somewhat so. I saw that the mucus clogs the nostrils and bloody mucus has been issuing from the mouth. There was a large quantity of fluid like water in the stomach and very little food. The stomach and intestines generally are healthy, but the man appears to have emaciated probably from long continued drain upon his constitution from a large em. healthy one on his left leg and an abscess on his right. Deceased appears a man about six or eight and twenty years of age. There was no appearance of disease about the heart or lungs. There was no particular congestion about the heart or lungs. In this case death appears to have been from syncope the effect of submission. I should not think deceased had been long submerged probably not more than 10 or 12 hours. The absence of all marks of violence leads me to consider that the deceased did not come by his death by any fair means on the part of any other person.

Signed W. L. Sansom Esq. M.D.
Acting Surgeon in the District.

Moore Samy Butten being duly sworn in the Telugu language deposed and said. I am a Goldsmith. I live near this place in the Big Bazar. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner & Surgeon and the last witness. Deceased was my younger brother. I did not see the deceased alive at 12 o'clock last night when we both took our meals together in our house. I went to my.

loved and on getting up in the morning deceased was missing. This was about
12 past 5 o'clock this morning I went to the search for the deceased & found him
in the well seen by the Jury. I went to the well because while I was on
searching to the well here saying a man has fallen in and I went too.
I did not see the deceased taken out of the well. I saw the deceased
floating with his face downwards. I recognized my brother after
he was taken out of the well, not before deceased lived with me he was
in his right mind he was a goldsmith he was not in the habit of going
to the well. He had suffered from the sores for 5 or 6 years he never
went out. He never threatened to destroy himself. He suffered much pain.
He used to walk about the house at night with pain. The sores were from
leading a dissipated life. He had good appetite he was 25 years of
age his name was soonah father. But the deceased was not subject to fits.

Signed I saw my Brother
Sutehmiah Police Con. I was attached to the Gorgelee Bazar. I am being
duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes and saith about 6 o'clock this morning
I saw some people returning with empty pots from the well here I am enquiring
they told me there was something in the well. I went to the well & saw the
body of the deceased in the well & took it out. The last witness came in
about a quarter of an hour after the deceased was taken out of the well. The
well has a wall as high as my middle round it & is in a good state.
I have made inquiries but have heard nothing suspicious about this
case. I went & enquired near the dwelling of the deceased. There was
no noise heard there last night. Deceased and his brother
I then lived in peace.

Signed Sutehmiah

Vencatachellum Chetty being duly sworn in the
Telugoo language deposes and saith. I keep an
Nonnengins shop I live near this. I knew the deceased
whose body I have now seen with the coroner and jury. The
deceased is my father. I lived with the deceased. I last
saw the deceased alive last night at 10 o'clock. He had
taken his meals then and went to Cunniah Chetty's house
near this. I was in the house of deceased at this time. Immediately on his going out, went to sleep. This morning
after I had got up and gone to the shop between nine and ten o'clock, someone brought me the news
that deceased had fallen into a well. I had no fear for the deceased because he was in the habit of being out all night. I know he was not
at home this morning. That deceased had fallen into a well now seen by the Jury. Deceased was in the habit of sleeping at
Cunniah Chetty's house, as he is the Chetty's Bell Collector and the Chetty sometimes orders him
to stay. I came to the well here and saw the body of my father lying at a little distance from the
well. Not where it now lies. Deceased used to suffer from dizziness of the head. He
was not subject to fits. He was quite right in his mind. The well is not in the way be-
tween my house and the Chetty's. I don't know anything about the money affairs of the
deceased. He was in good spirits yesterday. He took his meals properly last night. The
name of the deceased is Cooper Chetty, his age is 54 or 55.

Signed Vencatachellum -
William Jackson Wasson Esq. M.D. Acting Surgeon 1st District. Residing in Fort
Saint George. Being duly sworn deposes and saith. I saw the body of the deceased
along with the coroner and jury, and heard the last witness identify the body as that of
his father Cooper Chetty. I have examined the body of the deceased. The body is that of a
 stout man of about 45 or 50 years of age. I had all the appearance of a body that
 had been submerged for several hours, generally swollen and some what bloated.
 Skin about the hands and feet were sodden and bloody. Mucus had been flowing
 from both mouth and nostrils. I examined the stomach and found it healthy containing
 some liquid like water mixed with some food. There were no traces of inflammation
 nor was there any engorgement of the vessels of the intestines generally. There were

No Marks of violence about the body of the deceased. It is my opinion that he came to his death by drowning. There is nothing to lead me to suppose that there was any violence used to bring about this result.

Signed W. I. Vasomeren M.D.

Acting Surgeon 1st District.

Namansawmy being duly sworn in the Tellogoo Language Deposeth and Saith. I am a Jew in Canniah Chetty's house and live in the Chenga Bazar. Last night Coopoo Chetty the deceased came to Canniah Chetty's house when I was on guard, and he kept there. Now the deceased leave Canniah Chetty's house, this morning after gun fire, he opened the door and I asked him what he was doing and he said he was going out for a necessary purpose. Deceased told me that his head was dizzy last night. He said nothing this morning. Deceased is in the habit of sleeping there at night and to go out in the morning a little after 9 o'clock this morning. I heard that the deceased had fallen into a well here. I know nothing more. Deceased was a bill collector of Canniah Chetty's. I do not know if the deceased was short of his bill money or if he was in money difficulty. He was in good spirits last night. Deceased is a widower.

(Marked) Namansawmy -

Kerasawmy P. Peon No. 153 being duly sworn in the Tellogoo Language Deposeth and Saith. I am attached to the Goolzelly Bazar. I am on the morning of the 8th of this month. I saw a number of women about the well in the Asplanade seen by the Jury. I went up to them and they said there was something floating in the water. I went to the well and saw something white floating. I then got grapples and fastened the watering rope to them and put them down and caught the deceased by the cloth and brought him up. I have made inquiries about this case. I have heard nothing suspicious about it. I have examined the wall of the well in which the body of the deceased was found it is in a perfect state and is as high as the middle of a man. I could not find any of the women who were standing about the well. I have searched for them. I have heard nothing about the deceased being in money difficulties. I only heard he suffered from dizziness in the head.

(Marked) Kerasawmy -

9th October 1855 - Preliminary Examination deceased.
William Hudson Vasomeren Esq. M.D. Acting Surgeon 1st District, residing in Fort Saint George, being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith. I have seen the body of the deceased and heard the body identified. I have examined the body which is that of a healthy man about 30 years of age. There were no bruises about the body, but on examining the right side. I found 4 or 5 of the upper ribs broken and the Spinal Column also broken low down in the loins. These injuries were sufficient to account for death. I have heard that the deceased fell down with a Coconut tree, with the tree upon him. Such a fall would be likely to cause. Such injuries as those on the body of the deceased. No blows with any weapon in the hands of another were likely to cause. Such injuries without marks of external violence.

Signed W. I. Vasomeren

Acting Surgeon 1st District

Isolocanah being duly sworn in the Tamil Language Deposeth and Saith. I am Toddy Manori. I live opposite the garden now seen by the Jury. I know the deceased. His name is Sorbaray. He is about 30 years of age. Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the deceased was climbing a tree, and I was on the meset tree but one. The deceased was drawing Toddy. I heard a rustling and shortly afterwards I heard the deceased call out. Then I looked from my tree and saw that a tree had fallen. I got down from my tree and saw the deceased under the head of the tree now seen by the Coroners and a Jury. The body of the deceased was under the tree. I called out, was not so, the body was across the tree. I called out, some people came, we rolled away the tree, and took

took out deceased, deceased did not say
where he was hurt, he was calling out for his
mother, deceased lived for about an hour after
this, I did not see him die, I helped to carry
deceased into the house now seen by the Coroner
and Jury--

/ Marked / To lookmanah
Sungalayney Graming being duly sworn in the
Tamil language deposes and saith I am
a Toddy drawer I live in the house where the body
of the deceased now lies, I was on the tree
opposite the deceased Yesterday afternoon
drawing Toddy, I heard a rustling and looked
down and saw the tree on which the deceased
was, had fallen, and that the deceased was under
it, I assisted in taking the deceased from under
the tree, deceased lived about half an English
hour after this, I saw him die Deceased is
my Cousin

/ Marked / Sungalayney Graming

12 October 1855. At the Court of Sessions
Tutay Mahomet being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language
deposes and saith, I am a groom I live in Broadfoot's stables. I
know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and
Jury His name is Akhlass deceased was a fellow servant of mine
and looked after some two or three horses outside, he lived in
Broadfoot's stables outside his stables I last saw the deceased
alive this morning just before day light we were then in the stables
Yahd. deceased took his gun out, I did not see him again
alive at 8 o'clock this morning. I heard that one of our caste had died here
I came down here and saw the Cap of the deceased floating in the water
and a Poon who is now here directed some persons who went into the water
and took the body of the deceased out deceased was under the water He
was quite dead. I do not know the deceased came by his death, I do
not know whether deceased came here with his horses or not I never
saw deceased drunk

/ Marked / Tutay Mahomet
Shoodah But being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language
deposes and saith I am a Hosedialer the deceased is my servant He had
charge of three horses, one of the horses he had charge of it that now seen
by the Coroner and Jury Horse was in the stables of Broadfoot's Yesterday
evening When I looked early this morning the horse was not there I came
down here this morning a little after 7 and saw my horse here I
saw the body of the deceased taken out of the water I do not
know if the deceased was in debt or not since in 4 or 5 days it
is usual to bring the horse down to swim here - I do not know

know how old the deceased is. I do not know any thing more
I do not know if the deceased was sober or not.

/ Signed / Khoo dah Butsh-

Fathmah Bee being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language
deposeth and saith I am the wife of the deceased I saw the
deceased last alive this morning a little before 10 o'clock I went
to the bazar we were then in the garden outside Mr Broadbents
stable. deceased said he was coming here to secure his horse. It was
his habit to do so. I did not see him again alive deceased
had no money when I saw him last deceased was not subject
to fits I do not know any thing more—

/ Marked / Fathmah Bee

Sheekh ally being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language
deposeth and saith I am a Police Con. 24, 10 attached to the
Police Tannah. This morning about 1/2 past 8 o'clock on information
received at my Tannah that a man was drowned here I came here
and saw the cap now seen by the Jury floating on the water and the
horse, now seen by the Jury lying on the bank here. I took the cap
out of the water, then some people got in and took the body of the
deceased out was 10 fathoms from the shore. The horse had a
bridle on I have examined the body of the deceased but have
found no marks of violence or it. I have made inquiries
but have heard nothing suspicious about this case—

/ Marked / Sheekh ally—

13th October 1855 Bernard Brennan
John Forbes L.R.C. Being duly sworn deposes and
saith I am Surgeon of the 2^d European Regiment
I reside in the Hospital Compound here. I know
the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner
and Jury I know his name Bernard Brennan Deceased
has frequently been in Hospital with Cough and palpitation
of the Heart and syncope. He came into Hospital on this
occasion on the 9th of this month. He then complained
of pain in the Chest, restlessness and difficulty of sleeping
he had a very low weak pulse, and the General symptoms of disease
of the Heart. The usual treatment was adopted but the deceased
died about a quarter to 5 o'clock last night on post mortem exami-
nation a quantity of serous fluid was found in the pericardium.
Covering a large clot of blood which completely obscured the Heart
This was removed and weighed 10 Ounces and a half The Heart was
very much loaded with fat an Aneurismal sac was found on
the anterior surface of the Thoracic Aorta. This Aneurism
had burst into the pericardium by three small openings.
The body was otherwise healthy In my Opinion the death
was caused by the bursting of the Aneurism into the Pericar-
dium. In my Opinion death was the necessary re-
sult deceased was about 30 Years of age—
/ Signed / John Forbes.
Surgeon
2^d E. Regt.

15th Feb 1855 Lutchmee Lammah

Verasawmy Saick being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes that and saith I live near this Tamattinman I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury she is my sister she lived with me. Her name was Lutchmee Lammah, she was 50 Years of age I saw the deceased last alive on Saturday night last at 10 o'clock at night, that is the night before last, deceased was then sleeping in the house I was not laid down to sleep until she laid down, I gave her some water and before deceased suffered from palpitation Cough and had last House of the right leg and arm she could walk a little about six o'clock Yesterday Morning I got up and missed the deceased, the door was open. I was surprised because I was in the habit of getting up and going out first I went and searching for her up to this morning or about 8 o'clock when I heard some one had fallen into the well now seen by the Coroner and Jury I went to the well and saw the deceased, and found it was my sister, deceased had no money when I missed her, she had a small breast Ornament on which is still on the body deceased was Younger than I am, she threatened to go and throw herself in to some place when she had the Cough, deceased seemed worse on Saturday evening, she used to wander about like a woman but of her senses. Formerly a doctor used to see her two or three months ago but not since that time deceased was not subject to fits she was a Married woman, but her husband has left her to go on pilgrimage.

Marked Verasawmy Saick.

William Jackson Vansomer Esq^r M.D. being duly sworn deposes that and saith

I am acting Surgeon 1st District Preside in Fort St. George, I saw the body of the deceased woman and heard the first witness identify the body as that of his sister. I have Examined the body of the deceased which was that of a person manifestly diseased as she suffered from large piles and her abdominal organs also betrayed Considerable derangement There were no traces of inflammation of the stomach, which was empty. The external appearance of the deceased was that of a person whose body had lain some time in water and been subsequently exposed to the sun. The large blisters that pervaded the whole body and the facility with which the skin peeled off were proofs of what I have just stated. There was some bloody fluid about the face that had escaped from the mouth or nostrils. There were no marks of violence about the body. There was nothing to lead me to suppose from the examination of the stomach that the deceased had taken poison. I believe the deceased came by her death by drowning. There were no marks on the body leading me to suppose the deceased had been forcibly thrown into the well in which the body was found.

Signed W. S. Vansomer M.D.
Acting Surgeon 1st District

Vagooee Por being duly sworn in the Tellogoo language deposes that and saith I am a Police Constable No. 188.

No. 188 attached to the Elephant Gate Lannah. This morning about 7 o'clock when I was standing near the water Gate here I saw several women collected round the well now seen by the Coroner and Jury and on enquiry I found that the body of a woman was in the well I went and caused the body which was that of the deceased to be taken out by a Toly man When I first looked into the well the body was face downwards The water in the well is about the depth of 8 feet and from the surface of the water to the top of the well is about 10 or 12 feet The surrounding wall is high and unbroken people don't go to this well to draw water it is made for washing the pury there I have made enquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about this case I made enquiries at the Neighbours of the first witness

Signed / Nagogee Poo

22 Oct 1855 Co. pao. J. M. M. M.
Cheerungen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a bullock driver I live in the Garden I am the father of the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury The name of the deceased is Corpo she is 3 Years old Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock I returned from Town and was grazing the bullocks in this compound one of them was duly brought the bullock out here for the purpose of washing it in the river here At that time the deceased Child followed me out of this gate I did not know the Child was here till she called out to me I then told her to go inside as the water of the river was deep here I put the Child inside the gate but did not shut the door I then went after the bullock Then on my return in about half an English hour I missed the Child and went to the house to enquire I first inquired whether or not the Child had come home when I went to put up my bullocks I enquired thus of my wife she said the Child had followed me and I then went and searched for the Child I searched in the river here when the deceased and my wife were frequently in the habit of passing over to the bazar in day weather and I found the Child about four fathoms from the bank at the bottom of the river in water up to my waist deceased was quite dead I took and water issued from the mouth and nose The deceased was not subject to fits she was quite well nobody helped me to search the river I do not know whether or not anyone saw the deceased alive after I placed her inside the Compound Gate I enquired of my wife but she had not seen her alive after this

Marked / Cheerungen
Mloomaloo being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am the mother of the deceased Child Yesterday afternoon about one o'clock I saw the deceased in my Garden here playing in the sand The last witness my.

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my husband was then in Town about half an hour after this I heard the deceased call out "Father" but I did not see the deceased, I did not see the deceased again alive about 1/4 or 1/2 an hour after I heard the deceased say "Father" I heard she was dead deceased was not in the habit of coming here with her father she was in the habit of going with me across the river here when it was dry she was in the habit of meeting her father when he returned with his bullocks—

/Marked/ Alloomaloo

Vencataramen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Police Con No 146 attached to Mackays Garden Tannah Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock there was a great noise down here and I saw a crowd here on I was at my Tannah across the river I saw a child on the shoulder of the first witness I came here and on enquiry I heard that the child had fallen into the water the child I saw on the shoulders of the first witness is the deceased I have heard nothing suspicious about this case—

/Marked/ Vencataram—

Nyangayagee being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I live in this street. Well Mill and Pine. I know the deceased whose body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury. The deceased is my sister. Her name is Lutchmee. She lived with me. We supported her. She was 25 years of age. She was out of her mind. Up to 10 or 11 o'clock last night the deceased was with us she was then inside the house sleeping. I went to sleep in the same room with her. the door was closed and not locked. I missed the deceased at 5 o'clock this morning. I did not hear the deceased get up in the night. I did not see the deceased alive after 11 o'clock last night. Deceased used always to remain at home. It was very unusual for her to go out at 5 o'clock. When I missed her I searched all over and when I came to the well now seen by the Jury and which is at the fourth house from mine. I saw the deceased floating head downwards in the well. I saw the deceased by the cloth. I called out making a noise. the person now present came and caused the body to be taken out of the well. Deceased was not in the habit of going to this well. She had fits of madness and was sometimes better, yesterday she was mad. She was not subject to fits. She had hot water pot in rope with her when found. She did not take any rope or pot from the house. Deceased had been mad 3 years. I do not know any cause for it. She was married but her husband died 8 days after she was married. She had no children. Deceased never tried to make away with herself before. There was no quarrel yesterday—

/Marked/ Nyangayagee—

Syedally

Syed ally being duly sworn in the Hindoo tance language deposes and saith. I live in the street behind this. I am a servant of the late Nabob. I know the deceased. I used to buy Milk and Curds from her sister the first witness. Deceased was out of her mind. She was in Hospital 3 years ago at Monegar Choultry, shut up, out of her mind. They used to shut her up sometimes in the house for being mad. the last witness the sister of the deceased kept her in her house the first witness was kind to her and gave her rice. I never heard the first witness beating the deceased.

[Marked] Syed ally.

Mahomed Hossien being duly sworn in the Hindoo tance language deposes and saith. I am a P. Ben N. 325. attached to the Round Tannah at a little before 7 o'clock this morning or at 1/2 past 6 I was standing on this road and I saw the first witness crying, coming along the road towards the Tannah with people following her inquiring. She told me her sister had fallen into the well now seen by the Coroners and Jury. I went to the well, and saw the body floating head downwards I caused a rope to be fastened to the body and pulled the deceased up. I examined the body. There were no marks of violence. Froth issued from the nose and mouth. I have made inquiries about this case. The body of the deceased looked plump. The neighbours have told me the first witness kept the deceased with great kindness. There is a parapet in good order up to the line round the well. There is water up to the chest of a man in the well and from the surface of the water to the top of the parapet is about 3 fathoms.

[Marked] Mahomed Hossien.

27th Oct 1855 - Munniahel. Deceased

Moonesawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith. I live in this street. I am a bricklayer. I know the deceased. She is my younger brother's wife. The body I have now seen with the Coroner and Jury is that of my younger brother's wife. The name of the deceased is Mooneathal. The husband of the deceased has been on the County near Pulicat for 20 days. Deceased was living in my house before and after her husband went away. She deceased was 16 or 17 years of age. About one clock the deceased was in my house. I saw her then. She was suffering from violent pains in her stomach and we put hot salt. There was no vomiting nor purging. I lay down fatigued to sleep at 1/2 past two o'clock and I never saw her alive again. The last meal I saw the deceased eat was at 8 o'clock last night. She was then free from pain. The pain was from the menstruation, it came on at one o'clock. Deceased had the same pain two or three months ago during menstruation. Deceased was missed by me at day light and I went all over to her relations in Black Town and returned from seeking for her at 10 o'clock this forenoon when I heard she was found in this tank dead. I searched for deceased because she was not in the habit of going out in the morning. Deceased never threatened to destroy herself. Her husband was good and kind to her. He went to the Country for the benefit of his health. Deceased generally had good health. She was not subject to fits. I do not know anything more.

[Signed] Moonesawmy Moodally.

Hugh Francis Black Oglehorn Esq. M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith. I am Surgeon of 4th District and reside in St. Thomas. I have seen the body of the deceased along with the Coroner and Jury and in the presence of the first witness Moonesawmy who identified the body as that of his sister in law Mooneathal. I have examined the body. The body is well nourished. There are no marks of violence. There was much frothy mucus from the nose and mouth. The eyes were shut. There were marks on the cloth as well as on the person of the deceased of the ordinary

Ordinary Appearances of Menstruation. On opening the Chest the Lungs were found much Congested and filled with air bubbles. The heart was empty small and Contracted. The Stomach was nearly empty. There were no suspicious appearances about the intestinal tube. The uterus exhibited appearances indicative of the Menstrual period. From the appearance of the body and the absence of all Marks of violence or disease. I am of opinion that the deceased Came to her death by drowning. I think if the drowning had been the work of another there would have been Marks of violence. Believe the drowning was suicidal or accidental.

Signed M. P. C. Bleghorn. M.D. 4th District
Deanne being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith. I am wife of the first witness. I saw the deceased last alive this morning about 4 hours before gun fire. She was then suffering from pain. We made bandages of hot ashes and applied. She did not eat after 7 or 8 o'clock at night. I fell asleep at about 4 o'clock. deceased was suffering more pain and was lying down. I did not see the deceased alive again. I heard at 10 o'clock this morning from some of our people that the deceased was drowned in the Tank here and I came out and saw the body in the steps of the tank here.

Marked Devenne -
Veeraswamy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith. I am a Police Talukdar No. 38 attached to Parthasarathy Pagoda Tank. This morning at 7 o'clock I saw a crowd here as I was going my rounds. I came here and saw the deceased floating about 30 feet from the side. I caused a coolie to take the body out. The water was about 9 feet deep where the body was floating. I have heard nothing suspicious about this case. I have made inquiries about it. I was round this street at 2 or 3 o'clock this morning. I heard no noise then.

Signed Veeraswamy -

28th October 1845 - Magappan Deceased

Papah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith. I live in the house now seen by the Coroner and Jury. I fell asleep yesterday morning at 10 o'clock upon my return to my house. I found the deceased standing upright in the house. I went in and saw that he was hanging by a rope fastened round his neck. He was standing on his toes which touched the ground. Deceased was quite dead. The body was warm. I know the deceased. His name was Magappan. He used to come to my house once in 3 or 4 days and I would give him a meal or two and off he would go. He was a beggar. He was in my house all night the night before last. At gun fire he awoke me and I went to my business. I did not see him again alive. Deceased appeared quite well. He got some Congee from me before I went away. Deceased is an old man. The rope now seen by the Coroner and Jury and by which the deceased was suspended was mine. It was stretched across the house top when I went away yesterday. I used it for hanging things on. Deceased suffered from difficulty in passing water from pain in his belly. The rope was fastened where it is now to the bamboo inside when I saw the deceased hanging. A peon now present took down the body upon my going to the tannah near this and telling him.

Marked Papah.

James Sanderson Esq. being duly sworn deposeth and saith. I am Surgeon 3rd District and reside in Nanganambakum. I have examined the body of the deceased whose body I have seen with the Coroner.

Coroner's head Tallai. The body was that of an old and rather emaciated man. Round the neck there was the mark of a rope extending upwards on the left side to within an inch of the ear. There were no other marks of violence on the body. I have examined the body internally. The whole peritoneal surface of the organs of the abdomen are in a state of inflammatory action. The whole surface of the liver adhering to the walls of the abdomen. There was nothing to lead me to suppose that the inflammation seen in the bowels was caused by poison. There was a large quantity of serous fluid effused into the cavity. The inflammation was recent. From the mark on the neck of the deceased, Nelson the immediate cause of death in this case was strangulation.

The inflammation in the bowels must have caused great pain and no doubt have induced the deceased to destroy himself. There is nothing to lead me to suppose that the strangulation was the act of any other person.

Signed J. Sanderson

Surgeon 3^d District.

Khader Baig being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language deposes and saith. I am Police Peon No. 18 attached to the Comalissavari Tannah yesterday morning at a
quarter

quarter past eleven o'clock as information received from the first witness I came to this spot and saw the deceased hanging by the neck the rope having an inclination upwards to the right side behind the right ear. The rope now seen by the Jury is the rope deceased was suspended by. Deceased was dead I did the thing and laid him down by the help of another man. where the body now lies. I have made inquiries about this case. I have heard nothing suspicious about this case.

Signed Khader Baig.

Verabadiam being duly sworn in the Tamil language. deposes and saith. I am Coroner's head Tallai. I went with Dr. Sanderson to the body of the deceased. The body pointed out to Dr. Sanderson was that on which the present Inquest is now being held.

Signed Verabadiam.