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Parthasarthy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Gardener and live near the well here. The deceased is my father. He lived with me. His name is Moonsappa Naick. He was 60 years old about 10 days before his death he has pain in his belly and his chest. On Thursday last at 10 o'clock at night he took his supper with us and went to bed. He was then complaining of pain in his bowels. I also went to bed about 11 o'clock in the morning we got up from our beds, the bed of the deceased was vacant, we searched for him all round but did not find him. All Friday we searched for him in Mylapoor Swater Town and Spains but did not find him. Yesterday morning the Gardeners in the Garden where the well is came and told us some one was drowned and floating in the well. We were then in our Garden and went to the place, saw the body of the deceased in the well, now seen by the Coroner and Jury and got the body out. Then the Gardener who first saw the body went and reported to the Talliar Station. The parapet of this well is good. I do not know how the deceased became drowned. He was not in the habit of going to this well. He was not thirsty. We have missed no Chatty for drawing water. Had deceased wished for water it was in the house. Deceased had no jewels on him.

(Signed) Parthasarthy

Anglo Francis Clarke Esquire M. D. being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon 1st District and reside in St. Thomas. I have examined the body of the deceased, which is that of an elderly man in a state of decomposition. There are no marks of violence. There are several blisters and other post mortem appearances which rapidly take place after drowning when the body is exposed to a hot sun. On opening the body the stomach was full of rice and gurdie not one third digested at the lower end of the stomach there was slight redness but nothing of a suspicious character. There is nothing to indicate the cause of death. The speedy decomposition forms the opinion that deceased died from drowning.

(Signed) A. F. Clarke M.D.
1st District

Veerasawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith
I am a Gardener and live near this. I am no relation of the deceased. I know
him. I heard that deceased was missing on Friday last and that his family
were searching for him. Yesterday morning about 6 o'clock whilst I was plucking
flowers from a tree near the well I saw the body of the deceased floating with
the face downwards. I ran towards the Sannah and reported the case. The
Pious came and took the body out. I did not recognize the deceased until the
body was taken out. The first witness was there when the body was taken out.
He came to the well before I returned from the Sannah. I did not tell
him of my finding of the body. Many people were in the garden at that
time to obey a call of nature. Some of them might have told the first witness.
I heard some days ago that deceased was sick of pain in his chest.

/Marked/ Veerasawmy —

Moosawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and
saith I am a Police Tallyar No 26 attached to Parthasarathy Pego da
Sannah. From information received from the last witnesses I came
to the well near this and saw the body of the deceased floating in the
well face downwards. I got the body out. I examined the body.
There were no marks of violence on the body. The body was then
a little bloated. I did not know the deceased. I have made inquiries
but have heard nothing suspicious about this case. The well has
the parapet in good order but not high enough.

/Signed/ Moosawmy

Pingren being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a
Coolie. I live in the house where the deceased now lies. I am the son-in-law of the
deceased. Her name is Mookundoo Punnambal. Deceased was short of sight. I do
not know the cause of her death. She lived in the house with me. I have not
seen her for 4 days. I have had my meals at the house at which I have been
working in Royapettah. I was coming to see my family last night and as I
came to this street about 6 o'clock yesterday evening, I heard that the deceased
was drowned. I ran into the yard, jumped into the well, saw her by the corner and
saw. I did not see anything but went in and found deceased in the well head
down stuck against the mud. I raised the deceased erect on her legs a ladder was
sent down; I fastened the body to the ladder and they drew up the body. I observed
the temple was bleeding when I raised up the deceased. Deceased was quite dead.
There was a rope in the well which belongs to us, we used it to draw water, I did not
see any pot in the well. There was a small pot filled with water at the side of the
well. There is water in the well up to my thigh. From the parapet to the surface
of the water is eight mens height. Deceased was in the habit of drawing
water there. She was not subject to fits. Deceased was supported by her son. He
went to his village 7 or 8 days ago.

/Marked/ Pingren

Coopoo being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a
and sell. I live here. I am no relation of the deceased. I know her. Yesterday
afternoon about 4 o'clock I went near the well to draw water about an Indian
hour before this time I saw the deceased sweeping the house. When I went to
the well to draw water I saw two pots of water kept on the side of the well. I put
my pot into the well looked into the well and saw the black cloth of the deceased
floating

floating in the water I sent out to the daughter of the deceased that perhaps deceased has fallen in to the well because I saw the cloth she came out after a very short time the first witnesses came and took out the body of the deceased. I have lived with the deceased I am a tenant of the house for 15 years. Deceased was in good terms with all her family. They all lived in peace. I do not know anything more I did not hear any noise.

/Marked/ Cooper

Joseph Francis Clarke Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and says that I am Surgeon 1st District and reside in St. Thomas. I have examined the body of the deceased which is that of a woman about 58 to 60 years of age in good condition. There is an oblique wound over the right eyebrow down to the skull which is not fractured there is no other mark of violence the wound might have been caused by striking the edge of one of the rings of the well now seen by me with the forehead. On examining the Rectum it was found choked up with black mud and frothy mucus, a great portion of the lungs highly congested. Stomach contained rice raghee Chutney and mung without any redness or suspicious appearance. The pulmonary artery was engorged. I believe the deceased was drowned the injury to the head was not the cause of the death of the deceased.

/Signed/ J. F. Clarke Esquire M.D.
1st District

Veerabudren being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and says that I am Coroner's Head Talliar and live in Pursualthum. I went with Dr. Fleghorn to see the body of the deceased. The body pointed out by me to Dr. Fleghorn and which he examined was that of the woman or whose body the present inquest is now being held.

/Signed/ Veerabudren

12 September 1885. P. M. P. M. 30
Kistnages Row being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and says that I am a Police Officer No. 138 attached to the Munggar Choultry gate Sannak. This morning about 7 o'clock during my beat in the road I heard that a child was lying here dead. I came here and saw the body of the deceased male child lying in the place now pointed out to the Coroner and Jury. The body was not in the water of this pond but at the edge the appearance was as if the water had decreased and left the body at the edge. The body was lying on the cloth on which it now lies. I examined the body. There were no marks of violence on the body; the Cord of the afterbirth was coiled round the neck as seen now. The body was not much decomposed only bloated a little. The body was red like a new born child. The Cord was not shrivelled up as now but moist and large. The afterbirth was smelling as if decomposed. I was not here yesterday. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing about any one being confined here.
/Signed/ Kistnages Row

John Linton Paul Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and says that I am Acting Surgeon 1st District and reside in Rindalls Road. I have examined the body of the deceased now seen by me with the Coroner's head Talliar. The body is that of a full grown male child with the afterbirth attached to the body. The body is so decomposed that I cannot state whether the deceased had received any flesh bruises or not but there are no bones broken. Externally I examined the lungs the lungs float in water but are at the same time emphysematous from decomposition so that it is impossible to state whether the floating is caused by this emphysematous condition in lungs that have never breathed, or by the natural condition of the lung after it has breathed.

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but I incline to the opinion that the lungs have breathed. The brain was quite fluid from decomposition. Stomach is empty and has never apparently contained food. I think the deceased has been dead two days, perhaps three days.

Signed J. L. Paul M.D.
Acting Surgeon 1st District

Kistnagio Row being examined on his former oath deposes and swears I have made further inquiries about this case but have heard nothing more about it. I have heard nothing suspicious about the case.

Signed Kistnagio Row

Nagooie Row being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and swears I am a Police Magistrate No 25 attached to the Munggar Choultry gate Sannak. The first witness reported to me the finding of the deceased. I went to the place and saw the deceased lying dead where the body was seen by the Coroner and Jury. I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about it. I have reported the case to the Town Police Magistrate. There were no marks of violence on the body when I first saw it.

Signed Nagooie Row

Anay being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and swears I am a boatman. I live here where the body of the deceased now lies. The deceased is my brother's son; his name is Estappen. He was about 25 years old. Yesterday about 2 o'clock afternoon the deceased was bathing in the sea near the hut. I was then in the hut. Some people came and said "a fish has been biting the body." I ran out to the beach now seen by the Coroner and saw the deceased lying on the beach about a foot from the water. He was alive. He did not speak. He was bleeding from wounds in his right leg and hand. He was taken directly to the hut and died immediately. I did not see any shark or any fish in the sea when I went out. I do not know anything more.

Marked Anay

John Liston Paul Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and swears I am Acting Surgeon 1st district and reside in Rindall's Road. I have examined the body of the deceased. The body is that of a male about 17 or 18 years of age with numerous lacerations of the right leg thigh and arm, some of which are of great depth through the whole thickness of the limb. They are not cuts but appear to have been inflicted by some biting animal.

Signed J. L. Paul M.D.
Acting Surgeon 1st District

John Sutton Paul Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposeseth
and saith. I am Surgeon for the District and reside in Rindall's Road.
I have examined the body of the deceased which is that of a man
middle aged Both lower limbs are mangled from the feet up
to the hips by the fall of some very heavy body. The injuries
could not have been produced by blows from any weapon I
consider the injuries necessarily fatal.

Signed / John Sutton Paul M.D.

Acting Surgeon's District

Pungadoo being duly sworn in the Teloozoo language deposeseth
and saith. I am a road repairer. I live in Cotarey I know
the deceased. He is married to my Uncle's daughter. His name
is Venekatawmy. He is about 30 Years of age. about 5 or 6 feet
yesterday evening we were all breaking this bridge down because
was there. We had knocked down half of the centre arch of the
bridge and were cutting it the other half. Deceased was on the
part being cut away with the bridge many others were on
this part also. This part of the arch fell. Half of us were
on the other part of the arch which was supported by the
lower part of the foundation of the bridge. The deceased fell
down with the first part of the arch and slipped and fell
quite on his back and then the other part of the bridge on his
knees all the others who were on the bridge came down with the
bridge

bridge but they escaped. The deceased fell down and slipped on his back
that was the way he was caught in the broken bridge. The arch was hardly
filled up with mud underneath to form the new drain; the Centre of the
arch was supported by blocks of stone. These blocks I suppose had fallen
down and then the arch fell. I have often taken down bridges, we always do
them in the same way. The deceased was crushed under a heavy piece of
the arch, as far as from the feet to the thighs; we got ropes and sticks and
raised the heavy piece of arch and got the deceased out. He was quite
dead when brought out. It would be about an hour from the time the arch
fell until the deceased was taken out. I do not know any thing more.

Marked / Pungadoo

Vinkatawmy being duly sworn in the Teloozoo language deposeseth and saith
I am a tank digger I live at Cotarey. I know the deceased on the 2^d of this
month we were engaged, deceased and I and about 50 men and women breaking
down the bridge seen by the Coroner and Jury. I was standing on the same part of
the bridge as the deceased. There were no props used to break the fall of the
bridge, we thought by breaking down at both sides a little the bridge
would fall easily. I never broke any bridge before. The piece we were
on fell and I ran off. I do not know how the deceased was struck.
Deceased was not seen by me again alive. I ran away.

Marked / Vinkatawmy

Ramachandra Rajoo, being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes
and saith. I am a peon in the Service of the said Customs Collector. I live at
Choolay. I know the deceased he is my elder brother. His name is Parvoo Rajoo.
He was about 35 Years of age. Deceased now seen by me with the Coroner and
Jury was a Bill Collector and lived at Choolay. He was in the service of Soobaroy
Grammy now present. He used sometimes to get his meals from Soobaroy Gram-
my. For the last two months the deceased has not been in the service of Soobaroy
Grammy and he was warned he told me not to come to Soobaroy Grammy's house.
I do not know anything about the Cause of the death of the deceased. I
heard the man Soobaroy Grammy now present threaten to beat the deceased
about one and a half months ago, but did not see any beating at that time, or
Soobaroy only pushed him by the neck. I never saw any beating my brother
was passing Soobaroy Grammy's door when this pushing took place. Soobaroy
Grammy lives five doors from my house. When he pushed the deceased he
said "never more come into this house take care of your life also". Deceased
was going in at Soobaroy Grammy's Gate when this happened my brother
had some money due to him by Soobaroy Grammy and asked him for it
as he was passing the Gate Soobaroy went into the house and immediately
returned; my brother was then on the Piah of Soobaroy Grammy's house
and Soobaroy pushed him out. The deceased was suspected of seducing
Soobaroy's wife. I believe Soobaroy sent for me and told me this the 3^d
day after this pushing took place. I last saw the deceased alive the
day before yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. He was then in the house quite
well. He got some money from me to go to the pazaar to buy food for the
house. He went away immediately. I did not see him again until 2
o'clock yesterday afternoon when I saw him lying here dead where the
body now lies. I did not see anything of the deceased, nor hear any noise
from the time I last saw my brother alive. I do not know anything
more. When my brother first saw Soobaroy on the day of the pushing
my brother was in the street, then he went up the steps to the Piah
where

where Soobaroy was and when Soobaroy went into the house he went on the Piah.
Signed/ Ramachandra Rajoo

James Willie Requin being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon to
the 2nd district and reside in Kilpauk. I have seen the body of the deceased
along with the Coroner and Jury. I heard the jurymen Ramachandra Rajoo iden-
tify the body as that of his brother. The body was that of a man about 30 years
of age, he has a handicap in the upper lip. Deceased was admitted into Hospital
here yesterday morning about 6 o'clock. I saw him between 7 and 8 o'clock
yesterday morning. He was suffering then from all the symptoms of Compre-
ssion of the brain insensibility, stertorous breathing and dilated pupil. On the
head there were marks of violence, one bruise on the left side of the back
of the head about the size of a four Anna piece another on the right
side of the head and also on the back of the same size and Character, and
another where the occiput joins the parietal bones about the same size, these
bruises appeared all to be caused by the same instrument, this instrument
must have been some small blunt or knotted instrument. I do not believe
the bruises could have been caused by a fall. I do not think the bruises could
have been produced by the deceased being knocked down by a Carriage. I am
of opinion that the deceased must have received several blows, no fracture
could be discovered. The skin was not broken only bruised. The deceased died about 2 o'clock
yesterday afternoon in the Hospital in spite of the means usually adopted to recover
him. I examined the body by order of the Coroner this morning. The head was slightly
swollen in the neighbourhood of the bruises observed before death, both shoulders were slightly
injured as if the deceased had fallen upon them or as if he had been beating the
skin was bruised, the bones were not broken. There were marks on the Arms
as if his arms had been bound by a rope or bandage in front and a little
above the elbow joint as if he had been bound. On removing the Skull Cap the
left parietal bone was found fractured and immediately under the fracture a clot of
blood, nearly half the size of a man's fist was found on the membranes of the brain. There
was

was no other fracture, under any of the other ribs nor any other clot of blood. I inspected the organs of the Chest and Abdomen and found the organs all healthy. I consider the cause of death to be the clot of blood under the fracture of the left parietal bone, pressing on the brain. The injury was necessarily fatal. The Stomach had no trace of Food.

(Signed) J. Keller

Surgeon 3^d district

Lofanb Rajoo being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said I am employed in the Mint. I live in the house with the first witness and the deceased I am the Youngest brother of the deceased. On Monday last about 12 o'clock at night I was sleeping in the house. Sooraray Graming, now present came to the door opposite mine, with a torch in his hand and beat the door and cried out that "robbers were there with torches in their hands." On this noise I awoke and came out into the street, and asked him what was the matter, he said, there was a thief in the 3^d house from mine upstairs and that he also had lost some jewels. He had a stick in his hand about 4 1/2 feet long and the thickness of his hand. I said send for some Police. Pious, he did not do this but got over the roof of the 3^d house, and went into the house. I went into the 2^d house into the back yard. There was no person residing in the 3^d house. I went into the 2^d house to prevent the escape of the thief, because there was a way to escape by the back. I could see the light of the torch in the 3^d house and the people there cried out "we have got one thief." Then I entered the 3^d house by the front door and saw one of the men now present named Chinniah dragging the deceased down the stairs with his feet up and his head down, the arms of the deceased were tied with the rope now produced a little above the elbows. One of the men now present named Shunmoogum, kicked the deceased on his hip, two or 3 times after saying a bad word, and said to me this is your brother; Another of the men now present laid hold of the hair of the deceased and kicked him on the shoulder and dragged him down stairs by the hair, the name of this man is Summendum, another of the

the men now present, named Moosawmy Naidoo had a cane of bamboo, an inch thick and 4 1/2 feet long with which he gave the deceased a blow on his hip after deceased was brought down stairs the men now present made him stand up, he was unable to stand and fell down gently. He did not hear himself, then it was that Moosawmy Naidoo said he was pretending not to be able to stand and struck him on the hip. I did not see him receive any blows on his head. The man Moosawmy Moodelly was pulling at the arms of the deceased. Moosawmy Naidoo Shunmoogum and Summendum had sticks, the other two had not. Sooraray Graming was present with the stick and torch. My brother was breathing hard and was speechless, these men carried him to Sooraray Graming's gate. I heard Sooraray order his servant to go for the police. Pious and I went into my house. The Police came and I followed the deceased half way to the Lannak. Deceased was not able to walk he was carried. Sooraray Graming's sons Shunmoogum and Summendum went to the Lannak also. The son of the deceased went to the Lannak. When deceased was dragged out of the 3^d house, there was nothing brought with him, but when the deceased was carried to Sooraray Graming's Gate Sooraray went into his own house and brought out a Chamber and three other pots and laid them before the deceased, and said he had stolen them. I did not see the deceased again alive. I was taken up with my mother who was sick with purging. I do not know any thing more. The deceased was not employed at present he was 2 months ago employed by Sooraray Graming. I do not know why he left Sooraray's employ. Shunmoogum, the son of Sooraray Graming said "Your brother has no sense at all he has been very ungrateful here you teach him manners, I shall take care he shall not go unpunished" when I asked what he meant he did not tell me. This was within 2 months ago. The other son of Sooraray, Shinnoozum, used to abuse the deceased also and said "brother of your brother is a very ungrateful man I shall try to punish him severely." I do not know the Cause of offence given by the deceased. I do not know any thing more. Sooraray Graming had the key of the front door of the 3^d house and opened it when I was there; there was another door at the side of this door, leading to the privy and always open.

I do not know what deceased was doing in this house. There was a large crowd with Soobaroy when he entered the house I do not know who they were I saw no torch but Soobaroy's torch. The men who kicked had no shoes on.

(Signed) Gopaul Rajoo

Vidurajisloo being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I live with my father, he supports me I live in Cholay. I know the deceased; he is my father. Last Monday night about 9 o'clock my father went and slept on the peal opposite to my house. I found him there sleeping at 1/2 past 9 o'clock Monday night I went and slept with him after a long time. I do not know how long but it was still dark, the two men Moonoosawmy and Chinnoo came and awoke my father calling out Rajah Rajah Come Master is calling you my father said "it is dark now I shall come in the morning" Then I heard Soobaroy Graming call out from the peal of his own house "Chinnoo Chinnoo" I know his voice because I am in his shop. Then my father prepared to go to Soobaroy Graming's house and was tying his waist cloth Chinnoo and Moonoosawmy now present said "why do you this, the master is near Come and listen to him a word and then come away" I asked my father to allow me to go with him. He refused to allow me he went away with Chinnoo and Moonoosawmy and I fell asleep after a short time I heard a noise crying out "Torch light robbers Torch light robbers" then the peal Gopaul Rajoo my uncle came and awoke me saying "they are beating your father and catching him, run run" I immediately ran to the house, next the one on the peal of which my father had slept and there I saw my father's arms tied behind his back and Chinnoo Summundum and Moonoosawmy were dragging my father down the staircase head foremost Shummoogum now present was kicking him on his two sides of the chest whilst they were bringing my father down stairs Moonoosawmy Raicker now present took the large stick about an inch thick and six feet long which he had in his hand and struck the deceased on the back of his head after abusing the deceased and his Caste and saying "he robbed he robbed" after that they brought him out to the yard of the house and Summundum and Shummoogum were beating him with the middle part of the coconut leaf in the chest and arms. Then they brought him to the peal of the street and then Chinnoo shoved him by his back saying "go away" and father

then fell down on his face on the ground and Chinnoo fell upon him. Then the deceased was dragged by Chinnoo, Shummoogum and Moonoosawmy to Soobaroy Graming's house after taking him there Moonoosawmy Raicker took him by the hair of the head, lifted him up and throwing him down after giving abuse to his mother and Caste and saying "how do you rob how do you rob" Then I undid the knot of the rope and tying his arms. Then Summundum gave deceased slaps with his hand on both cheeks saying you have been robbing away all the things from this house, about this time the Police Tallyar P.M. came from Securus Garden Tannah, having been sent for by Soobaroy Graming. Soobaroy Graming and Shummoogum and Summundum told the Tallyar that deceased was drunk, water was dashed in his face, and the Tallyar tried to make him stand up. He was not able and then the Tallyar and another Pariah man carried away my father to the station. When they brought him to the station I went also, the clock struck one when they brought the deceased there to the station. When I went to the house on first hearing that my father was beaten I saw Soobaroy Graming now present standing with a light in his hand and came at the door. I did not see him strike the deceased. He was crying out "bring him out, bring him out" Chinnoo is Soobaroy Graming's servant Moonoosawmy Moodelly and Moonoosawmy Raicker are neighbours. Soobaroy Graming was there all the time and walking up and down with his cane in his hand calling out bring him out. I heard Soobaroy Graming call the deceased by name after he came out of the house and was near Soobaroy Graming's house, I did not hear him named before this Soobaroy Graming knew the deceased before this time he was Soobaroy's servant. Shummoogum Summundum, Chinnoo and Moonoosawmy Moodelly and Moonoosawmy Raicker all knew the deceased. Since those 2 months Soobaroy discharged the deceased from his service on suspicion of something. I do not know what. I was a servant in the Bazaar of Soobaroy Graming. I have not been in his shop since the day my father was beaten. I do not know the cause of the dismissal of my father, but when I used to go during the last month and a half to Soobaroy's house his wife gave me sweetmeats and told me to give some to my father also after deceased was in the Tannah Shummoogum and Summundum brought the four pots now seen and gave them to the Poon, I remained in the Tannah

all night, my father never recovered his senses. He was breathing hard. He never spoke from the time I heard he was being beaten, and went to see him. I came here to Hospital with him about dawn on Tuesday last, and saw him die at 10 o'clock on Tuesday last afternoon. When I saw the deceased on Monday evening lying down he was sober, we were both awake and speaking together. On Monday night, the people of Soobaroy Grammy had 5 torches, they are not here now. I saw no robbers. My father never was accused of stealing. Soobaroy Grammy did not prevent deceased from being beaten. The house where they were dragging deceased down stairs was empty, it belonged to a man named Venetytan. Soobaroy Moodelly keeps the key of it. I do not know how people got in that night.

[Signed] Vunderajuloo

Amardum being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith I am a little merchant and live in Choolay Moonsawmy Moodelly now present is my sisters husband about 10 or 11 o'clock I went to bed in my house in the street where Soobaroy Grammy's house is, on Monday night last. I went to sleep about 11 or half past 11. on the same night Shummoogum Summumdam Chinnoo and Moonsawmy Moodelly all came to my house. I saw them it was dark, light they made a noise and I awoke. They went through the yard of the house and upstairs and then I heard a noise as of a Chumboo falling. They did not say any thing as to the Cause of their coming to my house. I do not know any thing more.

[Marked] Amardum

Vadavoo being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith I am living with an an who is a Puntah puller. I live in Choolay in the street where Soobaroy Grammy's house is in the same house with the last witness, about half past 11 or 12 on Monday night last Shummoogum Summumdam Chinnoo, and Moonsawmy Moodelly and the deceased came into the house, passed through the verandah and went up stairs. I did not see them again. The deceased was walking with them, they were saying ^{to} to the deceased and shoving him all the way and holding him by the hands. They did not come down stairs again. my house down ^{the} inside

I do not know how these men came in. I did not speak to them. The next house to mine is empty, any one could get from my house to this empty house without coming down again. After 12 Indian hours after they went up stairs I heard a noise as of a Chumboo falling. I do not know any thing more. I never saw Soobaroy Grammy's wife and the deceased together in the house. They used to stand and speak together in the street sometimes.

[Marked] Vadavoo

Vadavoo being examined on her former oath deposeth and saith. I saw no torches. I never saw any men that night at all. I do not know any thing about this case. I swore because the Darogah beat me. The Darogah is here. I do not know the value of an oath.

[Marked] Vadavoo

Mungatha being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith I am not employed, my daughters support me. I live in the house of my daughter the last witness. I do not know any thing about the Cause of Mursoo Rajoo's death. I did not see any thing about it. I was in the house all last Monday night and my son Moonsawmy Moodelly now present was with me about 1/2 past 10 o'clock, we went to sleep all in one room. After we were asleep we were awoken about 10 or 11 o'clock by a noise as of a brass vessel falling upstairs. We all awoke and Moonsawmy Moodelly my son who was asleep on a plank in the verandah we all ran out into the street. Moonsawmy Moodelly went within into the street and went and awoke some people who were sleeping on the platform opposite my house. I do not know who they were. my son did not go in to the house again, ten or twelve people went in to my house. I do not know any of them, my son only drove them in, but did not go himself, the crowd went upstairs and returned without any thing or any one, none of the men now present were among them. I did not see any of the men there. I can swear they were not there that night. I do not know any thing more, except the people who went in to my house. I was in the street till 12 o'clock at night. Then I went into the house opposite mine and went to sleep. I was afraid to enter into my house. I know Mursoo Rajoo the deceased. I did not see him at all that night. There were no brass pots upstairs in my house so far as I know my house is the second house from Soobaroy Grammy's house on the same side of the street. The house between Soobaroy Grammy and mine has people in it. The house on the other side of my house is empty.

I saw no torches. I the two last witnesses and Moonosawmy Moodelly were all in the house sleeping.

[Marked] Mungatha

Soobaroyloo Naick being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said I am a book hawker. I live at Choolay in the street where Soobaroy Grammy's house is, the 1st house from Soobaroy Grammy's house on the North side. There is no empty house between Soobaroy's house and mine. I live on the same side of the street as Soobaroy does. Last Monday night about 12 of clock at night Soobaroy Grammy came to me and awoke me in my house. I got up opened the door and asked what he wanted. He said "Robbers came and entered. You had better come a little." I came out about 10 minutes opposite the house of the last witness. I saw a large crowd assembled. Moonosawmy Moodelly now present said "They are in, they are in. I have seen, I have seen." I then heard a cry "He is going away towards the other side." I saw nothing. I did not then hear any one say who was going away. I went away towards the back yard of my house and watched as that was the only way any one could get down. I did not see any one there. I heard then a noise "One robber is caught" and then I came and many other people who are not present came into the street then the crowd cried out "devrajah devrajah" then Soobaroy Grammy who was standing near Moonosawmy Moodelly's house cried "don't do any thing to him, bring him here, bring him here." When I first saw the deceased he was in the street. I knew it was Pursoo Rajoo when I first heard the cry "devrajah" he was so called from a handle. When I saw him in the street he was tied by his arms with a rope. He was then near Moonosawmy Moodelly's house, opposite the house next his house. Deceased was breathing hard. We did not speak. I did not see any one strike him. I do not know any thing more all the people took deceased opposite to Soobaroy Grammy's house in the street. Chinn had hold of him. I did not see any one else. He was surrounded by a crowd. I did not see any one beating deceased. I did not see any one with sticks. I am shortsighted and can't see properly. I then went away. I knew Pursoo Rajoo. He was a man of good character and used to work hard and earn for himself. I never heard of his stealing before. He used to drink occasionally. I saw him 10 or 12 days before his death under the influence of liquor but he could take care of himself. I only made it out by the smell. There is

an empty house in the street two doors from Soobaroy Grammy's house and next to the house of the last witness on the other side from my house. I do not know of any quarrels between deceased and Soobaroy or any one. I used to see the deceased going and doing Soobaroy's business. I do not know whether he was employed by him or not when I saw Pursoo Rajoo with his arms tied. I was about 2 yards from him. I knew him perfectly. I saw the large three of the vessels now produced lying in the street opposite Soobaroy Grammy's house. They were there before the deceased was brought up opposite Soobaroy's house. I do not know to whom these vessels belong when I saw the deceased in the street, there was one large light composed of a large wick in a pot of oil. I do not know who carries it.

[Signed] Soobaroyloo Naick

Parsooran Pillay being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said I am a sepoy. I live in the house of the deceased on the opposite side of the street from Soobaroy Grammy's about 10 houses more towards the South. About 10 or 12 past 10 of clock on Monday night last I took my supper and came out into the street opposite my own house on the North. The son of the man Soobaroy now present, Shunmozum now pointed out by me came to me and inquired if Pursoo Rajoo was in the house. I said he was not. Then Shunmozum requested me if he came to stand him to his house after that I went in and slept. I do not know any thing more. I last saw deceased alive at 8 o'clock last Monday night. He then took his meals in the house. I am no relation of Pursoorajoo's. I am a tenant in his house. Deceased used to sleep in the house and also in the porch of his house. I do not know where he went that night. He was sober at 8 o'clock at night last Monday. I did not see Vadarajaloo, the son of the deceased that night. Deceased was a sensible good man. I never heard of his stealing. I do not know of any quarrels he had with any one. I do not know whether the deceased was ever in the habit of lying on the opposite North.

[Marked] Parsooran Pillay

Soobaroy Moodelly being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposed and said I am a writer in the Accountant General's Office. I live in the street where Soobaroy Grammy lives, the first house in the street. On Monday night last about 12 o'clock I was asleep in my house, Soobaroy Grammy and some others came and knocked at

at my door. I saw he and came there. Soobaroy Framing asked me "There is a house
 You have in Mortgage, robbers have been entering my house and have gone into
 this empty house; they are there now." Then I went to the Peab of my house and
 saw a number of people standing opposite to the empty house with torches the
 one I had in Mortgage and of which I had the key. Then I gave the key
 to Soobaroy Framing. After a quarter of an hour. I was seated on my peab
 and I saw the robber led by two people holding his arms along the street.
 I did not see who the robber was, it was dark and a large crowd there was no light
 as they passed my house. I did not go to the empty house. I did not leave my peab.
 I did not see any one struck. I do not know anything more. I know Nunsco
 Rajoo. He was a poor man he used to earn for a fanam or two a day. Up to this day
 he was honest. I do not know of any quarrels between the deceased and any one.
 Police Rows come passing with this robber when they passed my house. I do not
 know of any way any one can get into this empty house except by the locked
 door.

[Signed] S. Soobaroy —

Rajoo Rajoo being only sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a
 Police Tallyan No. 34 attached to Choolay Darogah Tannah on the 6th of this month about a
 quarter to one in the night, the man Chiniah now present came and told me a man had
 robbed my Master of a Chumbia he is there now. I went to Lunga Common Court
 street and saw a large crowd I went into the crowd, the deceased was laid in the street oppo-
 site Soobaroy Framing's house in this street. Soobaroy said "this is the robber who robbed
 at this time Moosoodamm Moodely and Sannoo gum were present. I found the
 deceased with the piece of rope now produced and these 2 vessels lying beside
 him. Deceased was senseless. I did not then see any marks of violence on the
 deceased. Soobaroy Framing had a torch in his hand composed of a piece of
 rag, rolled up on a small stick. I did not see any one with sticks. I and an-
 other Tallyan took deceased to the station. He was hardly able to walk. He could
 not speak. His breath had the smell of liquor about it. Deceased did not
 vomit whilst I was with him. Deceased did not fall during the time we were
 taking him to the Tannah. He did not receive any injury in the tannah whilst

I remained with him. I went to bed at 3 o'clock and got up at 5 o'clock. The Darogah examined
 deceased in my presence and I went with the deceased to Hospital at Vepery. I saw marks
 on both of his arms, he had a mark on his forehead also. Deceased never spoke. I left the deceased
 at 2 A.M.

[Marked] Rajoo Rajoo

Parthasarthy being only sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Police
 Tallyan No. 34 attached to Choolay Darogah Tannah. I was in my station Monday night last
 at about 10 o'clock morning when Rajoo Rajoo, the last witness brought the deceased into
 the Tannah and laid him down. He was not breathing hard. He was drunk. I could smell liquor
 about him. I had charge of Deceased till he went to Hospital at 5 o'clock morning.
 He never spoke. He got no fall in the Tannah. I did not before know the deceased.

[Signed] Parthasarthy

Ramachandra Rajoo being examined on his former oath deposes and saith
 I was on duty at the Salt House on Monday night last.

[Signed] Ramachandra Rajoo

Mootoo saw my being only sworn in the Tamil language deposite and saith I am a Police Constable 230 attached to the General Hospital Tannoch. Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock during my beat in this road I found the body of the deceased lying in the road in the position now seen by the Coroner and Jury. Examined the body there was no marks of violence. Deceased may be about 40 years of age he looks like a beggar. He had no money. He has a little rice with him in a coconut shell. I have made inquiries but have heard nothing suspicious about this case.

[Signed] Mootoo saw my

Vully unnamah being only sworn in the Tamil language deposite and saith I am a Cook and live near this. Yesterday morning very early when I came out to sprinkle the dung water on the Road I saw the deceased seated on our Road. I did not know him. I asked him to get up as I wished to sprinkle dung in the Road. He made a sign that he wished to remain on the Road and spoke to me saying "I want to go out from here. I feel weak. I wish to sleep here." I then went into the house and after one or one and a half Indian hour I returned to the street when I heard people say that a gentleman fell down. I then saw the body of the deceased lying in the gutter. Deceased was Hindu. I went in immediately and did not see him again alive. I do not know anything more.

[Marked] Vully unnamah

John Lister Paul Esquire M.D. being only sworn deposite and saith I am Acting Surgeon's District and reside in Rindalls Road. I have examined the body of the deceased which is that of a man about 35 years of age spare and very well nourished, without marks of violence on the body. Internally the lungs and heart were healthy a little effusion into the pleura and a considerable quantity into the abdomen. Small intestines much congested and contained bloody serum. Matter with a few abrasions of their surface. Lower part of intestines healthy and with scybalous matter. Kidneys deceased pale, small and cortical substance granular and one of them had a small cyst in it. Stomach pale contained large quantity of indigestible food. Deceased I consider died from natural causes, namely disease of kidneys dropsy and diarrhoea.

[Signed] J. L. Paul M.D.
Acting Surgeon's District

Lazar being only sworn in the Tamil language deposite and saith I am an Indian man slave in the house where the deceased now lies. The deceased is my daughter, she is 4 years of age. Yesterday morning about 6 o'clock past 6 o'clock deceased was lying down in the house quite well. She got up away and went to the 3rd house to mine, to her grandmother. I did not see her again alive. I missed her at 8 o'clock morning began searching for her all over St. Thomas, Tannas and Triplicane, we looked into this well here twice, we could not find her about one clock my mother in law now present looked in the well now seen by the Coroner and Jury and saw the body floating. This well is not in my mother in law's yard but is 3 doors further down and belong to Peranday Naich now present. I went home got into the well and got the body out. Deceased used to go to this well to pick Tamarinds in this yard. There was no pot or rope found; Deceased was not in the habit of drawing water. I do not know anything more. The name of the deceased is Perianaigum.

[Signed] Lazar

Manukortha being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposite and saith I am the Grandmother of the deceased and live in the 3rd house, to that in which the body of the deceased now lies. About 7 o'clock yesterday morning I saw the deceased in the yard of my house, I went away and did not see her again alive about 10 o'clock I went to search as I heard she was missing. I searched all round and suspecting she might have gone near this well I went there about 12 o'clock noon and saw the deceased floating. I saw the body taken out by the last boatmen, who came when I cried out. Deceased was quite dead. She was in the habit of going to this yard to pick Tamarinds.

[Marked] Manukortha

Hugh Francis Clarke Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposite and saith I am Surgeon's District and reside in St. Thomas. I have examined the body of the deceased which is that of a child of 6 or 7 years of age in good condition and apparently deceased about a day and a half. There were abrasions on marks of external violence, several large blisters from decomposition, tongue, putrescent and there is froth in the nostrils. On opening the chest the lungs were much congested and with the lungs full of red frothy mucus. Right cavity of heart destitute of blood. Liver, stomach and intestines healthy. The stomach nearly empty containing only a little congealed water, no red patches or suspicious appearances. The child has all the destructive marks of drowning.

[Signed] H. F. Clarke M.D.
Surgeon's District

Mooneappah Moodelly being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a
Cathamachant I live in this street house. The deceased whose name I do not know was in the
habit of begging in this street. About 10 or 15 days ago I saw her at the fish Bazaar. I did not
see her again alive about 6 o'clock this morning when I came out of my house I saw the
deceased lying dead on the Pail in the position now seen by the Coroner and Jury I sent
people to the Sannak to inform the Pons who came and saw the body. I do not know any
thing more. The deceased was never before seen by me lying on my Pail at night.
I have seen her lying on other Pails in this street she had leprosy very much
/Signed/ Mooneappah

Ally Beg being duly sworn in the Hindoostanee language deposes and saith
I am a Police Pon No 336. attached to the Fish Bazaar Puplicans. I do not know
the deceased. This morning about 7 o'clock on information received I came to this place.
I saw the deceased lying in the position seen by the Coroner and Jury I examined the body
There were no marks of violence on it. The body had sores of leprosy on it. I
have heard nothing suspicious about this case.

/Marked/ Ally Beg

Hugh Francis Clarke Cleghorn Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith
I am Surgeon to the District and reside in St. Thomas I have examined the body of the de-
ceased which is that of a female about 15 Years of age. The body had marks of leprosy
and old standing ulcers especially one of great size on the left ankle. There were no
marks of violence on the deceased. The integuments of the body were bloodless and the inter-
stices were pale; the stomach healthy almost empty containing a little clear water. The
liver was diseased had some tubercular appearance and the heart contained a solid fibrous
clot in the left ventricle. I conclude deceased died from Natural Cause namely
disease of the Lungs and leprosy.

/Signed/ H. F. Cleghorn
M.D. District

Moodelliar Pillay being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and
saith I am a Hopper woman I live near this I am the Grand mother of the deceased.
The deceased's name was Radjo Bee she was 2 1/2 Years old Yesterday morning
about this time she came and had some hoppers from me and then along with
the Cheloh now present went away from the pail where I was I saw them go
into the Compound of this Mosque immediately this child came to me and told
me the deceased had fallen in to the water I went to the Compound of the
Mosque to the tank there got into the tank which is up to the waist in depth
and got the body of the deceased out of the tank. Deceased child was sinking
and rising to the surface when I went to the tank she was near the side. Deceased
was alive when taken out of the water and lived for two hours. She died at about 9
o'clock Yesterday morning I do not know any thing more.
/Marked/ Moodelliar Pillay

John Siston Paul Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon
acting for the District and reside in Pindall's Road. I have examined the body
of the deceased externally. The body is that of a child between 2 and 3 Years
of age in perfect health to all appearance; there were no marks of violence
on the body. There is nothing to indicate the cause of death. There is nothing
in the appearance of the body inconsistent with the idea of the child's
having been drowned.

/Signed/ J. Siston Paul M.D.
Acting Surgeon District

Poodoorambath being only sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith Sam the wife of the Deceased live in the house. The deceased plays music to dancing girls. Deceased had Cough for the last 2 or 3 years, he had fever, he took very little food. He was not much drunk last night. He was in the habit of drinking to insensibility he was not insensible last night. He did not take any supper last night. Yesterday noon he took some toddy and liquor. He so far as I know did not drink after this. Deceased was seized with purging and vomiting last night at Sun five 5 times purging and 5 times vomiting. He got from me no water nor any thing during the night. This morning very early he had some cold piece water immediately after first at dawn he had one purging and died. Deceased died of Cholera. Deceased's name is Parvathar. He is about 40 years of age.

/Signed/ Poodoorambath

Heatherajalar being only sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith Sam was music player to dancing girls live in the house next the deceased. I know the deceased. He was no relation of mine. I saw the deceased last alive at 12 of clock noon yesterday. He was walking up and down here. He was then in liquor. The deceased was in the habit of drinking. He had no Cough, whenever he used to drink a little he used to have no appetite but used to purge and vomit. I have heard nothing suspicious about this. The last witness in the wife of the deceased. Deceased and his wife agreed, lived together.

/Signed/ Heatherajalar

Mooguffur ally being duly sworn in the Hindostanee language deposes and saith Sam a Police Ben No 262 attached to Triplicane Miercasett Lannah. Yesterday about 4 of clock when I was in my station the deceased came to me and reported against the neighbors now present named Moosowamy that he was building here and rested a plank on his parapet wall. Yesterday about 1/2 past 5 evening I came to this place and did not see deceased again. I did not see deceased again alive. Deceased was sober when he came at 1/2 of clock afternoon, he spoke distinctly and clearly. This morning on information received I went into this house and saw the deceased dead. I know the deceased, three or 4 days ago he said he was sick but I did

not know he had a Cough. I never saw deceased drunk. I never heard of any quarrels in this house.

/Signed/ Mooguffur

Hugh Francis Clarke Cleghorn Esquire M. D. being only sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon 1st District and reside in St. Thome on the 11th instant at 5 P. M. I examined the body of the deceased seen by me with the Coroner and Jury. I heard the first witness identify the body of the deceased as that of her husband. I examined the body which was that of a man of 42 or 44 years of age. Moderately robust, without external marks of violence on the body. The chest was of moderate capacity and did not appear contracted on opening the chest the lower lobes of the lungs showed some degree of emphysema and I think it probable he had asthma to some extent. There was a dark clot in the left ventricle of the heart. In the abdomen the liver was found to be healthy. In consequence of instructions received from the Coroner I removed the stomach entire having tied both extremities; also about 2 feet of the large intestine. These were sealed up and forwarded to Dr. Mayer with the seals unbroken. I saw no marks of inflammation externally on the stomach. The colon internally however presented a nearly uniform red blush which conveyed at first sight the idea of Cholera or severe serous diarrhoea, there was no ulceration, no patches of discoloration. The redness was not deep but was diffused over the whole mucous membrane of the intestine, and did not give rise to suspicion. There was no particular redness about the rectum beyond what was present in the other parts of the canal.

/Signed/ H. F. C. Cleghorn M. D.
1st District

John Imbause Mayer Esquire being only sworn deposes and saith I am Chief Examiner to Government and reside in Tanjempet. I received a letter dated

15th Instant and an earthen vessel from D. Cleghorn. This was on the 17th Instant. The earthen vessel was covered by a piece of Cotton cloth tied round the neck with some twine, the knots which fastened the twine were further secured by a private seal of red sealing wax, the impression being a shield without device or inscription which I have identified in the hands of Dr. Cleghorn. The seals were perfectly intact. On opening Chelly the stomach of an adult human being was found therein with a portion of intestine. There was also a portion of a fluid tinged red, probably with blood. The absence of the fever arising from such viscera under such circumstances was remarkable in this case. On slitting open the stomach it was found to be thickened generally and corrugated. The viscera was free from redness except one very small patch near which were found to be some minute whitish matter which appeared to be solid, apparently a whitish powder unbedded in the mucous coat of the stomach. The whole of the stomach, the portion of the intestine and the reddish fluid were there submitted to the usual processes; the result of these processes was the detection of Arsenious Acid commonly called white Arsenic. The quantity found was such as to leave no doubt that the death of the deceased was caused by Arsenic—

1 Signed, John Mayer

Chm^o Examiner

to Government

Gooroo-sawmy, being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Subter in the service of the Nabob I live in the neighbour-house to the deceased.

The day previous to the Coroner's Inquest the deceased Pinnathalee came to me quite drunk and said "On Your friends You should build and not on mine" He

He was not speaking like a sober man—not as he usually speaks. I was then on my head. He then went away. I went to the Sannah and reported that he abused me after being drunk. I returned at 1/2 past 4 or 5 o'clock to my head and saw deceased entering his house but did not speak to him. He was then quite drunk. I did not see him again alive. I heard he died through Cholera. I know nothing more. I am in the habit of going to the house of the deceased, we were good friends we are not of the same caste but that makes no difference. He abused me because he was drunk. I went to the Police Officer to frighten the deceased. Deceased was in the habit of getting drunk. He had Cough. I know the wife of the deceased she and her husband lived quietly. I do not know of any quarrels.

1 Signed, Gooroo-sawmy

Roodoarambath being examined on her former oath deposes and saith—Deceased purged matter like water. There was no blood. The vomiting was like water also at gun fire he took his supper of Curry and rice as usual and he was taken ill in the middle of the night. There were four females in the house besides me. He then also the witnesses now present was not seen by me on the day before the death of the deceased. The witness Gooroo-sawmy now present was not in my house on that day either. I do not know anything more. Three of the other females who were in the house are now present. I made the Curry and rice the day before the death of the deceased. I always cooked the rice for him. Deceased never left the house after 12 noon of the day before his death.

1 Signed, Roodoarambath

Soobor being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Subter in the service of the Nabob I live in the house of the deceased. Deceased was my

father I am his step daughter I was in the house all the day before the deceased died. Deceased did not leave the house after 12 noon of the day before his death. He was drunk before 12 noon. He did not get any drink in the house. He had food at noon and after lamp light on the day before his death. He took his food at noon at night. He got upset and did not take his food in the evening. I do not know why. He did not go away in the evening at all out of the house. He left the house a little before lamp light. He was drunk when he went out. There was no quarrel. We all took our rice and Curry with the deceased. We each had a separate dish. We took out of a big Common dish. The wife of the deceased distributed the rice and Curry. The deceased did not eat any of the evening Curry and rice. I do not know why. Deceased did not eat anything after 12 noon of that day. I did not see him drink anything. Deceased was taken ill with vomiting and purging one Indian hour after lamp light. The purging was like matter and water, there was no blood. The vomiting was all rice which he took at lamp light. Deceased was vomiting and purging all night and died at dawn in the morning. There was no quarrel in the house. Roodoosawmy was in the habit of coming to our house. He had two mistresses in our house. He came there to speak and chat.

/Signed/ Sooboo

Sutchnee being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes and saith I am a common woman and live in the house of the deceased. Deceased is my maternal uncle. Deceased continually used to drink. I do not know whether deceased went out of the house after 12 noon of the day before his death or not. I saw him drunk in the morning about 9 o'clock on that day. and I saw him drunk about six or seven o'clock evening of same day in the house. About 7 or 8 o'clock he got some rice and Curry from the witnesses Roodoosambab his wife. He took the Curry and rice. We all took out of the same pot. Deceased had his rice on a plate given by his wife, and when he finished we had our rice on the same plate. The wife of the deceased had her rice immediately after the deceased had his rice. There was rice on the plate when the deceased had done; his wife did not wash the plate but merely added some more, and when she was done I took it with some rice. She left on it. I am deposed and sworn.

eat. The wife of the deceased was not sick during the night. Neither was I. Deceased became sick about 10 or 11 o'clock at night with purging and vomiting like water. The vomiting was white bilious, the purging like water. Deceased did not complain of any pain in his throat nor anywhere. He asked for water which we gave. There were no quarrels in the house.

/Marked/ Sutchnee—

Veera Sutchnee being duly sworn in the Telugoo language deposes and saith I am a dancing woman. I live in the house of the deceased. He is my brother. The last time the deceased took food was about an hour after lamp light the day before his death. He had no vomiting or purging before this time. After he took his rice he vomited about one Indian hour after. He first vomited the rice he had eaten, then white froth like. He purged white and like water. He went on purging and vomiting till he died in the morning. He was not drunk about 4 o'clock in the evening. He was drunk for all had our rice together the evening before the death of the deceased. The rice and Curry were brought cooked in one large pot and served to each in separate dishes. We don't eat the food left by him. Deceased did not eat anything besides the Curry and rice. The children took the rice deceased left. They were not sick after it. There were no quarrels in the house.

/Signed/ Veera Sutchnee—

Chellappah Naich being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am
a Gardener I live in this Garden. The deceased is my wife. Her name is Vellamah.
she was perhaps 30 Years of age, she had tooth ache for the last Year. For the
last 20 days she suffered much pain. The day before Yesterday evening I came
to our house and saw the deceased about 10 or 12 past 10 in the night in the house
I went to bed, she was missing about 4 gun fire in the morning I searched for her
and after that I found she was drowned in the well in the next Garden I went
to the well and found the deceased in the well floating. she was dead. The well is
in a good state I got the body taken out. I do not know anything
more.

/Marked/ Chellappah

John Estlin Paul Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith I
am acting Surgeon 1st district and reside in Remdalls Road I have
examined the body of the deceased which is that of a middle aged
man very much emaciated from disease. The surface of the
body is pale. Skin sodden no marks of violence. There is a Cancerous
affection about the under surface of the jaw stomach contained a
little Conjee water. Nothing suspicious.

/Signed/ J. Estlin Paul M.D.

Acting Surgeon 1st District.

Mooreappan being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a
Gardener I live in the Garden near the peach here. The deceased is my sister son his
name is Vigniasappan, he was 20 or 25 Years of age. The day before Yesterday about 1
o'clock morning deceased was sleeping in one side of the verandah of my house and
I in the other. Deceased cried out "Uncle Uncle." I awoke he said "Some thing bit
me get the light ready." I got a light the deceased had a cumbley near his legs,
deceased took and pulled that and a snake ran out of it I then saw some
blood near the elbow of the left arm of the deceased. I saw a mark as of a stroke
Deceased lived till gun fire in the morning. He came running here directly. He
got some Medicine from his brother here and became insensible and died. He did
not complain of pain. He was not delirious. He closed his eyes. I do not know
anything more. There was not much blood from the wound.

/Marked/ Mooreappan

Vellamah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am
daughter of the last witness I know the deceased Yesterday morning about
one o'clock I was sleeping in the next house to the deceased I was awake at this
time. I heard the deceased crying out "Uncle Uncle get the light, snake
has bitten me." Then this witness took the light and examined the arm
of the deceased. I saw some blood on the arm. I do not know which
arm. Then deceased and the last witness went away. I do not know any
thing more. I do not see the snake.

/Marked/ Vellamah

Goorooah being duly sworn in the Teloogee language deposes and saith
I am a peasant I live in Triplicane I know the deceased. His name is
Chuncho. He was about 40 or 45 Years of age This morning five of us came
here to draw water; the deceased was with us. we all were returning and came
here. The deceased came to the side of the road. I thought he went to obey a
call of nature and went away. He did not say any thing. when I went in
home deceased did not come I returned here about 10 o'clock four hours
after I had seen him here in the morning, and I saw the deceased lying
dead on the side of the road here. Deceased was subject to Cough for
about a Year He had no difficulty of breathing. I do not know any thing
more. Deceased seemed well enough when with us this morning.
He was Coughing—

/Marked/ Goorooah

James Nellie Esquire being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon
2^d district and reside in Kilpauk I have examined the body of the deceased
The body is that of a man about 30 Years of age in good health. There
are no external marks of violence on the body. His mouth was covered with
blood there is no external marks of injury in the mouth. I opened the body
On examining the Chest the left lung was found gorged with blood and on
further examination an aneurism was discovered at the arch of the
aorta attached to the trachea and which bursting from the exertion of carrying
pots of water escaped partly by the mouth and partly into the lungs which
caused suffocation. The death I have no doubt was produced by
Natural Causes—

/Signed/ J. Nellie

Surgeon 2^d district

James Nellie Esquire being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon 2^d District
and reside in Kilpauk I have examined the body of the deceased now seen by me
with the Coroner and Jury The body is that of an elderly man, is much swollen
and in a state of great decomposition scrotum enlarged There was no wound
made with a cutting instrument on the body, but I could not distinguish
whether there were bruises or not on account of decomposition I opened the abdomen
and all the viscera appeared in a state of inflammation, with a quantity of pus in
the cavity of the abdomen the result of inflammation One of the small intestines was ulcer-
ated allowing a communication between the bowels and the cavity of the abdomen The stom-
ach was nearly empty and was not more inflamed than the other parts There were no
suspicious appearances about the stomach indicative of poison I examined the thorax and
found all the organs there sound The swelling of the scrotum was caused by a collection
of water and not by a rupture The Cause of death I consider to have been inflammation
of the bowels This inflammation may have been caused by external violence or may have proceeded
from natural causes The inflammation I consider must have been of some days standing—

/Signed/ J. Nellie
Surgeon 2^d District

Cunnee being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Coolie I
live where the body of the deceased now lies I know the deceased He is my father His name is
Tondaroyan I do not know how old he is. Deceased on Sunday night last returned home
about 8 o'clock from grazing a flock of sheep. He complained always of pain in his testicles
He died on Sunday night last. Deceased had Curry and rice at 8 o'clock about 9 o'clock on that
night he was not able to suffer the pain and sent for his brother I do not know where, the
pain was he was holding his testicles and crying "appah appah." Deceased vomited, but was not
purged. He was moderately warm and usual He continued to vomit and died Yesterday morning at
3 o'clock He was sensible to the time of his death He got better of the griping before he
died. He never purged. He became cold he was breathing hard & slow There was no quarrel
on Sunday evening last my uncle and I were abusing each other before my father came in
There were no blows struck

/Marked/ Cunnee

Patchy Amal being duly sworn in Tamil language deposes and saith I know the deceased his name is Moortacherry and is my husband I have just seen his body with the Deputy Coroner and I say my husband was subject to Epileptic fits from his youth the last time I saw him in one of these fits was one month ago. I last saw the deceased alive four days ago. he did not complain at that time he had no other sickness beside this Epileptic fits he had the fits sometimes twice and sometimes three times a month.

[Marked] Patchy Amal

Madara Chetty being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I do not know the deceased I have seen the body but do not know the name of the deceased I last saw him alive Yesterday about two o'clock in the Afternoon He was then struggling in a fit at the side of the road he was foaming at the mouth. I do not know how long he was in the fit I went away and left him.

[Signed] Madara Chetty

Hugh Francis Clark Cleghorn being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon of the fourth district I have seen the body of the deceased with the Deputy Coroner and I say the body is that of a man about 48 Years of age spare habit I detect no marks of violence externally In his hand was a blunt flat piece of iron firmly clenched The toes were contracted and the jaws firmly closed there was some foam at the mouth and copious seminal emission I have heard the evidence of the two former witnesses and from these statements taken along with the appearance I have mentioned I have no doubt that the deceased died in an Epileptic fit.

[Signed] H. F. Cleghorn
1st District

Moortay Naicken being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Gardener belonging to this Garden and live near this. I am the father of the deceased. Her name is Ramatab. She was 4 Years old Yesterday Morning when I saw the deceased. Her name is Ramatab. She was 4 Years old. Yesterday Morning when I was working in the Garden the deceased was with me. I missed her at that time. It was her usual custom to go away home after coming here with me. I thought she went home at 12 noon. I spent home for my dinner called for the deceased and missed her also there then I came here to my master and searched all round these Gardens. I went to the tannah stations at about 6 o'clock last night. I came here found the cloth of the deceased floating on the water of this hole. I went in. I searched and the body floated up. Deceased was not subject to fits. She went towards this when she left me Yesterday. It were not in sight of this hole at that time I do not know any thing more.

[Marked] Moortay Naicken

Henry William Porteous Esquire being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Acting Surgeon 3rd district and reside in Pungumbankum I have examined the body of the deceased which is that of a female child between 4 or 5 Years of age in good Condition and wholly free from all external marks of violence, as well as free from any trace of disease in her internal organs. I believe from the appearances presented on examination that the death of the deceased resulted from drowning.

[Signed] H. W. Porteous

Surgeon 1st district
Acting in 3rd district

Mooreosawmy being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Police Peon No 814 attached to the Strange Tannah Moortay's Garden. Yesterday evening about 6 o'clock during my beat on information received I came to this place I saw the body of the deceased lying near the hole here dead I have made inquiries about this case but have heard nothing suspicious about it.

[Signed] Mooreosawmy

Robert Anderson being duly sworn deposes and saith I am a pupil of the Dartmouth College and reside in Vt. I know the deceased, his name is Robert O'Hara. I have just seen his body with the Deputy Coroner and Jury. I was yesterday about a quarter past two in the afternoon walking about the Compound in the Dartmouth College. I came to the well and I saw Robert O'Hara standing on the parapet of the well looking into it. I heard some one call out there is a snake on the other side of the well. I went over to the place and was trying to remove a few stones when I heard a splash in the water. I called out who is it that is drowning and afterwards ascertained it was Robert O'Hara the deceased. I did not see the body in the water. I waited for five or ten minutes with another boy to see if the body would come to the surface but it did not come. I called out for assistance and the sergeant of the school and some boys came. the sergeant sent off for the two gardeners who were leaning on the parapet of the well when the school bell rung and I left. I took the boy away from the parapet of the well he returned in few minutes afterwards. I went across the parapet of the well before he fell in. He fell into the well before the school bell rung. The masters of the school have forbidden the boys to go near the well. the sergeant of the school has charge of the boys while in the Compound. he removed the deceased from the parapet of the well. Yesterday about two o'clock the deceased went back to the parapet again a few minutes afterward the sergeant was gone. I did not see him. The boys are allowed to remain in the school but not to make a noise. the boys are allowed to go out during day and move about the Compound. There is only one sergeant in charge of about 250 boys.

Signed Robert Anderson

James Hillier Esq^r M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon of the 2nd District. I have seen the body of the deceased with the Deputy Coroner and Jury. it is that of a boy about eleven years of age. the abdomen is much and there are livid patches all over the body. at the lower and upper part of the abdomen are several abrasions of the skin as if the body had received a blow or severe fall. but there were no other marks of injury about the body. I have heard the evidence of the last witnesses. and from this taken in connexion of the appearance on the body I have no doubt that the deceased first fell upon the parapet of the well and afterward into the water where he was drowned.

the shock of the fall upon the parapet having prevented him making any effort to save himself. I know of no other in which the abrasion on the abdomen could have been produced than by the deceased body falling against some hard substance on some part of the building of the well.

Signed J. Hillier
Surgeon 2^d District

Affred Whelden being duly sworn deposes and saith I am a pupil in the Dartmouth College and reside at Painesville. I know the deceased his name is O'Hara that is his body and I have seen with the Deputy Coroner and Jury I did not see the deceased alive yesterday. I went to the well about half past two in the afternoon and was there told that O'Hara was drowned. I saw the two gardeners running to the well they both immediately dived down and came up with no body they dived again twice and on the last time the body of the deceased was brought up. the deceased appeared to me dead when it was brought up. That is all I saw. I immediately after went to school. The sergeant of the school was at the well when I went there he was ordering the gardeners to take out the body. The boys of the school are prohibited from going near the tank or climbing up trees. the sergeant keeps them away from the tank and well. the boys are not prohibited from remaining in the school during the interval of school hours but are not allowed to make a noise. The master of the school gave directions to the boys of the whole school a month or two months ago not to go to the tank or well he also gave orders to the sergeant of the school to see his orders attended to I was told so by himself the sergeant. It is the duty of the sergeant to look after the boys when outside of the school to prevent them going near the tank and climbing up trees. I have seen him repeatedly prevent the boys from going near the tank. There is no fence to prevent a boy from falling into the tank or well.

Signed A. H. Whelden

Lewis Piper being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Head Master of the Dartmouth College and reside on the premises. I know the deceased his name is Robert O'Hara. I last saw the deceased alive at half past nine yesterday morning I rung the bell at half past two in the afternoon to assemble the boys. Several boys were delaying in the Compound this is unusual. I went out to ascertain the cause of the delay - when I heard that a boy was being drowned in the well I ran to the well and saw two gardeners in the well who had just come up from the well not

not having found the body I directed the Gardner to dig again which he did, instantly and brought the boy up, the body was that of O'Hara the deceased. he appeared to me to be dead. I do not know how long the body had been in the well. the body was removed to the house where means were used to resuscitate him, but was ineffectual I went immediately after the ringing of the bell to the well. the Gardner and the Serjeant were there at the time. The duty of the Serjeant is to prevent the boys from going near the tank or climbing up trees. I have had no reason to suppose that he did not attend to the Orders to this effect. The boys are allowed to remain in the house but not to make an uproar. In the house the boys are prohibited by the Serjeant from going out in the sun. there is no defence to the Tank or well, there is one Serjeant to take Charge of about 213 boys when outside of the school. The boys are not prevented from going into the Compound. I gave special order, to the Serjeant about five months ago, to prevent the boys from going near the Tank or well or climbing up trees. There is a shady part of the Compound about six yards from the border of the tank all round and the boys are allowed to move about there. There is no other tank in the Compound so far as I know.

/ Signed / Lewis Roper

Alfred Thomson being only sworn deposes and saith I am an assistant Master in Docton College and reside at Chintadrepethah I know the deceased his name is Robert O'Hara I last saw the deceased alive about one o'clock Yesterday about half past two when the bell of the school was ringing I heard that O'Hara was drowned in the well adjoining the tank I immediately went to the spot and found two men diving into the well but did not find the body till after three or four attempts The body was brought up it was that of the deceased The body appeared to be dead It was removed to Mr. Pipers house where every means were tried to restore him to life but ineffectual I saw the sergeant in the Compound about 15 minutes before I heard of the drowning of the deceased I saw the sergeant at the well when I went there I have no order to look after the boys in the Compound This is the sergeants duty the boys are in the habit of going near the tank it is the sergeants duty to prevent them doing so I have seen the sergeant removing the boys from the border of the tank there is no defence to the well or tank

the boys are allowed to run about the shady part of the Compound near the border of the tank there is another tank in the Compound. it is not defended. the boys don't go near this tank the two tanks are about 250 Yards apart

1 Charles Alfred Thompson

1 Signed Alfred Thomson

John McCormick being duly sworn deposes and saith I am the Sycant of the Boston College and reside in Quincy. I know the deceased his name is O'Hara. I last saw the deceased alive Yesterday about twenty five minutes past two. I was near the Tank at that time. I saw the deceased standing near a Tree about 10 or 12. paces from the tank I told him not to go near the tank. I then went away to look after the other Children in another part of the Compound. about the time the school bell rung. And some of the boys told me that O'Hara was in the Well. I went to the Well. Called out for the Gardners and ordered them to get into the Well immediately, they did so. and came up two or three times without finding his body. I told them to go down again, which they did and brought up the body of the deceased, the body was removed to Mr. Piers House and I was sent off immediately for the Doctor. I think the deceased opened his mouth on his being brought out of the Well. my duties are to look after the School boys during play hours. I received order some time back from Mr. Piers to prevent the boys from going near the Tank or Well. and to keep them from going into the Well. The boys play in the shady part of the Compound near the Tank there is here nothing to prevent the boys from scrambling into the tank there is no defence to the top of the Well. any long right scramble into this. there is another Well and another tank in the Compound. the first is protected, the last is not. I cannot see the tank when on the opposite side of the Compound.

Signed McCormick

/Signed/ Mac Cormick

Lyotee being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposes and saith. I am a bandy
dancer. I live kept street. The deceased is my sister. Her name is Vichy. She was about 30 years
of age. Last Monday I saw the deceased here in her house quite well. I heard last night
Friday at 9 in the evening that she was sick. I came here I saw her and she complained
of fever. I did not feel whether she had fever or not. I did not see any medicine given to her.
She told me a pill had been given her for fever. She told she had sent for a medical man
and he had given it. The day before yesterday. I heard she had purging and yesterday she had
locked jaw. She died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. I was suspicious because I heard
that some of the members of the family here had given deceased some poisonous
medicines. There was no quarrel between deceased and the family in this house.
Deceased was a kept woman 4 days ago the man who kept her died. His wife
is alive and lives in this house. Both the wives and husband's relations live
here. There are no relations belonging to the kept woman living here. The
husband had some property two houses and some Jewels which the deceased
and his wife wore. Before he husband died he verbally left equal shares
to these two women. I do not know if there was a will. I saw deceased in this
house after her protector's death. She did not complain of ill usage. I do not
know anything more. I do not know this doctor. I did not see any quarrel
between the wife and the deceased.

/Witnessed Lyotee.

John Liston Paul Esq^r M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith. I am
acting Surgeon 1st District and reside in Rundall Road. I have examined
the body of the deceased which is that of a woman of middle age well
conditioned and free from external marks of violence. I examined
the chest and abdomen and found the peritoneal covering of the
intestines in a state of active fluid coloured and the thickened.
I opened the stomach and intestines but their cavities presented

No traces of inflammation or irritation deceased died of inflammation of the bowels
This was not caused by any poison but was a natural disease. There was no
appearance of purging. The mucous membrane of the intestines was pale.

/Signed J. Liston Paul M.D.

Acting Surgeon 1st District.

Veerabadren being duly sworn in the Tamil Language deposes
and saith. I am a carrier head. I live in Puvavallem.
I went with Dr. Paul to see the body of the deceased. The
body of the deceased was that which I pointed out to the Dr.
Paul.

/Signed Veerabadren.

15th Nov 1856 Venkata Krishnaiah Chetty. Deceased

Umayyammall being duly sworn in the Tamil language
deposeth and saith. I am a widow. I live in my father's house. I
know the deceased. He is no relation. He lived in next street
His name is Venkata Krishnaiah Chetty. I do not know
how old he was. Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock I saw
the deceased drawing water from a well. Now seen. He
was engaged by us as a coolie. He was standing on the
parapet with his feet. as he was drawing water and letting
down the pot he fell into the well. we cried out a large
crowd assembled a police from now present got into the well
and took the body out. Deceased was within 2 indian hours
taken out of the well. He was quite well when drawing water
He was not subject to fits. Deceased was quite dead when taken
out of the water. There was a wound on his head but I did not
see it particularly. I do not know anything more.

[Marked] Umayyammall.

John Lester Paul Esq. M. A. being duly sworn deposes and
saith. I am acting Surgeon First District and reside in Nundalls
Road. I have examined externally the body of the deceased
The body is that of a man about 50 years of age. in good health

apparently

apparently. There is a wound 3 inches long in the back of his head. but
as far as can be made out no fracture. No other marks of violence. There is
the usual sudden appearance of the skin of the deceased seen in
drowned persons, and there is nothing to lead me to suppose that
the statement of the first witness is incorrect.

[Signed] J. Lester Paul

Actg. Surgeon 1st District

Verappen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith.
I am a Police Man N. 343 attached to the Kidga Pannak. yesterday about
2 o'clock afternoon when I was in my station on information received
I came to this place. I went near the well now seen and with the
assistance of a rope. I went into the well and found the body
of the deceased in a doubled up position stuck fast in the well
by the head and feet. I took up the body by a piece of rope.
there were 7 feet of water in the well. I examined the body there were
no marks of violence except a wound in the back of the head
apparently caused by falling into the well. I have made
inquiries and have heard nothing suspicious about this case.

[Marked] Verappen.

21 November 1885 Vally Munnall

Kynamah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith
I am a rice peater I live here in the house now seen by the Corner and Survey
the Mother of the deceased her name was Vally Munnall she was 3 Years
old last night about 9 o'clock we all went to bed there the deceased was
with us about 2 this morning it was raining and our house was leaking the
deceased was sleeping I was seated by her side. A Brick wall over against
our house fell down on the Mudwall of my house and the Mudwall came
on us. The mudwall fell on the belly of the deceased. I tried to take the
Mud off the deceased but was unable to do so. I did not know when deceased
was it was covered up. I cried out the Neighbours came in but no light could
be got and nothing could be done. Deceased was taken out about 6 or
7 past 6 this morning. The Police Pons took her out. We could not do that
during the night it was dark all the house was coming down. I did not
know what to do I do not know any thing more.

/Marked/ Kynamah

Peter Manasseh being duly sworn deposes and saith I am owner of the
brick house now seen fallen down by the Corner and Survey I live there about
2 o'clock this morning I was disturbed from my sleep by the falling of the
wall I was sleeping in an adjacent room. I took the light in a lantern and
tried to look out but could not see any thing the light being blown out I did
not see any thing then some Natives were crying that their house was
falling down. About day break this morning I saw the Native put smashed and
I reported to the Tannah I was told that there was a child within when the
Pons came they burrowed the wall and dug out the child from the Mud
The child was down below 2 or 2 1/2 feet Mud. The child was covered from
the Neck downwards. I am not sure whether the chest was covered about 3 PM Yesterday
I found this wall cracked and propped with Paluyias and reported Paluyias to help

in the hut I told a man I believe to be the owner of the house I told some people who came out of the hut they did not
know I do not know any thing more There was a slight Crack in this wall for a long time Yesterday the
Crack was as wide as a Crowquill.

/Signed/ P. Manasseh

Vagapah Kachem being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am
owner of the ground on which the hut is. I helped to prop up the house of the last witness
Yesterday afternoon with Paluyias I did not warn any one in the hut of danger I
was not told to warn any one in this hut. I do not know any thing more.

/Signed/ Vagapah

John Sinton Paul Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith I am acting Surgeon
District and reside in Rindalls Road I have examined the body of the deceased now seen by me
with the Corner and Survey the body is that of a female Child about 3 Years of age in good Con-
dition the body presents no external spots or marks of violence but there was some mild
on the Chest and abdomen no bones were fractured Internally the lungs presented
patches of ecchymoses on their surface particularly round the margins and posteriorly
all the other organs healthy I have heard the evidence of the other witnesses. The internal
appearances corroborate the evidence of these witnesses.

/Signed/ John Sinton Paul M.D.

acting Surgeon District

Anthony Manasseh being duly sworn deposes and saith I am a Pensioned assistant
apothecary I live in this house when the brick wall is fallen down I yesterday along
with the last witness propped the wall with Paluyias. I told him to inform his tenants
in the hut that the wall was unsafe the Crack was about 1 inch wide Yesterday
when propped then I went to bed the Crack was worse I heard the wall
fall in the night I do not know any thing more.

/Signed/ Anthony Manasseh

22 November 1866
Sylandum Ummath being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a house keeper I live at Munday Town the deceased is my son, Kuyamooir Toolhamum Chetty He is about 25 Years old The day before Yesterday morning I saw him in the house. He was then well. He was a lascar in Government employ. He left the house about 7 o'clock in the day before Yesterday morning I did not see him again alive about 12 noon the day before Yesterday I took his dinner to the Fort I waited till 1/2 past 1 afternoon. He did not come I went away I do not know any thing more about the death of the deceased I did not go into the Fort with dinner but to the Island I do not know the place where he worked I did not inquire where he had gone in the Fort Yesterday a Lascar told me my son had died He did not say how

[Signed] Sylandum Ummath

Ammond Dontrie being duly sworn deposes and saith I am a Apothecary in charge here I was on duty Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock when the deceased was brought here in a dooly. He was quite dead. The body looked as that of a man who had been under water straws were strewed over the deceased There were no marks of violence on the body I do not know any thing more.

[Signed] A Dontrie

William Evans Esquire M.D. being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Physician to the General Hospital I have examined the body of the deceased externally There are no marks of violence on the body The body is that of a man in good Condition and about 25 Years of age The body had the appearance of that of a man who had been exposed to the weather I do not know any thing more I have no suspicion of violence having been used in this Case

[Signed] W. Evans. M.D.

Physician Genl Hospital

Chinniah being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am a Calasse Syrang I know the deceased last week on the day of the storm, the deceased was working with us at the saluting battery bar. He had no clothes on about 7 o'clock of that evening orders were given us to go away from the bar

I did not see deceased then, but I saw him at 3 Afternoon He did not then complain of cold or sickness about One hundred and sixty men went away when ordered at 7 o'clock past 7 o'clock They went with their Mamooties to the Main Guard and some went away about 50 were there with their Mamooties when I went to Guard I did not discover that any one was missing I did not discover any loss of Mamooties some baskets about 25 were missing I did not see deceased again alive I do not know any thing more about half past 6 o'clock next morning I saw the body of the deceased brought into the fort.

[Signed] Chinniah Syrang

John Hill being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Overseer Engineer Department I live in the Fort. On Friday morning last about 1/2 past 5 o'clock I was proceeding to the bar at the Marino Villa as I was passing through the battery Compound I saw four men lying there I called to the native guards to waken them as it was too cold They were in the shed I did not know there was any one of them dead, when I returned from the bar the deceased was still lying in the shed and I directed the deceased to be taken to the Fort Dispensary. I do not know any thing more

[Signed] J. Hill

Overseer Engineer Department
P.D.

23 November 1881 Arthur Christian Barrett
Henry William Porteous Esquire being duly sworn deposes and saith I am acting Surgeon
3^d district and reside in Punguimbakum I have examined the body of the deceased externally
The body is that of a boy of about 10 Years of age in good Condition and wholly free from all
external marks of violence. From its appearance I am of opinion deceased met his death
by drowning There is nothing of a suspicious Character about this Case.

/ Signed / H. W. Porteous
Surgeon 3^d district

Catherine Barrett being duly sworn in the Portuguese language deposes and saith I
am the Mother of the deceased I live here Yesterday morning at 1/4 past 11 o'clock I saw the
deceased here in this Hall. Told him not to go into the streets I went into the room and
the deceased slipped out of the house I did not see him again alive I do not know
how he got into the tank now seen by the Coroner and Jury. He was not in the habit of
going to bathe or fish there A man came Yesterday about a little after 12 noon yesterday
and told me a child was drowned in this tank I inquired of the neighbours and not
finding any son and the neighbours giving description that the drowned boy had blue
trousers which my son had I ran out immediately and saw the body laid on the
banks of this tank seen by the Jury. He was dead He had his clothes on, I do not know
if he could swim He had no fishing line with him. I do not know anything more.
The name of the deceased was Arthur Christian Barrett He was
10 Years and 3 Months old.

/ Marked / Catherine Barrett

Cooleen being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith
I am a horse keeper I live near this Yesterday about 12 noon a Gentleman
called out for me that a child was drowned in this tank I immediately went into the
place seen by the Coroner and Jury and found the body of the deceased lying sunk on the
mud under water the water was 10 feet deep. Deceased had his clothes on. He was
quite dead. I do not know anything more He had no marks of violence
on him There was froth from his mouth. His mouth was shut, tongue not
protruded. There were no children with him I do not know who the
Gentleman was.

/ Marked / Cooleen

24 November 1881 Menachee Usman
Parwady being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I am living with my
Mother the deceased who sells betel leaf I live near this place The deceased is my Mother Her name
is Menachee Usman I saw the deceased last alive last night long after lamp light when
we went to bed in the house she had pain in her belly for 2 or 3 Years she was poorer Yesterday
deceased lay down on her bed. He got up in the morning and missed the deceased
we heard no noise in the night Her clothes were in the house I began to cry the neighbours
came and searched the Police Pans came. We searched this well and my place
now present took out the body of the deceased out of the well in presence of the Police Pans
There was no pots or rope missing out of the house Deceased never used to come to this well
I do not know anything more. She was in her senses Yesterday she never threatened
to destroy herself my younger father and I were in the house alone with the deceased
last night.

/ Marked / Parwady

James Kellie Esquire being duly sworn deposes and saith I am Surgeon 3^d District
and reside in Kilpauk I have examined the body of the deceased which is that of a poor man
about 40 Years of age apparently in ill health. There are no marks of violence on the body
I have examined the abdomen and found that the deceased had been suffering from inflam-
mation of the living membrane of the abdomen which must have been going on for
some days. The stomach itself was empty and free from any suspicious appearance
Deceased must have suffered great pain.

/ Signed / J. Kellie
Surgeon 3^d District

Mooroogan being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposes and saith I
am at school I live with the deceased who is my Mother Yesterday evening after
lamp light I came from school I saw her lying down in the house I took my
meal and slept. I did not see her again alive. Deceased had suffered for
10 days from pain in her belly I do not know anything more I saw the
body taken out of the well about 7 o'clock this morning she had no clothes
on when taken out of the well. Her dress was in the house.

/ Signed / Mooroogan

27th December 1856. Vardappan deposed.
Iyasarany being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth and saith I am
Painter. I live near this place. The deceased is my son. His name is Vardappan. He was
12 years old. Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock I last saw deceased alive. He was
then in the house and taking meals. After he took his meals I saw him go out with
two kites I was working at home till 1/2 past 12 noon. I then came out into the street
and had information that a boy flying a kite was drowned in the river. I then im-
mediately ran to the river and saw the clothes of the deceased lying on a stone. I did
not see the kite. I heard that the kite fell into the water and he went to take it out.
He was accustomed to bathe here. I went into the river and searched with my feet till
I found the body. No part of it was above water. He was in water one span higher
than me. I dived every now and then and found the body of the deceased. Deceased was
quite well. He was not subject to fits. I do not know any thing more.

/Signed/ Iyasarany

Henry William Porteous Esquire being duly sworn deposeth and saith I am acting
Surgeon & District and reside in Durgumban Khan. I have seen the body of the deceased
with the Coroner and sury. The boy is that of a boy of 12 or 13 years of age in good condition
and wholly free from all external marks of violence and presenting the general
appearance of one who has been drowned and I am of opinion that the deceased
met his death by drowning. I have no suspicion about this case.

/Signed/ H. W. Porteous

Actg Surgeon & District

Columda Valoo Moodelley being duly sworn in the Tamil language deposeth
and saith I am a Coach builder and live here. Yesterday about 10 o'clock afternoon
I was at my Coach yard here. I saw a crowd came to the river here and saw the first
witness take the body of the deceased out of the river. I do not know any thing
more I know deceased and the first witness. The deceased was well treated
by witnesses. He used to blow the bellows for the Ironsmith.

/Signed/ Columda Valoo