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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from the Rev. W. H. G. PADFIELD, M.A., Principal and Secretary,
Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—Lovedale, the 27th August 1908.
No.—2144.

I am directed by the Committee to submit the following case for the orders of Government.

2. Florence Jane Watson, aged 16 years, a pupil of this institution, was admitted with the girls who were transferred from the Military Female Orphan Asylum, at the amalgamation in 1904; and is the sister of the boy W. C. S. Watson, who was the subject of G.O., No. 62 of 7th February 1902, a copy of which is annexed for easy reference.

3. The Civil Surgeon has examined her and states that, though he is not prepared, at present, to certify her insane, or advocate her removal direct to the Lunatic Asylum, yet he is of opinion that it is very undesirable that she should be kept in school.

4. The headmistress has repeatedly complained to me of the bad influence the girl has over her younger companions, requesting she may be removed at an early date.

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 6022/08, dated 14th September 1908.

Submitted to Government.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

II

Official Memorandum No. 2075-3, Educational, dated 11th March 1909.

The Surgeon-General is requested to be good enough to direct Major Niblock, Civil Surgeon, Ootacamund, to examine, with the permission of the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum, Florence Jane Watson, a pupil of the female branch of that asylum, and to submit a history of her case with his opinion as to the chance of her recovery under treatment.

Major Niblock should at present do no more than report on the case without expressing any opinion as to whether the girl should be removed to the Lunatic Asylum.

(By Order.)

C. A. SOUTER,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General.

III

Letter—from Surgeon-General P. H. BENSON, M.B., V.H.S., I.M.S., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 27th March 1909.
No.—100/284.

With reference to Memorandum No. 2075-3, dated 11th March 1909, I have the honour to forward Major Niblock's report on Florence Jane Watson.

ENCLOSURE.

Statement of case of Florence Jane Watson of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

Florence Jane Watson, aged 16 years, was admitted into the Military Female Orphan Asylum at Madras towards the end of 1901 at the age of 9 years. She had lost both her parents, of whose history nothing definite is known. She has two brothers, both of whom were in the Lawrence Asylum. The elder boy, after some correspondence, was finally admitted into the Lunatic Asylum, Madras, in 1902. For the younger boy, said to have been of weak intellect, some employment was obtained by the school.

When the girl was admitted it was noticed that she was somewhat eccentric in her behaviour and afterwards took to stealing such things as sweets, toys, etc., from her playmates. She was punished for every such act and subsequently became quiet in her behaviour and seldom came under notice for any offence, when it was thought she was improving; after her transfer to this asylum at the amalgamation in 1904, peculiarities in her conduct were again observed with excitability of temper and the propensity for stealing; and at longer or shorter intervals these would become more or less pronounced. During the past year she has taken to refusing her food for days at a stretch, and depending on what she is able to steal and secrete in her bed till night time. In her disposition towards her playmates she is very quarrelsome. Household duties in the school she wilfully performs so carelessly or indifferently as to elicit remarks from the other girls. Although due consideration is shown her, and she is treated kindly though firmly, yet when she finds she cannot have her own way she indulges in rude remarks against members of the staff, openly expressing her dislike and at times, in her excitable moods, becomes disrespectful and disobedient.

I have examined her carefully and am of opinion that she is of weak intellect and suffering from mental depravity. I am further of opinion that under proper treatment (which cannot, so far as I am aware, be carried out in this country) her chances of recovery are fairly good, but that her condition is likely to become steadily worse in her present surroundings.

W. J. NIBLOCK, Major, I.M.S.,
Civil Surgeon.

IV

Official Memorandum No. 678-1, Educational, dated 9th April 1909.

With reference to his letter to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 2144, dated 27th August 1908, the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum is requested to state at an early date whether Florence Jane Watson is a European or a Eurasian.

2. The Principal is also informed that if it is finally decided to transfer Miss Watson to the Lunatic Asylum, Madras, he will have to sign an order for her reception into the asylum, in Form B given in the schedule to the Indian Lunatic Asylums Act, 1858.

(By Order.)

C. A. SOUTER,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Principal, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

V

Letter—from the Rev. W. H. G. PADFIELD, M.A., Principal and Secretary,
Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

To—the Under Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the
Director of Public Instruction).

Dated—Lovedale, the 15th April 1909.

No.—211.

In reply to your Memorandum No. 678-1, dated 9th April 1909, I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, an extract from the Register of Admissions into the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum from which it will be seen that Florence Jane Watson's father was a European and her mother a Eurasian.

2. As no copy of the Indian Lunatic Asylums Act, 1858, is on record here, I have the honour to request that you will kindly send me a copy of Form B given in the schedule of the above Act.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the Register of Admissions into the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

Number on the foundation.	Name.	Date of arrival.	Date of birth.	Father's name, rank, corps, etc.	Nation.	Living or dead.	Mother's name.	Nation.	Living or dead.	Religion.
465	Watson, Florence Jane.	Transferred from the Military Female Orphan Asylum, 1st October 1904.	20th July 1892.	Bertram Chas. Watson, Private, Somerset Regiment.	European.	Dead.	Florence Emily Watson.	Eurasian.	Dead.	Protestant.

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 6022/08, dated 27th April 1909.

Submitted to Government.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 268, Educational, dated 3rd May 1909.

The Government consider that Florence Jane Watson, pupil of the Lawrence Asylum, Female branch, should be transferred to the Lunatic Asylum, Madras, if two Medical officers certify to her insanity with reference to section 7 of the Indian Lunatic Asylums Act, 1858. The Committee will note that before the girl can be admitted into a Lunatic Asylum an order in Form B appended to the Act is necessary. This can be signed by the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum. A copy of the form will be sent to the Committee as requested by the Principal.

(True Extract.)

A. BUTTERWORTH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, with a copy of Form B.
" Surgeon-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.

APPENDIX.

FORM B.

ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF A PRIVATE PATIENT.

(See section 7.)

I, the undersigned, hereby request you to receive A. B., a lunatic, [or an idiot or a person of unsound mind] as a patient into your asylum. Subjoined is a statement respecting the said A. B.

(Signed) Name

Occupation (if any).

Place of abode.

Degree of relationship (if any) or other circumstances of connexion with the patient.

Dated this day of one thousand eight hundred and

To

Superintendent of the Asylum at [describing the asylum].

STATEMENT.

[If any of the particulars in this statement be not known, the fact to be so stated.]

Name of patient with Christian name at length.

Sex and age.

Married, single or widowed.

Condition of life and previous occupation (if any).

The religious persuasion as far as known.

Previous place of abode.

Whether first attack.

Age (if known) on first attack.

When and where previously under care and treatment.

Duration of existing attack.

Supposed cause.

Whether subject to epilepsy.

Whether suicidal.

Whether dangerous to others.

Whether found lunatic by inquisition or enquiry under order of Court, and date of commission or order for inquisition or enquiry.

Whether any member of patient's family has been or is affected with insanity.

(Signed) Name

[Where the person signing the statement is not the person who signs the order, the following particulars concerning the person signing the statement are to be added; namely,]

Occupation (if any).

Place of abode.

Degree of relationship (if any) or other circumstances of connexion with the patient.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 268, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 3RD MAY 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Removal of one Florence Jane Watson, a pupil of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, from the Institution.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 689, Edl., dated 22nd December 1900.
" " 62, Edl. " 7th February 1902.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 14th September 1908, No. 6022.

What is known of the girl's parentage? Has she any friends or relatives?

H. D. TAYLOR—18-9-08.

Mr. Padfield states in paragraph 2 of his letter that Florence Jane Watson is the sister of the boy named W. C. S. Watson, who was the subject of G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902.

2. As regards the boy Watson, the Committee stated that he had no relatives whatever in England; that in India he had a grandfather and grandmother by marriage, but no blood relations and that the step-grandfather (Mr. Cunningham) refused to have anything to do with the boy. Please see paragraph 3 (a) of Mr. Mullaly's letter on page 2 of G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902.

T.K.—19-9-08.

Please see the notes with G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902. It is submitted that, in this case also, the papers may be forwarded u.o. to the Surgeon-General for advice—*Cf.* the notes on page 4 of K.W. G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—21-9-08.

There is apparently insanity in this family. The Surgeon-General may advise whether this girl should be sent to the Lunatic Asylum.

C. A. SOUTER—22-9-08.

Surgeon-General u.o. for remarks.

H. D. TAYLOR—23-9-08.

To the Public Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The case may be forwarded to the Surgeon-General.

A. GALLETTI—24-9-08.

C. S. SIMPSON—24-9-08.

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

I regret the delay in answering this, but I had to defer doing so until I had discussed the question with Major Illington. He informs me that he cannot, under any circumstances, give her a certificate of lunacy. So the question is what is to be done with her. Major Illington suggested that she take a situation, but I question if anybody, knowing her antecedents, would take her. The only thing I can suggest is that the matron of the Friend-in-Need Society be asked if she will take her and give her employment. If she is even fairly good at needlework, she could earn her living easily, but she would require to have some one to look after her. I propose interviewing the matron and will report the result of my interview.

P. H. BENSON—23-10-08.

To the Public Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The case may be returned to the Educational Department.

C. S. SIMPSON—30-10-08.

A. GALLEITI—30-10-08.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Please put up the rules of the Lunatic Asylum. What provision exists for removal of pupils from the Institution?

With reference to the Surgeon-General's remarks, it is observed from page 3 of G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902, that the Friend-in-Need Society declined to do anything for the brother of this girl.

H. D. TAYLOR—3-11-08.

Please see pages 8 to 13 of G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1900, for the rules of the Lawrence Asylum.

2. Rule 36 of the rules relates to the withdrawal of pupils from the Lawrence Asylum on their attaining a specified age, while rule 53 relates to the dismissal of pupils for misconduct. There appears to be no provision in the rules for the "removal" of pupils from the institution on account of any disability, either mental or physical—*Cf.* rule 37 which lays down certain disqualifications for admission to the Asylum.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—3-11-08.

The Surgeon-General is to interview the matron of the Friend-in-Need. If she will consent to take in this girl, it will be the best way out of the difficulty. There ought to be no trouble in effecting her removal if the matron consents.

C. A. SOUTER—4-11-08.

To lie over for a week. Then remind Surgeon-General *u.o.*

H. D. TAYLOR—5-11-08.

No communication has yet been received from the Surgeon-General on the subject. The file may be sent *u.o.* to the Surgeon-General with reference to the Secretary's remarks above.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—11-11-08.

C. A. SOUTER—11-11-08.

Surgeon-General.

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

I have already explained in my unofficial note No. 100/177, dated 15th February 1909, the delay in reporting the result of my correspondence with the Friend-in-Need Society. The Committee have now informed me that they are unable to find a situation for her or to admit her to the Home.

P. H. BENSON—4-3-09.

Please see the remarks of the Surgeon-General in his *u.o.* note, dated 23rd October 1908, on page 2 *supra*. The Surgeon-General there stated that Major Illington, who was then * Civil Surgeon,

* In October 1908.

Ootacamund, said that "he cannot under any circumstances give her (Miss Watson) a certificate of lunacy". Major Illington has since been transferred from Ootacamund and Major Niblock has succeeded him. It is for consideration whether the Surgeon-General may be requested to

Cf. Surgeon-General Sinclair's note, dated 3rd February 1902, on page 4 of K.W. G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902.

Vide Section 18 of the Act which defines "lunatic" as including an "idiot".

explain to Major Niblock that the Lunatic Asylum is the only place in this country provided for the care of idiots and to draw his attention to the definition of the word "lunatic" as used in Act XXXVI of 1858, and to ascertain whether he (Major Niblock) would consent to sign the necessary certificate. There seems to be no other course possible in the circumstances.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—4-3-09.

No other course seems possible. It is impossible to find a place for the girl except in the Asylum unless some private person took care of her.

C. A. SOUTER—5-3-09.

Exactly the same difficulty arose over the brother in 1902. Captain Williams, I.M.S., at first refused to give a certificate of insanity, but he afterwards withdrew his objection. Major Illington similarly refused to certify the girl now in question as insane, but Major Niblock, who has succeeded him, may take a different view. It seems advisable to refer back the case to him. It is not stated whether the girl is an idiot or what symptoms of insanitary she exhibits.

A. BUTTERWORTH—7-3-09.

This is a most difficult question. Of course there is ample power inherent in the Directors to remove the girl, but that does not help. The girl's future is at stake. If she is turned out and nothing more done, she will go on the streets. If she is found qualified by a stretch of psychological science to be the inmate of an asylum, she will probably be condemned to perpetual confinement. In any case if she goes to the asylum and is discharged after a course, she will find it hard to get a situation; but after all not harder than she will find it now, probably.

I think, as Secretary suggests, we should ask the Surgeon-General to direct Major Niblock, with the permission of the Principal, to examine the girl and send a history of her case with his opinion as to the chance of her recovery under treatment, but not meantime to do more than report on the case (not to certify it under the Act).

G. S. F[ORBES]—8-3-09.

Draft Official Memorandum.

A. BUTTERWORTH—9-3-09.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.K.—9-3-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—9-3-09.

C. A. SOUTER—10-3-09.

[Memorandum No. 2075-3, Educational, dated 11th March 1909.]

From the Surgeon-General, dated 27th March 1909, No. 100/284.

The Surgeon-General submits Major Niblock's report on Florence Jane Watson, a pupil of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum, Female branch.

2. The report was obtained with reference to Honourable Member's orders *supra*.
T.K.—29-3-09.
K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—29-3-09.

Major Niblock says that, with proper treatment, the girl has a fairly good chance of recovery but that such treatment cannot be given in this country. This precludes the Lunatic Asylum apparently. But the facts stated in his report look very much as if the girl really is insane.

C. A. SOUTER—29-3-09.

The girl seems to be insane and apparently Major Niblock would certify her to be so. If two doctors will so certify, she can be moved to the Asylum at Madras under the Act of 1858, section 7.

There seems no other course to take unless it is considered possible to deposit the girl to an asylum in England under the Lunatics' Removal (India) Act, 1851. This latter Act is referred to on pages 4 and 5 of Mr. Galletti's Manual and printed on pages 20 and 21. The same question was raised in connection with the girl's brother in the notes with G.O., No. 62, Educational, dated 7th February 1902. In view of Major Niblock's opinion that the girl has a fair chance of recovery under treatment in Europe, it may perhaps be worth while for the Public Department to go into the question whether this is a case where, with reference to the orders of the

This may be ascertained meantime—in case the information may be wanted.
G. S. F[ORRES]. Secretary of State, deportation under the Act of 1851 is permissible. It is not clear whether the girl is a European or Eurasian. Her father apparently was English.

A. BUTTERWORTH—30-3-09.

Perhaps the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum might be consulted as to the girl's case and the likelihood of beneficial treatment here.

G. S. F[ORRES]—31-3-09.

I should think that if two doctors certify to the girl's insanity, she had better go to the Asylum and the Director of the Asylum requested to observe her case and determine whether she should remain in Madras or be sent for special treatment to England (*i.e.*, if such a course can be followed. In a case like this the girl's removal to England would probably be a difficult and costly undertaking).

A. L[AWLEY]—1-4-09.

Submitted for orders whether Honourable Member agrees to the course proposed by His Excellency the Governor.

A. BUTTERWORTH—2-4-09.

Yes, certainly.

G. S. F[ORRES]—3-4-09.

Draft please.

A. BUTTERWORTH—3-4-09.

Draft submitted for approval. If approved, it may be sent to the Public and Judicial Departments for acceptance.

T.K.—5-4-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—5-4-09.

On the issue of the order the question whether the girl can be sent to England will be examined.

C. A. SOUTER—5-4-09.

Meanwhile ascertain whether she is a European or Eurasian. I suppose an order in form B is required. If so, who should sign it? The Principal, Lawrence Asylum? If so, better tell the Committee that this will be necessary when asking whether she is European.

A. BUTTERWORTH—6-4-09.

Under section 7 of the Indian Lunatic Asylums Act, 1858, before a person can be received into a Lunatic Asylum, an order under the hand of some person in form B* is required. In the present case the form has apparently to be signed by the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum.

2. A draft memorandum to the Principal, asking if Miss Watson is a European or Eurasian is submitted for approval.

T.K.—8-4-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—8-4-09.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—8-4-09.

[Memorandum No. 678-1, Educational, dated 9th April 1909.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 27th April 1909, R.C. No. 6022.

The Principal, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, states that Florence Jane Watson's father was a European and her mother a Eurasian.

2. It is for consideration whether the draft order below, which was approved on the 6th instant, may now issue.

T.K.—29-4-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—29-4-09.

Yes.

C. A. SOUTER—30-4-09.

I said "meanwhile" ascertain her parentage. There was no need to delay issuing the order on that account. Also, as remarked above, the draft should contain a reference to form B. I suppose the Principal should sign it. The office supposes so too. The Judicial Department should know and I suppose Under Secretary considered the matter. Issue.

A. BUTTERWORTH—1-5-09.

[G.O., No. 268, Educational, dated 3rd May 1909.]

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To

The Secretary,

Madras Government,
Madras.

Sir,

With due respect and humble submission,
I beg to state that I wish to be a student for
The Government of India Technical scholarship
for the study of Chemistry of Soap-boiling which
has been given to understand by the issue of
the Bengalee of the 10th march, 1909.

As regards my qualifications, I humbly
beg to state that I have read upto the Intermediate
class of the Calcutta University.

Fervently hoping that my humble
prayer will bear a favourable response,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

your most obedient servant,
Promotha Nath Sanyal.

This would do
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O. No. 2075, From the D.P. 2, No. 6022, dated 14-9-1908.
 " " 678, " " S.L., " 100/284, " 27-3-1909.
 " " 895, " " S.D. 2, " 6022, " 27-4-1909.

ORDER.

P. S.

No. 268, dated 3-5-1909.

The Govt. consider that Florence Jane Watson, pupil of the Lawrence Asylum, Female Branch, should be transferred to the Lunatic Asylum, Madras, if two medical officers ~~should~~ certify to her insanity with reference to Sec. 7 of the Indian L. A. Act. 1858 and ~~that~~ the Supdt. of the latter institution should be requested to observe her case and ^{to} determine whether she should remain in Madras or should be sent for special treatment to England. The Surgeon-General will be requested to arrange accordingly.

The Committee will note that
before the Form can be
admitted into ^{Domestic} Asylums
an order in Form B appended
to the Act is necessary. 6/14
This can be signed by the
Principal of the Lawrence
Asylum. A copy of the Form will
be sent to the
175 Comm as requested
by the Principal.

To
The Committee of the L.A. with a ✓
~~S. G.~~
-- S. G. ✓ Copy of Form B
-- D. P. D. ✓

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