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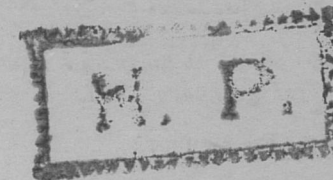
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READ—the following paper :—

I

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Bar-at-law, Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 20th February 1901
No.—R.C. 1142 (a).

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, three letters from the Acting Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, reporting the illness of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson, the permanent Principal and Secretary, and the temporary arrangements made by the Committee. Mr. Atkinson is recommended by the Committee for three months' privilege leave.

ENCLOSURES.

Letter—from the Acting Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 7th February 1901.
No.—L.A. 1.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Committee of this Asylum, at a special meeting held on the 1st instant.

Proceedings of the Committee of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum, dated 1st February 1901.

PRESENT:

C. M. Mullaly, Esq., *Vice-Chairman*, in the chair.
 Colonel Fenton.
 Major Mannering.
 Captain Williams, M.D.
 W. E. Schmidt, Esq.
 Colonel C. A. Liardet.

The consulting physician of the Lawrence Asylum, Captain Williams, reports that the Rev. Mr. Atkinson, the Principal, is so ill that he is at present unfit to discharge his duties as Principal and Secretary, and he has therefore placed him on the sick list.

Resolved that, as a temporary measure Mr. Maddox, the headmaster, be placed in temporary residential charge and Colonel Liardet be placed in temporary charge of the Secretary's duties, which he has agreed to undertake, as was arranged when Mr. Atkinson last went on leave.

Letter—from the Acting Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 8th February 1901.
No.—L.A. 2.

By direction of the Committee of this Asylum, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of their Proceedings No. 18 passed at the meeting held this day; and I am to request that you will be so good as to forward them to Government.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum, dated 8th February 1901.

Read report of the Medical Board assembled at Wellington on 8th February, on the state of health of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson, the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum.

Resolution 18.—Resolved that the Government Pleader be requested under section 3 of Act XXXV of 1858 to make an application under section 2 of the same Act to the District Court of Coimbatore for enquiry into the state of mind of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson.

* Will follow on receipt from Medical officer.

(2) Resolved that a copy of this Resolution and the report * of the Medical Board be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction in continuation of extract of the Proceedings of the Committee of 1st February, communicated with letter of 7th February.

(3) The Committee is further of opinion that as the absence of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson will probably be for a prolonged period it is desirable that arrangements should be made at once for the appointment of an officiating Principal and Secretary, and begs that Government will take immediate steps to temporarily appoint a competent officer.

(4) Under the exceptional circumstances the Committee begs to waive its right of nomination as there is at present no vacancy and the Committee knows of no fit person to act as *locum tenens*.

(5) In the meanwhile the Committee begs to recommend the Rev. A. W. Atkinson be granted three months' privilege leave as was sanctioned in G.O., No. 199 of 5th April 1897.

(6) Resolved that the following telegram be despatched to Mrs. Atkinson :—
 "Husband suffering mental aberration, under observation, Wellington hospital."

(7) The Committee authorises the Honorary Secretary to disburse such sums as may be necessary to meet charges incidental to Mr. Atkinson's illness and inability to attend to his own affairs, subject to future adjustment.

(8) Resolved that the Committee meet again next Friday the 15th instant.

Letter—from the Acting Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 9th February 1901.
No.—L.A.-3.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. L.A.-2, forwarding resolutions of the Committee and intimating that the report of the Medical Board would follow, I have now the honour to forward that report (which I have just received) for submission to Government.

Proceedings of a Civil Medical Board assembled at Wellington on the 8th February 1901, to report on the state of mind of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson of Lawrence Asylum.

President—Major D. Simpson, M.D., I.M.S.

Member—Captain C. L. Williams, M.D., I.M.S.

We do hereby certify that according to the best of our professional judgment, after a careful personal examination of the case, we consider the state of mind of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson of the Lawrence Asylum to be such as to call for enquiry.

Statement of the case of the Rev. A. W. Atkinson.

Age	Not known but something over 50 probably.
Total service	Ten years in Ootacamund.
Service in India	Not known.
Previous periods of leave of absence on medical certificate, or private affairs. }	Not known; not known.
Date of return from last leave	Not known.
Habits	Very good.
Temperament	Nervous.
Disease	Melancholia.

This officer has been giving way to worry for the last two months or so, with the result that his appetite has become much impaired, his capacity for work much diminished and insomnia has become very troublesome. For these symptoms he consulted one of us a month or so ago on a single occasion.

About ten days ago he developed marked symptoms of aberration of mind, became restless, and suffered from delusions. He has suffered from melancholia with one or two maniacal attacks superadded, and with some apparently lucid intervals since.

Disease not the result of his own imprudence.

We do hereby certify that the Rev. A. W. Atkinson of the Lawrence Asylum is in a bad state of health, and solemnly and sincerely declare that, according to the best of our judgment, he may be brought before a Medical Board to decide as to his disposal.

WELLINGTON,
8th February 1901.

C. L. WILLIAMS, M.D., Captain, I.M.S.,
D. SIMPSON, M.D., Major, I.M.S.

II

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Bar-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 25th February 1901.

Enclosed telegram is from the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum. They do not say when they want Elwes, but I suppose immediately. I have written to him.

ENCLOSURE.

Telegram—from the Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 25th February 1901.

Committee recommends Atkinson one year's furlough in addition to three months' privilege leave and nominates Elwes to officiate.

III

Telegram—from the Acting Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 2nd March 1901.

Proposing salary for acting Principal 500. Furlough allowance for Atkinson 400. Committee meets Monday.

Ref. on Cur. No. 1825, dated 5th March 1901.

Submitted to Government.

G. H. STUART,
Director of Public Instruction.

IV

Telegram—from the Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—the 4th March 1901.

Committee resolve acting allowance 500. Resolution follows.

Ref. on Cur. No. 1847, dated 5th March 1901.

Submitted to Government in continuation of this office Ref. on Cur. No. 1825, dated 5th March 1901.

G. H. STUART,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 130, Educational, dated 7th March 1901.

The Governor in Council considers that the present is not a suitable occasion for the grant to the Rev. A. W. Atkinson of combined privilege leave and furlough as suggested by the Committee. Furlough on half pay will, however, be allowed up to the end of Mr. Atkinson's term of engagement, viz., 9th December 1901.

2. The Committee's nomination of the Venerable W. W. Elwes to act for Mr. Atkinson on Rs. 500 per mensem is approved. Mr. Elwes will be requested to intimate to Government and to the Committee the earliest date by which he can join.

3. At the end of Mr. Atkinson's furlough the question of the appointment of a Principal on the recommendation of the Committee will be considered.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund (through
the Director of Public Instruction),
,, Venerable W. W. Elwes.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 130, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 7TH MARCH 1901.

[SUBJECT.—Grant of leave to Rev. A. W. Atkinson, Principal, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, and appointment of an acting incumbent.]

The Committee, Lawrence Asylum, in their papers recommended:—

- (a) Three months' leave to Mr. Atkinson.
- (b) The appointment by Government of an officiating Principal.

The Committee authorised the Secretary to disburse sums to meet the expenses of Mr. Atkinson's illness.

They have now sent a telegram recommending one year's furlough to Mr. Atkinson and nominating Mr. Elwes to officiate.

Mr. Atkinson was appointed originally in 1891 for five years and again appointed for another five years in 1896, and his term will end on 9th December 1901. It is therefore unnecessary to grant him one year's furlough.

The former Principal Mr. Dene, after 17 years' service, was given Rs. 5,000 as a bonus when he left.

Mr. Atkinson's pay is Rs. 800 a month. If he is now granted furlough on half pay until the end of his term—say from February 9th to December 9th—it will be 10 months on Rs. 400 or Rs. 4,000. If as is probable he cannot then return to the Asylum Mr. Atkinson will then leave, his agreement not being renewed.

Meanwhile Mr. Elwes if Government approves of his appointment may get Rs. 700 a month and Rs. 800 if permanently appointed after Mr. Atkinson's term is over.

The cost of this arrangement will be Rs. 300 a month from the time Mr. Elwes joins and about Rs. 150 a month is being saved until Mr. Elwes joins as Mr. Atkinson will get only Rs. 400 and the allowances to Mr. Maddox, etc., will come to about Rs. 250. The total additional cost will be about Rs. 3,000 or a little less. It will depend on when Mr. Elwes joins.

Under rule 11 of the rules the appointment of Principal lies with Government.

There are no rules about grant of leave and allowances and the matter can be settled as Government think best.

M. HAMMICK—26-2-01.

Leave of absence is given to Mr. Atkinson the precise character of which will be settled later. If there is any precedent for the Principal or the Headmaster of the Lawrence Asylum going on leave, please put on file and refer to Financial for remarks.

2. The appointment of Mr. Elwes to act may be approved, but Financial should also be asked about his allowances for apparently the ordinary rules do not apply—though of course they can be made to apply.

A. T. A[RUNDEL]—27-2-01.

H. W[INTERBOTHAM]—27-2-01.

A[MPHILL]—2-3-01.

For Council.

A. T. PRINGLE—4-3-01.

As I mentioned in Council, it does not seem a case for Financial.

It will be seen that in 1897 when Mr. Atkinson was granted leave on full pay Finance were not consulted, nor were Finance consulted in 1891 when a bonus was given to Mr. Dene. Nor apparently when Mr. Atkinson's salary was fixed.

The money will be found from the current balance of the institution which in June 1900 was Rs. 29,846.

The Government gives a fixed contribution to the Asylum which comes from Imperial Revenues and the Financial Department here has nothing to say to it.

Leave rules do not apply to the institution and it must be treated as a private institution over which the Government has rights of control.

There seems, therefore, no objection to Government making any arrangement it pleases with Mr. Elwes and on this point it seems only fair to Mr. Elwes to let him know at the earliest possible date what pay he is to get. Mr. Stuart told me, as I understood that he had told Mr. Elwes the question of salary would of course depend on the orders of Government.

If the Honourable Member agrees perhaps an order might issue [now saying that Government considers that this is not a suitable occasion for the grant of privilege leave + furlough as the Committee suggest but that Mr. Atkinson may be given definitely furlough on half pay up to the end of his agreement, viz., the 9th December and that meanwhile Mr. Elwes will be appointed to act on Rs. 700 a month;

that at the end of Mr. Atkinson's furlough the question of the appointment of a Principal on the recommendation of the Committee will be considered. It will be for the Committee to come up with a nomination when Mr. Atkinson's furlough expires—under Rule 11.

M. HAMMICK—5-3-01.

Furlough may be given to Mr. Atkinson on half pay up to 9th December next and Mr. Elwes can have Rs. 500 in the acting appointment as resolved by the Lawrence Asylum Committee.

A. T. A[RUNDEL]—6-3-01.

These papers came in this morning and I send them on. I do not know if Mr. Elwes will take Rs. 500 a month, but probably he would as acting pay.

M. HAMMICK—6-3-01.

See the other file. The recommendation of the Committee may be accepted.

A. T. A[RUNDEL]—6-3-01.

The draft below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN—7-3-01.

A. T. PRINGLE—7-3-01.

[G.O., No. 130, Educational, dated 7th March 1901.]