No. 25. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th February 1858, No. 5.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will lay before the Government, the accompanying deposition given by the Zillah Surgeon of Guntoor, relative to the prisoner in Criminal cases Nos. 56 to 59 of 1857, whom the Session Judge has acquitted, on the ground of insanity, of the charges of theft for which he was therein tried; and I am directed by the Judges of the Foujdaree Udalut to recommend that, under the provisions of Section III, Act IV of 1849, the prisoner be kept in custody, and medically treated in the Zillah Jail, during a period of six months, or for such time as to the Government shall seem fit.

Deposition of F. Fletcher, Esq., Zillah Surgeon of Guntoor.

1. *Q.*—The prisoner before the Court has been under your surveillance for some time; do you still consider him of unsound mind?

A.—Yes, I do.

2. *Q.*—The prisoner's relations and the other persons examined before the Court have considered him of unsound mind for some 4 years past; they depose to his often times talking very much, at other times being perfectly silent, roaming about the country picking up any thing he can, sometimes taking things out of one house and placing them in another and such like acts; does not this tend to confirm the statements made that the man is not of sound mind?

A.—Yes, I am of that opinion, and since he has been under treatment, he has endeavoured to hide any thing he can lay his hand on and also to break off any thing, such as hooks from the Jail cells, &c. &c., and that his peculiar mental aberration is shown by such acts as above specified; he has also a silly expression of countenance in frequently muttering to himself, and talking great nonsense; and I do not think he is of sufficient sound mind to control his acts, and his propensity to pilfer; I do not consider that any benefit has been derived from treatment, and from his advanced age, there is little probability of his being benefited by further treatment.

(Signed) F. FLETCHER,
Civil Surgeon.

Solemnly affirmed before me, in open Court this 10th day of February 1858.

(Signed) T. ONSLOW,
Session Judge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 260 dated 26th February 1858.

Under the provisions of Act IV of 1849, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the detention in custody, of the prisoner referred to in the foregoing letter, for a period of six months.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Encl. F. Cartledge.

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Under the provisions of Act IV of 1849, the Right Honble the Governor in Council authorizes the detention in custody, of the prisoner referred to in the foregoing letter for a period of six months

W.M. Coldstream Esqr
26th January 1858.

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