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No. 57. Read the following letter from A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Officiating Sessions Judge of Tinnevelly; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th November 1859, No. 839.

I have the honor to report for the final Orders of Government thereon, the committal under Act IV of 1849, of a criminal lunatic named Aroonachellum to the Jail under my charge, and I also beg to forward the original letter from the Principal Sudder Ameen to me and the Medical Officer's opinion, together with the report of trial.

From KRISTNASAMY, Principal Sadr Amín of Tinnevelly; to A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Officiating Sessions Judge of Tinnevelly, dated 3rd November 1859, No. 637.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the purpose of being kept in safe custody in the Jail under your charge and the opinion of the Government regarding him being ascertained under Section III, Act IV of 1849, one Arunachalum, the prisoner in Criminal Case No. 116 of 1859, whom I acquitted on the ground of the offence, with which he stood charged, having been committed by him when in an unsound state of mind.

2. The reasons for the acquittal are shewn in detail in the A Report* accompanying this letter, and the enclosures Nos. II and III contain the opinion of the Medical Officer on the prisoner's state of mind, formed from personal observation.

**Enclosure No. I.*

3. Although the Medical Officer states in his deposition (enclosure No. III) that the prisoner exhibited no symptoms of violence during the time he remained under his observation, yet I consider his liberation unsafe, as it is not unlikely that he might commit some serious mischief to the public, when, on some future occasion, he may be attacked with a similar fit of disease.

From F. L. CLEMENTSON, Esq., Zillah Surgeon; to the Deputy Magistrate of Tinnevelly, dated Palamcottah, 25th October 1859.

With reference to your letter dated 4th October 1859, I have the honor to inform you that the individual* therein referred to, appears to be of unsound mind and, as far as I can ascertain, is subject to periodical fits of insanity.

**Arnachellum.*

(True copy.)

(Signed) KRISTNASAMY,
Principal Sudr Ameen.

Deposition given on oath before the Principal Sadr Amín of Tinnevelly on the 1st November 1859, by F. L. Clementson, Esquire, Zillah Surgeon of Tinnevelly.

I have seen the prisoner before the Court. He was, for some time, under my medical observation. I believe him to be of unsound mind. During the whole of the time he was under my observation, he gave evidence of unsoundness of mind. From the evidence of his relations as stated to me, his fits of unsoundness of mind are not permanent, although, from my own observation, I cannot say so. His state of mind does not appear to me to be the result of indulging in noxious drugs but the effect of disease. His disease appears to me to be of such a nature as not to render him accountable for his actions. Whilst under my medical observation, from my conversations with him every morning at the hospital visit, I concluded, from the nature of his replies, which were often absurd and incoherent, that he was of unsound mind. I am not of opinion that he was feigning. He was subjected to medical treatment whilst under observation.

In my opinion, the prisoner was still of unsound mind when discharged from the hospital. He has shown no symptoms of violence, whilst under my medical observation.

(Signed) F. L. CLEMENTSON,

Taken on oath before me in open Court on the 1st November 1859.

(Signed) KRISTNASAMY,
Principal Sadr Amin.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) KRISTNASAMY,
Principal Sadr Amin.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1859, No. 1612.

The lunatic Aroonachellum appears to be harmless. The Sessions Judge will ascertain whether his relatives will take charge of him. If so, he may be made over to them. If they will not, further report should be made to Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The lunatic Aroonachellum.

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Under the provisions of Act IV of 1849, the Govt. direct that the Sessions Judge will ascertain whether his relatives will take charge of him. If so he may be made over to them. If they will not further report should be made to Government.

The Sessions Judge
" Principal Sadr Amin } Tinnevelly Dispd 29th
" Magistrates —
" Inspector General of Police.
" Tahsildars & Adchals.