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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th September 1862.*

No. 202. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of the Godavery District; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Rajahmundry, 8th September 1862, No. 331.

I have the honor to state that an insane woman named Mallapudi Chinnammi is now in my custody. She has not committed any punishable offence, but her conduct is noisy and troublesome to the public. She has no relatives who can be required to take care of her.

2. Act XXXVI of 1858, Section IV, provides that such Lunatics should be treated in the Asylum established for the Division in which the Magistrate's jurisdiction is situate; but, as the Government are aware, no such Asylum has yet been established in this Division. I, following the course previously adopted, requested the Session Judge to admit the Lunatic into the Jail Hospital. The Session Judge in reply states that if she were admitted, she would disturb the Convicts at night and render them incapable of performing their appointed tasks the following day. No doubt there is considerable force in the Session Judge's objections. The Jail Hospital is certainly not a good place for the confinement of Lunatics.

3. The Zila Surgeon certifies that the woman is a fit subject to be admitted into a Lunatic Asylum.

4. I then requested the Officer in charge of the Lunatic Asylum at the Presidency to inform me whether he would be prepared to admit the Lunatic into the Asylum if she was sent to Madras. This Officer informed me in reply that, there being at present no accommodation available, he submitted the matter for the instructions of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, who has instructed him to tell me that, when accommodation is available, the patient will be admitted if she is then troublesome and dangerous to the public.

5. Under these circumstances I am compelled to bring the subject under the consideration of Government that they may be pleased to determine what course is to be followed in regard to the Lunatic in question, and others, under similar circumstances, pending the construction of the Lunatic Asylums contemplated in Act XXXVI of 1858.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1862, No. 1,554.

The insane woman in question does not appear to be dangerous. She may be sent to the village from which she came, and the Heads of the village instructed to look after her.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Magistrate of
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