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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
30th June 1863.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 303. From ROBERT COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 17th June 1863, No. 123. Adverting to the Order of Government, Judicial Department, No. 100, dated 24th January last, I have the honor to forward a report on prisoner Chokamah *alias* Ponnee by the Medical Officer in charge of the Lunatic Asylum, dated 30th ultimo, No. 13.

From Assistant Surgeon S. MASON, Lunatic Asylum; to J. McKENNA, Esq., M.D., Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency, dated Madras, 30th May 1863, No. 92.

I have the honor to submit, in obedience to the Order of Government, dated 24th January 1863, No. 100, the following report on the case of Chokamah *alias* Ponnee, who was sent to the Lunatic Asylum after trial at the Supreme Court for attempt to murder.

This patient has been under observation from the 27th January last, the date on which she was admitted into the Asylum, and has never once since then manifested, either by her manner or conversation, any symptom to indicate an unsound state of mind, and has conducted herself in all respects with propriety. For the last three months she has been allowed to assist the servants in attendance on refractory female patients, and although on these occasions she has been at times rudely used by the patients, and their language to her has been very offensive, she invariably evinced temper and calmness, and even a degree of intelligence in her efforts to soothe and quiet them, not common in people of her class. I have no hesitation in saying that she is perfectly sane, and Dr. Montgomery, the "visiting Physician" to the Asylum, after closely examining the patient, concurs in this opinion.

(Signed) J. McKENNA, M.D.,
Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police for inquiry as to whether the Lunatic has any relatives or friends, to whose charge she may be made over.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 304. From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th June 1863, No. 87.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, No. 123, together with its enclosure, referred to me on the 23rd instant, and to report that the woman Chokamah has not any relatives, but that the parents of the man, under whose protection she formerly lived but who is now dead, are willing to receive and take charge of her.

No. 304 A. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1863, No. 1,038.

The Commissioner of Police will make over the Lunatic, Chokamah, to the care of the parties referred to.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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