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Read the following papers:—

No. 211. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 19th December 1862, No. 677.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the range of building now used as a Subsidiary Jail at Cannanore would, in my opinion, at small cost be convertible into a sufficiently good Lunatic Asylum.

2. I have seen Dr. Cornish, who, I believe, has made the subject of lunacy his peculiar study, and from what he tells me of his own views and those of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, I think there will be no difficulty in adapting the building to the purpose at small cost.

3. There is at Cannanore a large building used as a Station Hospital about a mile and a half from the Fort, and which, with a little alteration to provide for the security of the prisoners, would accommodate more Convicts than can be kept in the building now used as a Jail, the only occupants at the time of my visit were two Convict patients, one of whom had a cold, and the other itch and one other in-patient.

4. Major Ewart proposed that the present extensive and little occupied Hospital be used as a Jail, and that the building (a Barrack) now occupied as a grain store and situate between and in the line of the two Native Regimental Hospitals be used as a Hospital, an arrangement that seems to me in every way advisable and which would allow of the present Jail building being devoted to the purpose of an Asylum.

5. I need not say that at present the arrangement for treating such Convicts is most inconvenient and expensive, two men, with trivial ailments, are sent under charge of two Constables, to a Hospital, nearly two miles from the Jail, and are wholly removed from the supervision of the prison's Officers. A separate establishment is of necessity maintained for the Hospital which as I stated had at the time of my visit one free in-patient.

6. Dr. Forbes, Inspector General of Hospitals, is now here, and I have spoken to him on the subject of the Lunatic Asylum, I would beg to submit to Government that advantage should be taken of his being here to obtain from him a report on my proposition after a personal inspection of the locality.

7. I found in the prison of Tellicherry four insane patients, three of whom had been committed by the Joint Magistrate of Cannanore, one was I believe apprehended on criminal charge—but I write from memory having mislaid my notes, this man is decidedly dangerous; of the three committed by the Joint Magistrate one is a woman, whose insanity is chiefly manifested in excessive lewdness.

Number of Lunatics now confined on the Western Coast.
P. S.—26th December, all were sent in by the Joint Magistrate as dangerous, not Criminal Lunatics.

8. At Calicut the only dangerous insane patient was a prisoner sentenced for culpable homicide to imprisonment for life, in July 1846, and whose case comes under Section 396 of the Criminal Procedure Code; his first year of sentence was passed in the solitary cells, and this Dr. Wyndowe states, seems to have induced a state of extreme melancholy passing into insanity, from which he was relieved by an attack of small pox; six months ago his lunacy returned and manifested itself by his rushing on an armed guard when he received a bayonet wound. Dr. Wyndowe has expressed his opinion that this man should be transferred to a Lunatic Asylum, and in this opinion I concur.

9. There was another patient, a Tier, convicted by the Sessions Judge of criminal assault and sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment from the 15th June 1860; Dr. Wyndowe is of opinion that previous to conviction he showed symptoms of insanity, he speaks of him as generally inoffensive, and suggests that as only six months of his sentence remain he should, if his friends undertake the responsibility, be restored to them; this I shall notice in a separate letter.

10. The only other patient I saw, a Christian of the name Coochary Piloo at Cochin, was admitted a week before I saw him, there were charges against him, and he was detained by the Joint Magistrate under observation, his removal is not desirable.

P. S.—Since escaped 26th December.

11. I have appended brief reports giving a sketch of each case furnished at my request by the Zillah Surgeons.

12. I had not time to visit Mangalore being anxious that nothing avoidable should delay the submission of my Budget Estimates the completion of which had already been most inconveniently delayed, there was at Mangalore on the 1st November one insane person, acquitted, but confined under the Act, making a total of eight Lunatics in the Jails on the Western Coast.

13. I may remark that practically Act XXXVI of 1858, Section IV has, except in the Cantonment of Cannanore, been a dead letter in these Districts, in which I believe insanity is not unfrequent, and where, with some classes, persons so afflicted are treated with deference, whether with the new Police, committals will be more frequent I cannot say, but I think that if relatives were sure of humane, and judicious, treatment to insane members of their families, recourse to the Asylum would be of frequent occurrence.

14. From inquiries on the spot I found that the price of laterite stones has raisen at Cannanore to 30 Rupees per 1,C00, that a prisoner can cut 15 stones a day, that there is considerable difficulty in obtaining stone even at the price quoted. Whether my proposition above meets the views of Government or not, there will be room for fifty more Convicts at this Station, and as a transfer from the crowded and often unhealthy Calicut Jail to this, instead of to Pandiangady, will be attended with little, if any extra cost, while a transfer to the former Subsidiary Jail at Pandiangady (lately abandoned) would involve increased demand for guards. I have sanctioned the transfer of fifty Convicts to Cannanore with the view to their employment in stone cutting, the stones if not wanted for the Central Prison may be sold.

15. On looking at the site given up for the Central Prison, I find the plan must be modified to suit the ground, this can be done whenever the Government are prepared to direct the commencement of the work. My own impression is that with 1,000 Rupees a year allowed in aid of Convict labor the building might creep on till its completion is sanctioned and that the cost in this way may be materially reduced.

16. Convict labor cannot be so economically applied when there is pressure for the completion of a work.

DANGEROUS LUNATIC.

KONNATODDY POOKER ÆT 30, MOPLAH CASTE.

This man was found guilty by the Sessions Judge of culpable homicide and sentenced to imprisonment for life on the 4th July 1846. As far as can be ascertained of his history previous to the committal of the crime he had shown no symptoms of insanity nor does he appear to have any hereditary predisposition to mental disease.

2. The first year of his sentence was spent in the solitary cells, and that seems to have induced a state of extreme melancholy passing into insanity; at the end of a year he had a severe attack of small pox, on recovery from which he appears to have quite regained his reasoning faculty and to have remained completely free from all symptoms of mental disease until six months ago when he suddenly attacked one of the Peons receiving a bayonet wound below the left breast. Since then he has been silent and reserved in his habits refusing to reply to questions, laughing to himself, &c., &c., and prove to sudden fits of excitement when he springs at and attempts to injure those about him, he is consequently obliged as a measure of security to be kept confined

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3. I am of opinion that if practicable this patient should be transferred to a Lunatic Asylum it being quite impossible in a Jail intended for criminals to carry out that system of moral and other treatment so essential to the alleviation of mental disease.

CALICUT,
1*st December* 1862.

(Signed) S. JARDINE WYNDOWE, M. D.,
Civil Surgeon.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

COOCHARY PILLO, ÆT 61, M. CHRISTIAN.

November 30th, 1862. First came under treatment in the evening. He was in a violent state of excitement in the verandah of the Police Station and was at once conveyed to the Jail for security and treatment.

He complained that he had been much irritated at his house being frequently chained up to a log of wood and likewise beaten; that a fortnight previously the neighbours during his absence had induced his wife to forsake his house and likewise that his sons by his first marriage were playing him tricks respecting his money. He appears to have caught four women, whom he suspected of having induced his wife to desert and given them a good beating.

December 3rd. Since he has been in Jail and had sedative medicine, his pulse has become quiet, he states he enjoys rest at night time, he never had before, but he wishes to get away to see after his property.

If he is detained in Jail he will fret, if sent to Calicut he will become much worse, and if allowed to go home and the irritating treatment to which he has been subjected is continued he will inevitably at once become worse. The best course in a Medical point of view appears to be to allow him to continue under treatment in the Cochin Jail.

COCHIN,
8*th December* 1862.

(Signed) FRANCIS DAY,
Civil Surgeon.

Statement of dangerous Lunatics.

Insane woman Pattoo, admitted June 7th, 1862, sent by the Joint Magistrate of Cannanore.	This woman has been in prison since June 7th, she is not very violent, occasionally so to persons of her own sex only silly, laughing conduct, with much lewdness and openly expressed desire for the society of men are the chief characteristics she exhibits. Under proper female superintendence, firm and somewhat severe surveillance she ought, I think, to be soon cured.
Moyen Cootty, admitted August 19th, 1862, sent by Joint Magistrate, Cannanore.	This is a silly half-witted fellow, not dangerous when looked after; easily impressed by correction and reproof. Is however totally unable to take care of himself and should be confined.
Shaik Selly (supposed name) admitted August 27th, 1862.	A dangerous, violent Lunatic; when admitted more like a wild beast than a man, somewhat improved now, but still at times very unruly; he obstinately refuses to wear any clothing even now. He would when admitted dance about all day rattling his chains much like a Bear, or a Monkey tied to a tree, for it was found necessary to fasten him to the big tree in the yard. His peculiarities are very unpleasant, one is dirtying the ward every night, and

plastering himself and others with the erdure another, but they are all filthy and not worth recording.

He is decidedly dangerous, and although somewhat improved since admittance, is a Lunatic of a bad type, and requires constant looking after.

Andy, admitted October 11th, 1862.

A morose, silent man, very cunning, and of whom it is sometimes doubtful whether he is mad, or acting. His history is that he was a cook in a European Regiment, has had some family difficulties, deserted his wife, &c.; he was sent here by the Joint Magistrate of Cannanore; he has shown no violence since here, only occasionally abusing his attendants; he too commenced dirtying the ward, but a little rattan made him change his mind on the subject. I think he should be still confined and watched.

(Signed) M. C. FURNELL,
Zillah Surgeon.

5th December 1862.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 211 A. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 26th December 1862, No. 683.

Judicial Department.

With reference to my letter of the 19th instant, paragraph 9, I have the honor to submit the case of the insane prisoner Koroo, a young Tier, sentenced by the Sessions Judge of Calicut to 3 years' imprisonment for criminal assault, for the favorable consideration of Government.

The Medical Officer has ascertained that previous to his sentence this man showed symptoms of insanity; six months of his sentence remain, he is not violent and I would recommend Doctor Wyndowe's suggestion, that, on his friends guaranteeing proper supervision over him, he should be made over to them, the Jail not being a fit place for such persons.

CRIMINAL LUNATIC.

KOOROO, ÆT 23, TIER CASTE.

This man was found guilty by the Sessions Judge of criminal assault and sentenced on 15th June 1860, to 3 years' imprisonment.

2. He appears to have shown symptoms of insanity previous to his sentence.

3. Since his confinement in the Jail he has been generally quiet, easily controlled, and not subject to any violent attacks of excitement; his sentence expires in six months. I am of opinion that if his friends will engage to exercise a proper supervision over him he might be allowed to return to his home.

CALICUT,
1*st December* 1862.

(Signed) S. JARDINE WYNDOWE, M.D.,
Civil Surgeon.

(Signed) J. ROHDE.

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No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1863, No. 152.

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2. It is very desirable that a provincial Lunatic Asylum for the Western Coast should be established as soon as possible, and His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly directs that the Magistrate of Malabar will at once place himself in communication with the local authorities at Cannanore, both Military and Medical, and ascertain whether any objection exists to the arrangements proposed by Mr. Rohde. If not, the District Engineer will prepare an Estimate of the cost of the alterations requisite to the several buildings referred to. The labor of the 50 Convicts who have been transferred to Cannanore can be made use of in carrying out the work. The plan of the building designed for the Lunatic Asylum, with the alterations proposed, should be submitted for the opinion of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department. If the Magistrate's other duties should prevent his visiting Cannanore at an early date, he will depute the Acting Joint Magistrate to obtain the information now called for.

3. The requisite instructions will be furnished to the District Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

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(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servt.

Dated at Camp
Off.e of Insp.r Genl.
of Sicily
26th Dec.r 1862.

Insp.r Genl. of Sicily

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the Inspector General of Jails
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Requesting the Magistrate of Calicut to ascertain whether there is any objection to Mr. Rohde's proposal for converting Subsidiary Jail at Cannanore into a Lunatic Asylum being carried out and to report whether the relatives of the prisoner Koorso now in the Calicut Jail will engage to take care of him in the event of his being released.