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No. 34. — Read the following letter 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 October 1863, No. 379.

I have the honor to request the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the case of one Veru *alias* Veroo, acquitted on a charge of assault on a Police Constable previous to the 20th August 1862, on the ground of insanity, and since detained by order of Government in the Zillah Jail at Tranquebar.

2. The Government Order prohibits the transfer of this man to the Madras Lunatic Asylum, but permits his being made over to his friends.

3, After thirteen months' detention, the Zillah Surgeon reports this patient no better and not likely to become so, I have therefore the honor to request that the restriction against his transfer may be removed, as I have ascertained that there is room for him in the Asylum.

4. I beg to submit to His Excellency in Council that from what I have seen of the results of detention of lunatics in prisons in this Presidency, without any proper means for facilitating their restoration to health, that the practice is not to be defended on any other ground than that of restraining the individual, that I believe it has tended in general to aggravate the disease, and that excepting that the patient is restrained from exciting drugs, to abuse of which much of the insanity in this country is due, no benefit is derived from it.

No 35. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1863, No. 1726.

The Governor in Council directs that the lunatic referred to be forwarded to the Lunatic Asylum about to be established at Trichinopoly as soon as that Asylum shall be ready for the reception of lunatics. On this point the Officer in charge of the Jail at Tranquebar will obtain information from the Magistrate of Trichinopoly.

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

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