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No. 120. Read the following letter from G. LEE. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 25th February 1863, No. 206.

I have the honor to forward herewith for the perusal and orders of Government, copy of a letter which I have received from the Acting Joint Magistrate of this District, regarding the custody of Lunatics in general, and of one Lunatic in particular.

2. The Inspector General of Police has written to me "that the Assistant Superintendent of Police contravened orders when he allowed the Police to receive charge of this Lunatic," whilst the Sessions Judge of Negapatam has refused to receive him on the plea of having no room in his Jail "for that description of person."

3. The lock-ups attached to the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherries are generally very small and consisting of one room, and consequently totally unsuited for Lunatics to be kept in: I do not think therefore that the Government would desire them to be confined there.

4. As under the foregoing circumstances I am really at a loss to know what to do, I beg to lay all the facts before Government, in order that I may be furnished with instructions as to what course should be pursued.

From C. G. PLUMER, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate; to the Acting Magistrate of Tanjore, dated Tranquebar, 16th January 1863, No. 7.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the great necessity that exists in this District for some proper place in which to confine Lunatics. I am aware that, under the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the orders of Government are to be sought in every case where a Lunatic may be apprehended on a Criminal charge and retained in custody either under Sections 390 or 394. Government, of course, orders the Lunatic to be sent to the Asylum at Madras. now, this Asylum is always full and applications to receive Lunatics meet with the answer that there is no room at present, an application to the Judge to receive the Lunatic into the Jail meets with the same fate "there is no room in the Jail for that description of person," the only alternative is to keep the man in the Station house, and against this the Police authorities naturally raise great objections. I have now in the Station house inside the Fort of Tranquebar a Lunatic whose case has passed through the several places mentioned above, he is some times dangerous and at all times mischievous, and only the other night he assisted a man, who had been brought to the Station late at night and who was obliged to be locked up till the morning, to escape. The Doctor informs me that this man requires proper care and attendance, but I am helpless. The number of Lunatics apprehended has greatly increased of late, and it is absolutely necessary, in my opinion, that some definite arrangements should be made for their proper custody. I have therefore brought the matter to your notice, in order that, should you deem proper, you may request the orders of Government as to the means of remedying the evil.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. LEE MORRIS,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1863, No. 754.

It is proposed to establish a Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly. Pending the erection of a building, the Governor in Council resolves to direct that the Acting Magistrate at Trichinopoly will ascertain and report whether a house can be hired for the purpose in which, as a temporary arrangement, all Lunatics in the Southern Division may be confined.

2. The Principal Inspector General will report what establishment will be required. Until these arrangements can be completed, all Lunatics for whose custody the Magistrate cannot otherwise provide, must be lodged in the Zillah Jail, each case being reported to Government under the provisions of Act XXXV of 1858 or of Sections 390 or 394 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as they may be respectively applicable.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 18 May 1863.

Proposing to establish a Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly & requesting the Principal Inspector Genl. of Hospitals & Dept. to report what Establishment will be required for that Asylum.

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From Surgeon Whitehead, Principal Inspector General of Hospitals, Fort St. George, dated 18th May 1863.

Submitting proposals for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly.

Referred to Mr. Secretary Forbes.

Judl. 26th May 1863.

Read the following Minutes of Council.

Judicial Department, Fort St. George, 26th May 1863.

Present: The Honble. Sir William Mayne Tod Maltby, Knt., Chief Justice.
The Honble. Sir Charles Arbuthnot, Knt.
The Honble. Edward Gambier, Esqr.
The Honble. Thomas Pycroft, Esqr.
The Honble. Thomas Pycroft, Esqr., Officiating Advocate General.

Read the following letter from the Principal Inspector General of Hospitals, dated 18th May 1863.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the accompanying plans and estimate for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly.

2. The Civil Surgeon of Trichinopoly has been requested to submit a report on the subject, and I trust that the Government will be pleased to sanction the proposed Establishment.

3. The Asylum will be required for the reception of Lunatics from the Civil Courts, and from the Police Courts, under the provisions of Act XXIII of 1858 or Act XXV of 1858, Section 390 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and they may be respectively supported at the Asylum.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. Whitehead,
Principal Inspector General of Hospitals.
Fort St. George, 18th May 1863.