

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	<i>3-2-1864</i>	~~19~~

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
3rd February 1864.*

No. 21. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Malabar; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tellicherry, 22nd January 1864, No. 13.

I have the honor to submit a certificate from the Zillah Surgeon of Tellicherry as to the mental status of a man named Kunhi Mayen, who is at present confined in the Jail here.

2. The man seems to have gone mad quite suddenly, at least his father deposes to his having been always quiet and well behaved, till one night about ten days ago he entered the door of a Hindoo temple where a festival was going on and thereby polluted it, the festival being at once put a stop to, and a loss of about 15 Rupees incurred by the temple managers, as all the cakes and offerings were spoilt.

3. He was removed by the Police with some trouble, and has ever since been very violent.

4. I acquitted him of the charge of criminal trespass which was preferred against him, as I was satisfied from the evidence that he was incapable, by reason of unsoundness of mind, of knowing that what he was doing was wrong, or contrary to law; but as I was at the same time satisfied that the charge preferred against him was true, I in accordance with the provisions of Section 394 of the Criminal Procedure Code had him safely confined in the Jail, and now report the case for the orders of Government.

I, the undersigned, A. H. Beaman, Zillah Surgeon of Tellicherry, hereby certify that on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January 1864 I personally examined the man named Kunhi Mayen, and I am of opinion that the said Kunhi Mayen is a lunatic, and a proper person to be taken charge of, and detained in an Asylum under care and treatment.

I found this opinion upon the following grounds:—

Facts indicating insanity observed by myself.—He will not move when requested, and upon any attempts to induce him to walk, he becomes very violent and furious. He will answer no questions. Steadily refused food for three days. His look is fierce, wild, and restless, unmistakably indicating insanity; at times he jumps violently about the cell in which he is now placed, occasionally beating his head and dashing his hands (secured by handcuffs) violently upon the ground; at times he sits sullenly in a corner, mute and scowling.

Facts indicating insanity communicated to by others.—None.

TELICHERRY,
23rd January 1864.

(Signed) A. H. BEAMAN,
Zillah Surgeon.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1864, No. 149.

The Joint Magistrate of Malabar is authorized to deal with the lunatic Kunhi Mayen under the provisions of Section IV, Act XXXVI of 1858.

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

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