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No. 181. Read the following letter from H. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Session Judge, Berhampore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Berhampore, 21st August 1865, No. 83.

I have the honor to request the permission of Government for removing a lunatic boy, named Raghoo Naiko, now in this Jail, to the Lunatic Asylum at Vizagapatam. A copy of the Certificate of the Zillah Surgeon, recommending the change, is enclosed.

2. Raghoo Naiko was sentenced by the late Acting Session Judge, during the July Session 1864, to five years' rigorous imprisonment, for the offence of "voluntarily causing grievous hurt." The following is a short abstract of the case taken from the Summary of the evidence :—"The 1st prisoner and the 2nd wit-"ness, who were cousins and resided in the same house with their respective "mothers, quarrelled; and, when the 2nd witness wished to pass out of the house, "he found the 1st prisoner seated in the doorway to prevent his egress. The 2nd "witness pulled aside the 1st prisoner's legs to enable him to pass, when the 1st "prisoner called out to his mother, the 2nd prisoner, to give him a knife to cut "the second witness with; she accordingly handed him a bill hook, and, as he "raised it to cut at the 2nd witness, the 1st witness interposed to save her son, and "the blow struck her on the temple, cutting through her scull and felling her to the "ground." The 1st prisoner stated in his defence that he was subject to fits of insanity ; but the Acting Judge did not believe the plea, as there was nothing in his demeanour to show the probability of its being true.

3. The prisoner had not been long in Jail before it became evident that he was an idiot, subject to periodical fits of epilepsy. These attacks so considerably reduced him that he became very weak, and, about the time of the removal of the prisoners from Chicacole, he was so feeble that he was not expected to live, and I never thought he would have survived the journey. With better diet, however, his strength returned, and, though still subject to fits, his general health was good, and his manner was quiet and inoffensive. He has lately become violent, and the Surgeon consequently recommended his removal to the Lunatic Asylum. I have waited a few days since the receipt of the Doctor's letter to see if there should be any return of violence. There has been none ; but, as the Doctor still thinks it advisable that he should be removed to the Asylum for proper treatment, as a paroxysm of violence may at any time return, I request the permission of Government for his removal.

I the undersigned, Robert W. Cockerill, Zillah Surgeon, Berhampore, hereby certify that I, on the 6th day of August 1865, at Berhampore Jail, personally examined Raghoo Naiko, resident of Pollyamasy Village in Atghada Taluq, and that the said Raghoo Naiko is an idiot, and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under cure and treatment, and that I have formed this opinion on the following grounds, namely,

1*st*.—He has an idiotic appearance of head and expression, is subject to epileptic fits, generally talks nonsense, is unable to look after himsilf, is always crying for his mother, is most filthy in his habits, and for the last two days has been in a violently excited condition.

2nd.—The Jail servants state that for the last two nights he has been almost constantly shouting at the top of his voice, so that no one could sleep; and when taken hold of by another prisoner, he bit him severely on the wrist.

BERHAMPORE,
6th August 1865.

(Signed) R. W. COCKERILL,
Zillah Surgeon.

(True Copy).

(Signed) H. MORRIS,
Acting Session Judge.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1865, No. 1328.

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(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Session Judge of Berhampore.
" Superintendent of the Jail, Berhampore.
" Magistrate of Vizagapatam.
" Inspector General of Jails.

Esd. J. H. Burns.

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