

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 1. From the Acting Session Judge of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 12th October 1865, No. 52.

I have the honor, under Section 394 of the Criminal Procedure Code, to report, for the orders of Government, the material circumstances connected with Session Case, No. 34 of 1865, on this Court's file, in which the prisoner, Sangah, was charged with wilful murder, under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. It appears from the evidence, and from the admission of the prisoner, who has entered a plea of "guilty" before this Court, that, at about 5 p. m., on the 7th January last, i.e., without any apparent motive or provocation, suddenly seized a sickle, and, in the immediate presence of several witnesses, commenced a murderous attack with it on his offending sister's mother-in-law, named Konchammah, upwards of 60 years of age, and with whom he was on the best of terms, thereby inflicting wounds which terminated fatally next day.

3. As it appeared from the evidence taken before the committing officer that, for the last three years, the prisoner had been looked upon by the villagers as a harmless idiot, he was placed under surveillance of the Medical Officer in charge of the Jail, and the case was remanded to admit of the Medical Officer having him under supervision, so as to be able to decide when he was in a fit state to be put on his trial.

4. On the 22nd of August, Mr. Peterkin, deposed on oath that he considered the prisoner Sangah, though "of a low order of intelligence," to be then in a fit state of mind to be put on his trial, which he accordingly was at the October Session; and as the evidence adduced as to the prisoner Sangah having been out of his proper senses, more or less, for the last three years, leaves no reasonable doubt on my mind that he was, at the time when he committed the murder, by reason of unsoundness of mind, incapable of knowing that he was doing wrong, I have acquitted him on that ground, and have ordered him to be kept in safe custody in the Jail here, until I receive the instructions of Government as to his final disposal; and I would beg to suggest the desirability of his being removed to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for information as to whether there is accommodation available in the Asylum at Madras for the lunatic in question.

For Secret General,

12th October 1865

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 2. From the Surgeon in Medical charge of the Lunatic Asylum, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency, and Madras, 23rd October 1865, No. 187.

With reference to the request conveyed in Memorandum, No. 2525, dated 20th instant, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, and the correspondence from Government which accompanied it, I have the honor to report that accommodation is available in the Lunatic Asylum for the reception of criminal lunatics Sangah, to whom they have reference.

Judicial Department

Acting Secretary to Government

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read the following papers—

Letter from the Supreme Judge of,

Bullseye _____ Entw 12 Oct. '38. N^o 59.

Mem. from the Principal

Suspensor Gent., all the

Sept. _____ 24th Dec. _____, 32 g.

Order — 1st November 1868. N^o 7852.

Under § 394 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Governor in Council directs that the lunatic, as a lunatic, be transferred to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras.

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