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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 118. From the Session Judge of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 15th March 1866, No. 105.

I have, with reference to Section 391, Criminal Procedure Code, the honor to report, for the consideration and orders of Government, that the prisoner Nullamoottoo Pillay, in Calendar No. XXIX of 1866, was proved to have committed a serious assault on the 1st witness, complainant, which, had he been sane at the time, would have amounted to on offence punishable under Section 325 of the Indian Penal Code. It having been established that the prisoner was, at the time of committing the act, insane, and that he had escaped from the custody of his relatives, and that he is still insane, I have directed he be kept in safe custody in the Jail pending the orders of Government.

2. The Zillah Surgeon in charge of the Jail personally informed me that, there being no proper accommodation for lunatics in the Jail, he would be glad if the abovementioned individual, whom it requires two able bodied convicts to watch, be removed from the Jail. He appears to think that he may at any time, if an opportunity is afforded him, commit a similar act in a paroxysm of madness.

3. I beg to submit a petition put in by a relative of the lunatic, praying that he may be made over to him, under Section 397 of the Criminal Procedure Code. It rests, however, with the local Government to determine whether he be so or not.

Translation of a petition, presented to the Session Court of Madura, by Namasivayem Pillay, son of Yellakoonayana Pillay, residing at Maihamputty, attached to Teroomungalum Taluq.

Nullamootoo Pillay, son of Namasivayem Pillay, residing at Ayeerutharoomum Village, attached to Streevellipootoor Taluq, Tinnevelly Zillah, who has been for a few months past raving mad, having hurt one Naicken, was charged with that offence, and, on inquiry, committed by the Sub-Magistrate of Madura Town to this Court. This Court tried him and directed him to be kept in Jail, because he is mad. The Petitioner begs to state that the said Nullamoottoo Pillay, who is a youth aged 25 years, was, prior to this, sane and attending to cultivation and other affairs; but a certain enemy of his has, by means of witchcraft, caused him to become insane for the last three months. The Petitioner and others were trying to cure him of the same by enchanters and doctors, but are now unable to do so, as he was charged and put in Jail as abovesaid.

The petitioner, being the father-in-law of the said Nallamootoo Pillay referred to, has a great interest in curing him of the madness at a considerable expense. If he be kept in Jail (as he is now), no such interest and trouble will be taken in his case by others as by the petitioner in supplying him food, &c. His detention in Jail is a bar to petitioner and others trying to cure him of the madness. Petitioner and others think that the said Nallamootoo Pillay will die soon if kept in Jail.

The petitioner will hereafter keep him in his custody, so that he may not prove dangerous to the public.

The Petitioner requests, therefore, that the said Nullamoottoo Pillay be left in his custody, on security being taken from him.

MADURA, 14*th March* 1866.

(True Translate).

(Signed) R. R. COTTON,
Session Judge.

No. 119. From the Surgeon in Medical charge of the Lunatic Asylum, Madras, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 10th April 1866, No. 109.

In reply to your Memorandum, No. 108, under date the 9th instant, I have the honor to acquaint you that the criminal lunatic, to whom it has reference, can be received into the Asylum.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
13th April 1866.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1866, No. 551.

Looking to the prisoner's antecedents and propensities, the Governor in Council is not prepared to order his release, but directs that he be transferred to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil and Session Judge of Madura.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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From the Session Judge Madura (Received 15 March 1866 No 1057
" Surgeon in charge of Lunatic Asylum (——" 10 April 1866 No 1091
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Order thereon 13 April 1866 No 551.

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