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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th January 1867.*

No. 184. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 19th December 1866, No. 343.

I have the honor, under Section 394 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to request the orders of Government regarding the disposal of a woman, named Nanni Bee, who was tried by the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate on a charge of attempting to commit suicide, found guilty, and acquitted on the ground of unsoundness of mind when she made this attempt. Mr. Wigram ordered the husband of the woman to keep her in safe custody. She is not at all dangerous. It will be seen

Dated 13th December, No. 24.

from the accompanying copy of Mr. Wigram's letter* that the woman is subject to occasional fits of lunacy at certain intervals, and that the examination of a Medical Officer was not considered by him necessary, as the woman did not, at the time of trial, appear to be of unsound mind.

From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, Godavery District, in charge of the Ellore Deputy Magistrate's Division, to the Magistrate of the Godavery District; dated Rajahmundry, 13th December 1866, No. 24.

In reply to your letter, No. 336, dated 10th December 1866, I have the honor to state that, at the time of trial, it did not appear to me that the woman Nanni Bee was of unsound mind, and incapable, in consequence, of making a defence. I did not, therefore, examine the Medical Officer, nor did I stay proceedings, as provided in Section 388.

2. Under Section 393 of the Criminal Procedure Code, I acquitted Nanni Bee, on the ground that, at the time of throwing herself into the well, she was, by reason of unsoundness of mind, incapable of knowing the nature of the act, or that she was doing what was wrong or contrary to law. From the evidence before me, I was satisfied that the woman was subject to occasional fits of lunacy at certain intervals. Mr. Hargreaves, the Medical Officer, had her under his care for two or three days, and told me that, though she appeared excitable, she exhibited no signs of madness, and it might have been six months before another fit occurred.

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1867, No. 102.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, under Section 397 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, that Nanni Bee be delivered over to the custody of her husband, on his furnishing the prescribed security.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary,

To the Magistrate of the Godavery District.

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