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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 236. From the Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 28th June 1867, No. 54.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter, No. 55 of the 22nd instant, from Major Campbell, Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, asking me to point out to Government the want that exists at that station of wards for the confinement of lunatics (European and Native). There is actually at Ootacamund no ward in which a lunatic can be confined in view to Medical observation and treatment. In the case to which the Joint Magistrate refers, the lunatic was placed in one of the Police lock-ups; but the place was unsuited for him, and I should think tended to retard his recovery.

2. In the new Dispensary no ward for lunatics exists.

3. The subject deserves the early consideration of Government, and it will be well, I think, to call on the Medical Officers at Ootacamund for their opinions on it.

From the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, to the Magistrate of Coimbatore; dated Ootacamund, 22nd June 1867, No. 55.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that there is a great want of proper wards for lunatics at Ootacamund, and I beg you will be so good as to represent the matter to Government, with a view to suitable accommodation both for European and Native lunatics being sanctioned.

2. You are aware that only lately, in the case of a lunatic brought before me for "attempt at suicide," I was obliged to stay the proceedings, and to cause him to be detained in a cell in the Subsidiary Jail at this station, which Surgeon Donaldson, in Medical charge, reported quite unsuited for the treatment or retention of lunatics.

3. I went over the Native Jail under my charge, but could find no place suitable for the retention of the lunatic, and I was informed by Dr. M. C. Furnell, in charge of the new hospital, that he had no ward there for lunatics; under these circumstances I was obliged to confine the lunatic aforesaid in a cell in the Subsidiary Jail.

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
6th July 1867.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 237. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 13th July 1867, No. 65.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Magistrate of Coimbatore, dated 28th ultimo, together with an enclosure from the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, recommending that suitable accommodation for European and Native lunatics should be provided at that place.

2. On receipt of the said letter I requested the Joint Magistrate to inform me of the number of lunatics brought before the Magistracy within the last two years, and I enclose his reply, from which it will be seen that the only case which occurred during that period was that which gave rise to the present reference.

3. I believe it is intended to build a certain number of provincial Lunatic Asylums, to which the lunatics now confined in Jails will be transferred, and if

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such is the case it is scarcely desirable to make fresh provision in Jails for inmates of that class. There are five cells at the Central Jail, Coimbatore, intended for lunatics which are still untenanted, and which I think will be found sufficient to meet the present wants of Ootacamund, judging from the past.

4. Should it, however, be determined that it is expedient to provide accommodation for insane persons at Ootacamund, I will, with the permission of Government, place myself in communication with the Executive Engineer, with a view to the preparation of plans and estimates.

From the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Ootacamund, 10th July 1867, No. 59.

In reply to your letter No. 791 of 9th July 1867, I have the honor to inform you that the Native alluded to in my letter No. 55, dated 22nd June 1867, to the address of the Magistrate of Coimbatore, is the only lunatic who has been brought before the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund during the last two years.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1867, No. 1163.

The Government do not think it necessary to provide accommodation for European and Native lunatics at Ootacamund.

2. In the majority of cases insane Europeans will not remain in India, and provision has been made for their temporary accommodation and that of East Indians in the new Lunatic Asylum which is being built at Madras.

3. Native lunatics from Ootacamund and Coimbatore will hereafter, on the completion of the line of Railway from Trichinopoly to Erode, be accommodated at the Asylum at Trichinopoly. In the mean time, as pointed out by the Inspector General of Jails, Native lunatics from Ootacamund can be accommodated in the Central Jail at Coimbatore where there are five cells set apart for that purpose.

4. It is observed that there has been only one case of a Native lunatic requiring accommodation at Ootacamund during the past two years.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Magistrate of Coimbatore.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

Judicial Department.

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To the Inspector General of Jails
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Respectfully,
Inspector General of Jails

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