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*Judicial* **DEPARTMENT.**

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18th September 1867.*

No. 196. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of the Kistna District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 7th September 1867, No. 242.

Jalladi Streeramulu, the lunatic who, under Government Order, No. 407, dated 13th March 1867, was released to the custody of his relatives, is reported by the Acting Joint Magistrate (letter\* No. 34, dated 28th ultimo) to have

\* Enclosed, with the deposition of the Civil Surgeon.

become dangerous, and to be a fit subject for restraint. On the 12th ultimo, a petition, dated 6th idem, was received in the office of the Joint Magistrate from the wife of the lunatic, requesting, on account of her inability to control her husband, to be relieved of the charge she had undertaken, and the cancelment of her bail bond. The lunatic resided in Gavinivaripallem, a hamlet of Bapatla, and, on the 12th, the day on which his wife's petition was received in the Joint Magistrate's Office, was the wilful author of a fire in the village, which resulted in the destruction of 113 houses.

2. He has been under medical surveillance in Guntoor. The Civil Surgeon has made a deposition that the lunatic's mental condition is much altered for the worse, since he was under observation in April last. The turn his madness seems to have assumed is of an incendiary nature: the Civil Surgeon states that he attempted to set fire to the Jail one night by lighting a rag taken from his cloth at the hospital (wherein he was confined) night lamp, and pitching it into an adjoining room. I have the honor to request that, under the circumstances now reported, Government may be pleased, under Section 390, Code of Criminal Procedure, to pass such orders for the lunatic's confinement in a Lunatic Asylum, or elsewhere, as may be deemed proper.

From the Acting Joint Magistrate, to the Acting Magistrate, Kistna District; dated Guntoor, 28th August 1867, No. 34.

I have the honor to request that you will, if you see fit, submit, for the reconsideration of Government, the case of the man Jalladi Streeramulu, referred to in Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, dated 13th March 1867, and the Order thereon, No. 407.

2. The man was charged before you, in your capacity of Acting Joint Magistrate, in the month of February last, with house breaking and theft, and, on your recommendation, was made over, as a lunatic, to the custody of his relatives.

3. I beg to enclose the following documents, namely:—

- (1). Deposition of the Civil Surgeon.
- (2). Petition from the wife of the lunatic.
- (3). Petition from the inhabitants of Gavinivaripallem.
- (4). Village Moonsiff's Report.
- (5). Police Occurrence Report.

4. From these, it appears that the man has become a dangerous lunatic, and should no longer be left in charge of his family, who, indeed, are anxious to divest themselves of any further responsibility in the matter.

5. It will be observed that his particular infirmity is a tendency to incendiarism, which has already resulted in the destruction of 113 huts in the village, and an unsuccessful attempt to burn the Jail Hospital.

6. I presume that I can, if such a course be approved, enforce the bond (in the sum of Rupees 250) executed by the relatives of the lunatic for his safe custody. I would beg, however, to draw attention to the fact that they gave notice of the increasingly dangerous condition of the

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man before the occurrence of any serious outbreak on his part. The wife's petition is dated 6th instant, and the fire in the village took place on the 12th.

7. With regard to the future custody of the lunatic, I request instructions, under Section 390, Code of Criminal Procedure.

Francis Orde Bigg Wither, Civil Surgeon of Guntoor, and Superintendent of the Jail,  
sworn:—

The man Jalladi Streeramulu is now an inmate of the Guntoor Jail. He was committed there for safe custody by the Acting Joint Magistrate on 16th instant. His mental condition has become much worse since he was last placed under my observation in February last. He is very noisy and uproarious, and requires to be kept under personal restraint by two attendants. His language is very foul and abusive, and his habits filthy in the extreme. On night of 20th instant, he attempted to set fire to the Jail building by tearing off a piece of his cloth, lighting it by the night lamp in the hospital ward, and throwing the lighted piece into the adjoining ward, which happened to be vacant, containing nothing but a few bamboo mats—these caught fire. The man appears to have slipped back quietly on to his cot, and pretended to be asleep, thinking that he was unobserved. However, he had been seen by one of his attendants; an alarm was raised, and the flames at once extinguished. He has since been removed to a separate cell, as he creates a great disturbance in the hospital ward by laughing and shouting all night long. Two convicts remain with him to watch him. The cell is not locked up, but is left under the immediate supervision of a sentry.

(Signed) F. O. B. WITHER,  
Civil Surgeon.

Before me.

(Signed) J. C. HUGHESDON,  
Acting Joint Magistrate.

GUNTOOR, 27th August 1867.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1867, No. 1508.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letters, the Governor in Council directs that the Lunatic Jalladi Streeramulu be forwarded to the Lunatic Asylum at Vizagapatam.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of the Kistna District.  
" Magistrate of Vizagapatam.  
" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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