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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th November 1867.*

No. 293. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 15th November 1867, No. 136.

I have the honor to forward a letter from Assistant Surgeon Wither, Superintendent of the Jail at Guntoor, recommending that a criminal lunatic, named Penumaka Viradu, at present confined

Judicial Department, 4th October 1866, No. 1554.

therein, should be transferred to a Lunatic Asylum, as he is becoming troublesome and unmanageable, and because restriction to a cell would, in the opinion of the Superintendent, be likely to render him dangerous.

2. I beg to suggest that Dr. Wither may be authorized to place himself in communication with the Magistrate of Vizagapatam, with the view of effecting the removal of the insane prisoner to the Lunatic Asylum there whenever accommodation may be available.

From Assistant Surgeon F. O. B. WITHER, Superintendent of Jail, Guntoor, to the Inspector General of Jails; dated Guntoor, 6th November 1867, No. 32.

I have the honor to request that sanction may be obtained for the transference to a Lunatic Asylum of criminal lunatic Penumaka Viradu, detained in this Jail by Order of Government, No. 1554, of 4th October 1866.

2. This insane prisoner has lately been becoming more and more troublesome and unmanageable. He has hitherto been kept in the Hospital Ward, but I fear that mischief may result if he is kept there much longer, and yet I do not like to place him in one of the cells, as the confinement is, in my opinion, likely to render him dangerous, as I stated in a former letter, No. 21, dated 26th June 1867.

3. A few days ago he managed to get hold of a large bamboo, used to remove the privy tubs, which was lying about the yard, and with it struck one of the Warders a severe blow, which fortunately missed his head, but seriously bruised his shoulder, and would have repeated it if the stick had not at once been taken away from him. The blow was given apparently without any reason whatever, as the Warder was not near him at the time, nor had had anything to say to him that day, though it is possible that he may at some time or other have irritated the prisoner. He is also very noisy at night, disturbing the rest of all in the ward, and when any attempt is made to keep him quiet he becomes very angry and abusive.

4. For these reasons, I request that he may be transferred as soon as possible to a Lunatic Asylum.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1867, No. 1906.

It is observed that the Acting Magistrate of Vizagapatam has, in his letter, dated the 4th October last, No. 394, suggested that no more lunatics should be transferred to that District till the erection of the New Asylum.

2. As this, however, is not likely to be accomplished for some time yet, the Governor in Council directs that the criminal lunatic Penumaka Viradu be sent to the Asylum at Vizagapatam whenever accommodation may be available.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails, with enclosure returned.

„ Magistrate of Vizagapatam.

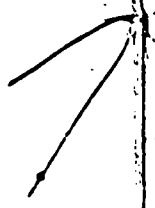
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