

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1914 (303-305)	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated 26. 11. 1918	

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

Read the following papers :—

No. 303. From the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Ootacamund, 2nd November 1867, No. 124.

Two criminal lunatics, named respectively Pera Latchmee and Letchmana Pillay, are at present confined in the Central Jail at Salem. The former was tried for murder in 1854 and acquitted on the ground of insanity ; she is now in confinement for life in accordance with the Order of Government noted in the margin.

No. 280, 16th April 1855.

Letchmana Pillay was found guilty of murder in 1863, but as he was of unsound mind when the act was committed, he was directed to be kept in custody under the provisions of Clause 394 of the Criminal Procedure Code, and he was ultimately transferred from Madura to Salem, by order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 23d March 1863, No. 460, and has been there ever since.

2. Letchmana Pillay is reported to be quiet, but it is necessary to watch him constantly ; otherwise, he wanders about the jail, removing the bedding and clothing from the wards and cells, and causes confusion. The woman is occasionally very troublesome, destroying her clothes, abusing the warders, and throwing night soil about the wards. The jail officials think her in a worse state of mind than when admitted.

3. I saw both of these convicts on the 1st ultimo, and could not certify that either of them could be released without danger to themselves or to others. As there is no suitable accommodation for them in the Salem Jail, more especially for the woman, I have the honor to request that they may be transferred either to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras or to that at Trichinopoly, whenever accommodation may be available.

Forwarded to the Magistrate of Trichinopoly, for report as to whether the lunatics referred to in this letter can be received into the Asylum at Trichinopoly, no accommodation being available in the Madras Asylum.
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 8th November 1867. (Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 304. From the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Trichinopoly, 13th November 1867, No. 73.

In returning the letter of the Inspector General of Jails forwarded with your endorsement of the 8th instant, I have the honor to report that there is accommodation in the Asylum here for the two criminal lunatics in question.

No. 305. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1867, No. 1914.

Under the circumstances represented by the Inspector General of Jails, the Governor in Council directs that the criminal lunatics Pera Latchmee and Letchmana Pillay be transferred to the Lunatic Asylum at Trichinopoly.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Magistrate of Trichinopoly.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Read Nos 2398 and 2501.

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