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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th January 1868.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 108. From A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Civil Judge of Tellicherry, and W. LOGAN, Esq., Sub-Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tellicherry, 9th January 1868, No. 2.

We have the honor to submit a joint report on the subject of G. O., No. 2019, dated 9th December 1867.

2. We are of opinion that there is no eligible site for a Lunatic Asylum in Tellicherry proper. Beyond the second bridge on the Cannanore road, and at a distance of about two miles from the town, there is a large extent of unoccupied land, but we do not recommend it as a site for an Asylum, on account of its distance from the town—a fact of some consequence in connection with the daily visits of the Medical Officer in charge.

3. As regards the second point on which we are called to report, we are of opinion that Tellicherry is more central than Calicut for persons coming from all parts of the South Canara and Malabar Districts, but that Calicut has the advantage as regards available sites for an Asylum.

5. In conclusion, we have the honor to suggest that Cannanore is even more central than Tellicherry, that it has already been fixed upon as the place best adopted for a Central Jail for these Districts, and that a site for a Lunatic Asylum could without difficulty be found in the neighbourhood of that selected for the Central Jail. We presume that there will be an efficient Medical Officer attached to the Central Jail when it is completed, in which case he could without difficulty attend to the patients in the Asylum; while, for purposes of discipline, it could be put under the charge of the Superintendent of the Jail. We observe that the Inspector General of Jails is, by Section 2, Act XXXVI of 1858, an ex-officio visitor of all the Lunatic Asylums in his Circle, and that, by Section 11, he is empowered to remove lunatics from one public Asylum to another.

No. 109. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 11th January 1868, No. 7.

Adverting to Government Order, dated the 9th ultimo, I have received this day copy of a joint report from the Civil Judge of Tellicherry and the Sub-Collector of Malabar, submitted to Government, on the questions as to whether there is any eligible site at Tellicherry for a Lunatic Asylum, and whether Tellicherry or Calicut is the preferable place for the institution. I observe that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Logan concur in reporting that there is not a site that they can recommend at Tellicherry, but suggest, for reasons given, that the Asylum be established at Cannanore.

2. I do not know if it is proposed to establish a Lunatic Asylum at Coimbatore. The Central Jail was established at Cannanore, I believe, as (*inter alia*) a place central to an extensive tract unprovided with Central Jail accommodation, and itself a considerable military station.

3. But as regards Malabar alone, Calicut is indisputably far more central than either Tellicherry or Cannanore, and, if Coimbatore and the Native States of Cochin and Travancore are at all to be taken into account as against South Canara, it is by far the most central situation generally.

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4. A Coast Asylum might have greater curative effect on patients from the inland than a local one, and if this consideration has any weight it points to an Asylum at Calicut being of considerable advantage to Coimbatore, Palghat, &c.

5. The site at Calicut is all that can be desired. It is from half to three quarters of a mile from the District Jail, so that the visits of the Jail Superintendent would be conveniently paid to both institutions. Calicut will generally be in the route of Inspecting Jail or Medical Officers to or from the northern stations, so that visits of inspection will also be easy. Its vicinity to the Railway and the convergence of all the principal lines of communication upon it give it great advantages, and, in my opinion, these considerations give it a decided preference to other stations on this Coast.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1868, No. 69.

After a careful consideration of the opinions expressed by Messrs. Ballard, Sullivan, and Logan in the letters above recorded, the Governor in Council resolves that Calicut be selected for the Lunatic Asylum proposed to be built in the Western Coast, and directs that arrangements be made by the Collector of Malabar for the purchase of the site referred to in his letter of the 28th October last, No. 125.

True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, with sketch returned.

- „ Civil Judge of Tellicherry.
- „ Inspector General, Medical Department.
- „ Inspector General of Jails, } with Proceedings, No. 2019.
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 To The Honble R S Ellis C.B.
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