

Note for the Hon. Members.

Attention is respectfully invited to the case on
to in the Hinder of the 8th inst. ^{at the M. Lines of the} p. 5. marked
appear to be nothing in the office relating to it

was
15. 10. 92.

The paper was delayed by me as I had
an idea that something regarding it
had come in. It was however the
case of Matthew Chet's provision
I must have been thinking.
Should the S. 9 be called upon for
a report?

Q

17 Oct

I noticed these statements in the
papers, but there appeared
nothing irregular or contrary
to law in connection with the
case, & I did not think any
steps called for. However
I have also seen a statement
that the S. 9. had called for
a report, & I suppose we
had better know all about it.
ask him to report.

WCS
18 Oct.

SHL
21/10/92

It is fully a bold attempt
at robbery on the part of the
man who got the other confined

SHL
21/10/92

Alleged confinement
of a same person in
a lunatic asylum

Mem 825 Oct. 92, No. 1670

The attention of the S.G. is drawn to the state-
ments appearing in the "Hindu" of Saturday, Oct 8.
p. 4 in the "Madras Times" of Thursday Evening.
Oct. 13. 1892. p. 2 regarding the case of one Mootie-
Attu Aramankal Kunhi Kelappan ~~son of~~ Man-
nasser of Irivasheni Desham, Kunhilaru Aramankal,
Kunhilaru Taluk of Malabar who is alleged to have
been decoyed into the Madras Lunatic Asylum &
detained there for some 25 days. The S.G. is
requested to ^{submit} ~~submit~~ a full report on the circum-
stances of the case ~~to the S.G. with~~ ~~the necessary details.~~

(from orders)

was
22.10.92

24 Oct

S. with for: Dept
26/10

C. 18/10
R/ 22/10

Original

Official Visitors' Report for the month of September 1892

The undersigned Official Visitors inspected the Madras Lunatic Asylum on
the 22nd September 1892, accompanied by the Superintendent,

2. The changes since last report are as follows:—

Remained on 20 th August 1892	420
Admitted since	34
Re-admitted on account of change of disease	"
Transferred otherwise	1
Discharged { Recovered ...	5
{ Handed over	
Died ..	2
Remaining on 22 nd September 1892.	437

3. The present strength is as follows:—

European and East Indian, Males.	{ Civil ~~Military~~	44
	{ Criminal	1
Do. do. Females.	Civil	32
Native, Males.	{ Civil	154
	{ Criminal	123
Do. Females.	{ Civil	65
	{ Criminal	18
Total		437

4. The total admissions were:—

European and East Indian, Males.	{ Civil	<i>Voluntary</i>	2
	{ Criminal	...	4
Do. do. Females.	Civil	...	1
Native, Males.	{ Civil	...	6
	{ Criminal	...	15
Do. Females.	{ Civil	...	3
	{ Criminal	...	7
Total ...			34

5. The total deaths were as follows:—

Name.	Age.	State of health on admission into the asylum.	DATE OF		Cause of death.	Period of residence in the asylum.		
			Admission into hospital.	Death.		X.	M.	D.
Kumar Ramen	27	Ind. dying state	28 Aug	28 Aug	Dysentery	2		
Achi ulin Mino	18	Fair	6 June	12 Sep	Anaemia (6) dropsy.	4	1	
Palayam names	25	Fair	12 Sep	12 Sep	Cholera.	"	1	4
Undran Funderam	25	Bad	14 Sep	15 Sep	Cholera.	"	9	22
Mintigan alias Malappur	25	Bad	16 Sep	17 Sep	Cholera.	"	1	1
Marayam Ravi	45	Bad	20 Sep	20 Sep	Cholera.	"	1	11
Amin Hossein	45	Indifferent	19 Sep	24 Sep	Cholera	"	"	14

6. All the admission papers were correct except in one case of a native Criminal from Calicut, in which the Proceedings of the Court are wanting.

7. We signed the discharge certificates of 2 native Civil male, and 3 native Civil female patients all of whom have recovered.

8. The sanitary condition of the buildings and ground is satisfactory.

9. The general condition of the inmates is indifferent but improving.

Cholera has appeared & carried off five inmates in ten days.

10. The Superintendent brought before us the case of V. S. M. J. K. Halappee who appeared sane & whom the Superintendent reported as apparently sane since his admission on September 9th. It appears that he was brought to Madras by Mr. Ramen, Vakil of Calicut, who signed the admission order. Some explanation seems necessary as to why Mr. Ramen as a friend should have signed the admission order & have brought the patient from Calicut, instead of a relation doing so. Patient denies that Mr. Ramen is a friend of his and complains of being decoyed to Madras. The Superintendent states that the facts indicating insanity recorded in the medical certificate are somewhat meagre.

Official
Visitors.

Deputy Surgeon.

Surgeon Captain
Ag. Surgeon 3rd District

D. L. W. C. S. S. S.
Superintendent of Prisons
for the Town of Madras

GOVERNMENT LUNATIC ASYLUM,

Madras, 22nd Sept^r 1921

1892
N^o 7535 - - - May

Original

Government Lunatic Asylum,
Madras.

Official Visitors' Report for the
month of *September* 1892.



1892
<i>Jul</i> Dept.
Encl ^s . No. <i>8</i>
To
C. No. <i>4552</i>

no: 920 Govt. Lunatic Asylum,
from. Madras October 3^d 1892

The Superintendent,
Govt. Lunatic Asylum,
Madras.

The Secy, Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras,
Mungumbakuram.
Sir

In answer to your Lth. no: 5940
of 26th September '92 on the official
Visitors Report for September '92, I have
the honor to state, with regard to para
10, that the patient was brought for
admission to the Asylum on 9th Sept '92
by a Mr P. C. Raman, 2^d Grade Pleader,
Malabar, who said he was his friend.
Mr Raman produced the medical
Certificates Form A of Surgeon Lt. Col.
Cook M.B. and Surgeon Captain Donovan,
Form C by the same Medical Officer;
an order for the reception of a
private patient (Form B) Signed P. C.
Raman, Statement (Form B) Signed
P. C. Raman, and a bond for the
maintenance of the patient
Signed P. C. Raman.

The

The patient said nothing on admission,
and, to prevent his wanting to have
with him, Mr. Ramen left him on ~~a perfectly~~
the pretence that he was going to legitimate procedure
fetch the doctor. The patient has, ^{on the part of} friends leaving
up to the present, shown no sign of insanity in an
insanity, and the Medical Certificate ^{asylum.}
is somewhat deficient in the recorded
facts indicating insanity, the principal
ones being those communicated by
Mr. Ramen. I enclose his admission
papers and a copy of his somewhat
voluminous case as entered by me.

There is nothing of special interest
in the case, but the statements made
by the patient and his servant necessitated
every trifling detail in connection with
himself being recorded.

On the authority of the patient's
wife, backed by my recommendation,
I have obtained sanction of an
official visitor to his discharge
to the care of his friend Mr.
Cheruvuri Krishnen, Barrister at
Law, and he had been so discharged
this day.

I have

I have seen
(Signed) S. L. Dobie Surg. Lt. Col.
Supdt. Govt. Lunatic Asylum

(True copy)

W. H. Sturges
S. M. Genl.
Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras

Office of the Surgeon
Madras 10th October 92

From: Surgeon Lt. Col. H. D. Cook. M.B.,
Surgeon 1st District
To: Madras

The Secy: Surgeon General
with the Govt: of Madras.

Sir, With reference to your Confidential
Letter No: C date 6th October 1892. and
112
accompanying papers, I have the
hon^r to state that I signed the Forms
A and C of M. A. Kunji Kallappa
Mannanar, because after observa-
-tion of him on more than one
occasion, I came to the undoubted
conclusion that the man was
insane and unaccountable for his
actions.

He was brought by one 2nd
Grade pleader P. C. Ramana of
Calicut who informed me he was
his relation, and whom I knew
when
at

1892
J. D. C. Dept.
Encls. No. 2
To
Q. No. 4552

When I was Civil Surgeon of Calicut.
In many other cases, I have followed
exactly the same procedure, namely
examine the person and after
satisfying myself that insanity
exists, Sign Forms A and C, then
bring the case before another
medical officer for his opinion
and countersignature. The person is
then admitted into the Asylum for
further observation; although I
should fancy that the Superintendent
has the right to refuse admission,
if he had any doubt of the person's
insanity, or that he considered
"facts" too meagre, or at any rate to
call at once upon the medical
Officers concerned to furnish him
with more information, if he
thought them insufficient or un-
satisfactory.

As an example - the last private
case that both myself & Dr. Donovan
sent to the Asylum, the facts
indicating

indicating insanity were as follows.

"Found him roving about the Steam
Talking in an incoherent manner.
"Very excitable - an alarmed expression
"of face" - they are more meagre;
but there was (as in this case) not
the slightest doubt of insanity, and we
only saw the man once, and a perfect
stranger to both of us.

This man M. A. Kunji Kallappen
Mannan was undoubtedly in-
sane, when examined by us, and
I give further proofs of his insanity
other than those entered in Forms
A-C. I did not deem it necessary
to enter them in detail in Form A,
for the simple reason that I con-
sidered there was not the slightest
doubt of his insanity. If I had
any doubt, "facts" would have been
given in detail - Part of his behaviour
when he was brought to the Hospital
and in my house was as follows:-

at

at my office he went wandering about
the wards of Hospital in a listless
manner, and went into female wards
and had to be taken away; at my house
he lounged on an armchair with his
feet up, laughed nonsensically at me,
talked of other matters than what I
questioned him about - at least it was
interpreted so to me (not by his relative
P. Ramau) - asked for lemonade &
when it was given, played with it like
a child and with the ice for about 1/2
an hour without drinking it, and
when he tasted it, laughed in a foolish
way and refused it.

I have said in Form A that he was
"thinking of something", and I stated
this, as he kept looking up to the roof,
and suddenly burst out laughing -
He would then stare at a certain
object and when doing this would
not answer questions and then
suddenly "mutter" and turn round
with a very dangerous look, so much
so that we both observed that
he

he might at any moment be very
violent, and I cautioned his relative
about this - In fact he was totally
listless and regardless of others and
in my opinion, (after an experience
of nine years as Superintendent
of a Lunatic Asylum) was per-
fectly insane and in this opinion
Surgeon Captain C. Donovan fully
concurs and we therefore signed
the Forms A and C and handed them
over to Mr P. Ramau 2^d Grade
Pleader, for any action he chooses
to take -

I am further of opinion (as stated
in the case) that I consider he is
addicted to "Ganja Smoking and
Alcohol drinking," and might very
likely have "attacks" similar to
what he had seen by
us on the above reasons.

+ + + + +

Finally

Finally, whatever the man was on and
after the 9th September, on the 6th
and 7th, the man was ^{as} insane as
a man could be, and I may mention
that my Senior Subordinates noticed
the case too; and other unprofessional
people who saw him had no doubt
whatever of the man's insanity.

How any "Sane" man could allow
himself to be brought before medical
men, questioned, his case recorded
before him and finally taken to the
Lunatic Asylum, without showing
some resistance, or even complain-
ing of such treatment to us, is
certainly a perfect marvel to me
and Surgeon Capt. Donovan.

I have seen

(Signed) H. D. Cook M.B.
Surgeon 1st District

(True copy)
W. F. de Zabeck M.D.
S. M. Genl.

Surgeon General of Govt
of Madras

1892
Jud. Dept.
Enclos. No. 1
To
C. No. 4552

Confidential

OFFICE OF

WITH THE GOVERNMENT

Madras 21st Oct
Fort St. George,

No. 452

From Surgeon Major Genl: W. F. de Zabeck M.D.

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras
Fort St. George,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT,

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the
Official Visitors Report of the Lunatic
Asylum, Madras for the month of
September 1892.

2. With reference to para 10 of the
Report in which remarks are made
regarding the admission of one
Kunji Kalappen, a native of Malabar,
I called upon the Superintendent for
a full report of the case. A copy
of this report together with its
accompaniments in original
are herewith forwarded
the inform

3. The

Finally, what D. Cook, Surgeon 1st District
after was and Surgeon Captain
and man 27th Regiment R.I. the
former Officer who is under
my orders was called upon
to explain under what circum-
stances it was granted. I enclose
for the information of Govern-
ment a copy of his explanation
from which it will be seen that
Surgeon Lt. Col. Cook signed the
Certificate after observation of
the man on more than one
occasion, and the facts now
mentioned confirm the opinion
framed by him and the other
Medical Officers who signed
the Certificate, that the in-
dividual was insane, at least
on the several occasions
appeared before them.

(True copy)

W. J. A. S. H.

Surgeon General of Govt
of Madras

Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant.

W. J. A. S. H.
S. M. Genl.

Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras

The case was quite in order as I
noted before. The only remark called for
is that Dr. Cook would have been on
well advised to have noted in the certifi-
cate as facts indicating insanity, all
those which he had observed & which
apparently constituted the basis on
which he acted. It is quite possible
that the man was drugged for the
occasion of his interview with Dr. Cook.
As to the copies, the Vakil may have
copies of the documents connected
with the main admission to the
Asylum, or his furnishing proper
Vakalat to show that he is acting
for Kallappa Rao.

31 Oct.

CONFIDENTIAL No. 381

From Surgeon General W. F. de Falcous
THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George.

CHIEF SECRETARY
26 OCT 192

Dated 26th } October 1892.
Recd. 26th }

8 Enclosures

No.

Subject.

Forwards offl. visitors

Report of the Madras Lunatic
Asylum for September 92
and submits his remarks
Con para 10 regarding the
admission of one Kunji
Kallappen of Malabar

True copy
of
The Surgeon General of Madras

C. No. 4552. 4553

The Hon. Sir H. Sturtess K.C.S.D.
The Hon. W. Garstin C.S.D.

For Orders.

Cl. In the second current read above
the S.G. refers for orders a letter
from a vakil, acting on behalf of
the lunatic who case is described
in C. No. 4552, asking for copies
of the certificates & documents
under which Kunji Kallappen
was confined. This is the case referred
to in the memo of 25.10.92. No 1670
linked with this which has gone out. Fur-
ther report seems however hardly to be called
for now.

The order of the 25th 10.92 and the
S.G. report crossed one another.
No further report appears to be
called for.

It is quite possible and indeed from
what is said in the statement of
the case of the Supt. Dr. Sturtess
very probable that Kunji Kallappen
was on the S.G.'s list of his
mind for it is shown that he had
been taking opium and that he
took Ganja through arrested that
he indulged in neither first before
he appeared before Dr. Cook who
appears to be very positive as to
the man's condition when he saw
him and says that Dr. Donovane
fully concerned with him as to
the insanity of Kunji Kallappen.
May the copies asked for be given.
If the man was put into the asylum
on false pretences he should be substituted
he given every facility for proving this and
obtaining release from there in March
1900

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Memo
Again ~~G.O.~~, dated 25th Oct 1892, No. 1670.
Again G.O., dated 18, No.
Current No. of 18, dated from

Current No. 4552 of 1892, dated 26. Oct from The Surgeon Genl.

Order. 75. 11. 92. No 2074. This
Recorded with the remark
that Dr. Cook would have been well
advised to have noted in the certificate
as facts indicating insanity all those
which he had observed and which
apparently constituted the basis on
which he acted

(From Orders)

MMS
3.11.92-

Cl.
2.11.

Surgeon Genl
[with five enclosures (Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7) returned] 57/1.

Initial

Limnatic Kunzi Kallapen

1891 18 250 22

CS

From orders

1891 18 250 22

Order

Account with the names
that the order have been sent
to the order in the original
as for the order in the original
which is the order and which
is the order in the original
which is the order

(From order)

Limnatic Kunzi Kallapen

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[Despatch Abstract.]

~~Lunatic~~ Kumbhi Kellaporn
Mannanor. Regarding cordy
report regarding the detention
of - in the Madras Lunatic
Asylum.