

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 2 162

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[Despatch Abstract.]

LUNATIC ASYLUM, CALICUT.

Stating that the District Magistrate and District Judge could arrange to inspect the----, in alternative months in company with the Civil Surgeon, and requesting the District Magistrate to state whether there is any officer whose appointment as an additional official visitor he can suggest.

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"In 1893 there were 5 meetings at which two or more visitors were present.

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"In 1894, two meetings were held at which two or more visitors were present and two visits were made by single visitors. Copy of Proceedings of the meeting held on the 28th June were forwarded to the District Magistrate on the 1st July 1895 for transmission to Government through the Surgeon General x x x x."

2. The District Magistrate, through whom the Superintendent submitted his report, has made the following remarks on it.

"Inspected. This Asylum was inspected by Surgeon Major Robertson on the 23rd January 1894.
"In 1894, the Asylum was first inspected by the District Magistrate on the 11th May 1894. Dr. Bradley again inspected it on the 13th July 1894 - this time in company with the Sessions Judge. Dr. Bradley was in camp during early part of the year and had the Asylum not again in April. The Sessions Judge visited the Asylum on the following dates - 13-7-94, 24-10-94, 8-11-94, 21-12-94. I paid visits on 17-8-94, 4-9-94, 8-11-94. In 1895, the Sessions Judge paid visits on 12-2-95 and 28-6-95. I visited it on 5-5-95, 28-6-95 and 6-9-95. The Lunatic Asylum is four miles from the Collector's Bungalow and during the monsoon the road was very bad. The District Magistrate has to be in camp constantly. It is scarcely possible for him to visit the Asylum every month."

3. The District Magistrate's remarks are followed by those of the Sessions Judge who state that "the requirements of the Law passed in 1858 seems to be more arduous in this year of grace - 1895 (when the burdens laid upon District Magistrates and Sessions and District Judges are often heavier than they can bear) than they would have been considered then. Speaking for myself I must declare that I have not the time to spare to fulfil the required obligations and I therefore beg to suggest that the duties of Official Visitors either be curtailed or that more of them be appointed so that the work may be more equally shared among the various officials of the District. The work too is of the most unpleasant kind."

4. I cannot see how the duties of the Official Visitors can be curtailed as suggested by the Sessions Judge. The only course therefore to ensure regular monthly meetings in future appears to me to increase the number of visitors and their number should be decided in consultation with the Collector, who will be in a position to advise as to who should in addition be nominated.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant

L. Robertson
Surgeon Major General
Surgeon General with Govt of Madras
C. R.

CURRENT No. 4503
Judicial (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From
SURGN.-MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

To
The Honble the Chief Secretary
Government

No. 473.

ENCLOSURES.

Dated 20th September 1895.
Received

CHIEF SECRETARY
No.
23 SEP. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Reporting upon the non-
attendance of the monthly meetings
of the Official Visitors of the Lunatic
Asylum Calicut.

Ref. No.
(1) Please put up to J.O. for
(2) The asylum was not inspected
properly since 88. Has the matter been brought
under notice of Govt. & so far as order has been
been passed on it. A.M. Sub. 26/9/95

Q. 10448 24.9.95R.
" 9408 21.8.95"

For orders

From this report it will be
seen that the visitors of the
lunatic asylum, Calicut, have
not been inspecting the asylum
regularly once a month for
some years past as required
by Sec. 3 of Act XXXVI of 1858.
The Supdt. of the Asylum, the S. Magistrate
& the Sessions Judge are the official
visitors of this asylum.

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS.

From the foregoing current it
will be seen that the official
visitors of the Calicut lunatic
asylum have not been
inspecting that institution
regularly once a month for
some years past as required
by Sec. 3 of Act XXXVI of 1858.
only three official visitors
appear to have been appointed
for this asylum and these
are the Supdt. of the asylum,
the S. Magistrate & the Sessions
Judge of S. Malabar. The S.
Magistrate reports that it is
not possible for him to visit
the asylum every month in-
as much as he has to be in
Camp constantly. The Sessions
Judge states that he

* Note Rule 26 of the rules of 5.08.20
6.08.20. 1895 in page
39 of the lunatic asylum Code.

cannot spare time to fulfill the obligations imposed by law in this respect and suggests that either the duties of the official visitors should be curtailed or some more of them should be appointed so that the work may be more equally shared among the various officials of the D. As the P. B. observes the duties of the official visitors cannot be curtailed without an amendment of the existing law. The only alternative left seems to be to increase the number of official visitors.

The average daily strength of the asylum during 1894 was 98.07.

There is no harm in doing this but it is submitted that the Dist. Magt. & Dist. Judge could very easily arrange to inspect the asylum in alternate months in company with the Civil Surgeon who is the other official visitor as well as the Supt. This is all that is required by law. The difficulty is

Monthly inspection of the Lunatic asylum.
Curtailed

FOR ORDERS.

H. W.

* Vide Sec 3 of Act XXXI of 1888.

There are more than 3 at present. I should say that the Dist. Magt. & Dist. Judge could very easily arrange to inspect the asylum in alternate months in company with the Civil Surgeon who is the other official visitor as well as the Supt. This is all that is required by law. The difficulty is

15/10/95
 the number of visitors is to find
 better means to put in. Includes
 the Col. Magt. who is consulted.
 in time. Officers are over-
 worked nowdays and
 my little addition is not
 more than towards
 making the committee
 13/10/95

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 500-21-5-95.

Just. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings.

Again G.O., dated 21st August 1895, No. 940 Routine

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Current No. 4503 of 1895, dated 20.9.95 from Surgeon-General

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ORDER. 24 October 1895 No 2062

As it appears to Govt., the St. Magt. and St. Judge could without much difficulty manage to inspect the Asylum in alternative months in company with the Civil Surgeon, an arrangement which ^{will} satisfy the requirements of the law. The St. Magt. will however be requested to state whether there is any officer whose appointment as an additional official visitor he can suggest.

(From orders)

21.10.95

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The St. Magt., P. Malabar
 " Surgeon-General (R.G.)

21/10/95

Inspection of the Lunatic Asylum, Calicut.

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