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- REVISION OF STATEMENTS VI AND VII APPENDED TO LUNATIC ASYLUM REPORTS.

Requesting the Surgeon-General to quote the authority under which the heading of Column II of statement VI appended to the Lunatic Asylum Report for 1894 has been altered from "not yet diagnosed" into "no appreciable disease," and addressing the Government of India on the subject.

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From

Surgeon Major-General C, Sibthorpe, F. R. C. P. I.

Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras,
Madras,

Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,
Madras, 4th October 1895.

To

The Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1754, Judicial of the 22nd August 1895, communicating for early remarks letter No. $\frac{12\ \text{Medl}}{525}$ of the 31st July 1895 from the officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Medical, I have the honour to state that a great deal of attention has, of late year been devoted to the improvements of the records maintained in the Asylums in this Presidency.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Government of India's letter under referen Form B is the form used exclusively for private patients and is filled up by the friend or relative who signs the order for admission (at the top of the form) and it is therefore outside the province of a Magistrate to give the information requi

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in that statement. The Superintendent of the Madras Asylum points out that the only document which affords any clue to the supposed cause of insanity in cases other than those of private patients is the "Medical History Sheet" prescribed in G. O. No. 786 Judicial dated the 29th March 1894, which is prepared by the Medical Officer except only in cases of Criminals judicially acquitted, when the acquitting Court is answerable for the form. It would therefore appear that the law has laid on the Medical Officer, as most competent to form an opinion, the duty of stating what can be assigned as the supposed cause of 'insanity'. This being so, it seems that the proper person, from whom to expect ? any information on the point at issue is the Medical Officer and not the Magistrate, who, however, might afford valuable collateral information as to antecedents, habits, &ca; that may have come to his knowledge. The Superintendent also points out "as regards —— the 'cause' of insanity it must be confessed that it is next to impossible to fix absolutely the real cause of the mental disorder in any case; at the best, we can only presume at a supposed cause or alleged cause — no

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no more. And this, for reasons sufficiently obvious. Take as a typical example, a case of frequent occurrance in the Presidency Town. A man picked up by the Police sleeping on the beach in a semi-nude state in an advanced state of starvation and of whom absolutely nothing in the shape of previous history, name, residence, present habits, can be discovered; he is confined for a week or so in the local Penitentiary under observation, and viewing his physical state, the Medical Officer alleges 'Privation and Starvation' to be the cause. This same insane, as often occurs, admits (after admission into the Asylum) during a lucid interval, that he was addicted to gunjah or some other narcotic and that he lost his head through over-indulgence. Now it would be equally feasible in my opinion to assign either as the supposed cause, for, in the former we have a condition beyond doubt that frequently, at its close, leads to mental aberration, while in the latter only a statement by the insane for the veracity of which

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which we cannot vouch. Instances similar to this might be multiplied and to arrive at an approximately definite conclusion is very difficult. The course pursued at the Asylum and one that I trust will commend itself is, after carefully considering what has been cited as the alleged cause in his case and the man's subsequent behaviour together with any further information elicited from him to assign what appears most reasonably to be the probable cause. Beyond this I think it is impossible to speak with certainty." I concur with these remarks of the Superintendent.

3. With reference to para 5 of the letter, I consider Statement II should be simplified and should deal only with the "types of insanity", adhering strictly to the terms used in the official Nomenclature of Diseases of 1885 pages 30 and 31.

not available in L or G.R.

Column 10 is valuable as it is - viz "other forms of insanity to be specified in footnotes".

Column 11th. - "No appreciable disease" should I think read "no appreciable mental disease", and should include

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supposed lunatics detained under Section 6. a, of the Lunatic Asylum Act who have not been declared lunatics - I think there should be a separate column for cases "not yet diagnosed."

para 6?

4. With reference to the proposals in para 5 of the letter, it appears to me that it would be better to do away with this form altogether and direct the Medical Officers to deal with the "causes of insanity", under the subheadings of physical and moral and giving their reasons in each case, in the professional part of their Annual report. If it is retained, I think it would be a mistake doing away with the subheadings of moral causes. The Column however, might be conveniently reduced in number by including a number under one heading, for example, grief misfortune, disappointment, loss of property, loss of friends, anger, fright, nervous shock, disgrace might all be embodied under "mental anxiety including the above causes."

5. In the Madras Asylum "Case books" or journals are maintained personally by the Superintendent who gives all the particulars mentioned in paragraph 7 of the letter under report. These books are included in the list of records to be kept up. In the case of deaths amongst the insanes occurring in any of the Asylums a special casualty report on a printed form is submitted for my information.

6. In this connection I would like to call attention to the different "headings" under which I made my Annual Report on these Asylums (Letter No. 353.A dated the 9th April 1895, Vide G. O. No. 1303 & 4, Judicial, of the 18th June 1895) If the administrative and professional reports from all the Asylums in India were made on uniform lines it would generally facilitate their comparison.

Govt. of India is the only authority that is likely to want to compare them, & if ~~they~~ it finds any difficulty in doing so it will probably mention it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
C. Sibthorpe
Surgn: Major Genl.
Surgeon General with
the Govt. of Madras.

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Judicial (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

To

No. 4031

ENCLOSURES. Nil

Dated 4th } October 1895.
Recd. 6th }
Regd 7th

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CHIEF SECRETARY
-6 OCT. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Regarding the maintenance of records in the Lunatic Asylums of the Madras Presy

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1 Copies of Lunatic asylum reports for 93 & 94
2 Copy of [illegible] [illegible]
3 Appropriate register [illegible] 9/10/95

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9/5/85 No 1096 — "
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I agree with all this, including the U.S.'s notes on the office note.
16/11/95

See the letter recorded in G.O. of 22 Sept. 95 No 1754. The Govt. of India commented upon the unreliable nature of the information contained in the records of Lunatic Asylums as to the causes of insanity and upon the unsuitability for the purpose for which they were designed, of the present statements VI & VII appended to the Lunatic Asylum report. With a view therefore of remedying these defects it has suggested for ~~adoption~~ consideration certain modifications in the existing procedure and these are dealt with below.

2. The statement appended to Form 13 of the schedule to the Lunatic Asylums Act, XXXVI 1858

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requires the person issuing an order in Form B for the reception of a lunatic into ~~the~~ an Asylum to furnish information as to the supposed cause of insanity. If there is any doubt as to the cause in any case & if there are no facts upon which he can base his opinion, he can, under the existing law, abstain from recording what appears to him to be the supposed cause. It is proposed that in such cases the person issuing the order should be required to note on the form the facts which have ~~given~~ given rise to such doubt. If, on the other hand, an entry is made of the supposed cause, it would be liable to correction by the Supdt. of the Asylum ~~to~~ in his case book or register. To enable the Supdt to discharge this duty in a satisfactory manner it is suggested that, in cases in which the information as to the cause of insanity is insufficient, obscure or of doubtful

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

accuracy, the Supdt. should address the Magistrate concerned with a view to further enquiries being instituted in the matter. Such enquiries might then be made either by the Magistrate himself or by a Magistrate subordinate to him, but not by the Police or other subordinate officials.

As the Surgeon Genl. points out these suggestions appear to have been made under some misapprehension as to the use of ~~Form~~ Form B appended to the Lunatic Asylums Act, XXXVI of 1858, Sec. 7 of which requires that form to be used only in cases of applications for the reception of private patients into the Presidency Lunatic Asylums. In the case of other patients admitted into the Madras Asylum and of those received in the Mofussil Asylums a statement in Form B is not required by law. The Govt. of India seem therefore to be in error in thinking that such a statt.

should be furnished in all cases. At the same time it is practicable in this Presy. to provide for reliable information as to the causes of insanity being afforded in all cases. Revised Rules× 9 & 22 of the Lunatic Asylum Code requires the submission of a Medical History sheet (containing among other things information as to the cause of insanity) in every case ~~[illegible]~~ except× those referred to in Sec. 7 of Act XXXVI of 1858 and these rules having been issued under the provisions of this Act should be considered to have the force of law. Under G.O. d. 13th Sept. 94. No 2224. Judl., this Medl. History sheet should be prepared by the Medl. officer who prepared the Medl. certificate in Form A except in the cases falling under Sec. 471. C.C.P, in which cases it should be prepared by the acquitting Court in communication, if necessary, with the Medical officer. The

× Vide G.O. d. 20. June 94. No 1505

× See G.O. d. 29. March 94. No 786
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The effect of all these orders is that a statement of the lunatic's case or Medical History sheet should be furnished

(i) by the relative or friend of the lunatic in the case of a civil lunatic sent to a Presy. Asylum under Sec. 7 of Act XXXVI of 1858;

(ii) by the acquitting Court in communication, if necessary, with the Medical officer in cases of admissions of criminal lunatics under Sec. 471. C.C.P.

(iii) by the Medical officer who prepares the Medl. certificate in Form A in other cases, viz. in cases of admissions of (a) civil lunatics under Secs. 4, 5 & 6 of Act XXXVI of 1858, (b) criminal lunatics under Sec. 466, C.C.P., (c) convict lunatics under Sec. 31 of Act V of 1871, & (d) Military lunatics under Act XI of 1877.

From the above it will be seen that it is the Medical officer who generally prepa

Note
A M.H.S. does not appear to be necessary in the case of a person found lunatic by inquisition under Act XXXV of 1858 or under an enquiry directed by an order of the High Court under Act XXXIV of 1858. In such cases however the Courts will very rarely act except upon the certificate of a Medl. officer & if this certificate is given the Medl. officer will be bound under Rule 26 of the Lunatic Asylum Code to furnish a M.H.S. as well (vide revised rule under cover of G.O. d. 20. June 94 No 1505).

the M. H. S. in this Presy. and that the diagnosis of the disease will therefore be more accurate than what is probably the case elsewhere. There seems however to be no objection to adopting the suggestions of the Govt. of India as to requiring persons issuing an order in Form B to note on the form the facts which have created doubts in their minds as to the cause of insanity in individual cases and as to the ascertainment of the cause of insanity in cases in which the information already furnished on the matter is incomplete or erroneous.

It is submitted that all this should be explained to the Govt. of India in this Govt's reply. This seems to be another case in which India has issued orders without an exact knowledge of the procedure already in force in the various Provinces.

3. In para 5 of his letter The Govt. of India expresses the opinion that Statement VI appended to the Lunatic Asylum reports is too elaborate and confuses the causes with the types of insanity. It therefore proposes to show the types in Statt. VI & the causes in Statt. VII. To attain this object it suggests

(i) that col. 7 (toxic insanity) with all its sub-divisions and col. 8 (insanity associated

with obvious morbid change or changes in the brain) be omitted, cases of toxic insanity being shown under the types in cols. 2 to 6 of the statement and distributed as to causes in Statt. VIII, &

(ii) that ~~other~~ persons sent to the asylum as lunatics & who have since recovered and those detained under sec. 6A of the Lunatic Asylums Act be shown in col. 10 and that the heading of this col. be altered into "Declared to have recovered or not yet diagnosed" or to some other suitable heading.

The S. Genl. is in favour of showing the types of insanity in one statement as proposed by the Govt. of India, the terms used in the Official Nomenclature of Diseases, 1885, being strictly adhered to in describing the types. This suggestion may perhaps be accepted, as well as the proposal that cols. 7 & 8 should be abolished.

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Dr Sibthorpe however is opposed to amending col. 10 x in the manner suggested by the S. G. I. He would retain it as it stands and provide a separate col. for cases "not yet diagnosed". ~~col. 10~~ this col. seems to afford information of some interest and it is not certain that the S. G. I. had intended to omit it. Col. 10 quoted in para 5 of the Home Dept. letter under reply is probably a misprint for col. x 11 (not yet diagnosed) x. Anyway it seems to be desirable to support the Supreme Govt.'s recommendation that col. 10 should be allowed to stand as it is. There seems however to be no reason why a separate col. should not be provided for cases "not yet diagnosed" & why ~~cases~~ lunatics "declared to have recovered" also should not be shown in it. If necessary the former class of cases might also be shown as footnotes.

Dr Sibthorpe's proposal to amend col. 11 x is not intelligible. The word quoted by him – viz "No appreciable disease" – does not appear in the revised statement prescribed in the H. D. Resolution recorded in G. O. of 16 Aug. 93, No 1601 & in the Lunatic Asylum reports of other Presidencies. It is not clear under what authority the S. Genl. altered the heading of col. 11 from "Not yet diagnosed" into "No appreciable disease". He may be asked to explain. The altered heading appears for the first time in the report for 1894.

4. The ~~Supreme~~ Govt. of India further x considers that the divisions as to causes in Statement x VII is unnecessarily minute and expresses the opinion that the whole of the columns under the heading "Moral causes" might with advantage be abolished and all such cases included under one general heading "Moral causes".

Dr Sibthorpe would abolish this statement altogether and would "direct the Medical "officers to deal with the

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x "Other forms of insanity to be specified in foot-notes".

x in Statt. VI under cover of G. O. of 16. Aug. 93. No 1601

inasmuch as, if the former col. were amended as proposed, there would be no necessity to retain the latter col. & the Govt. of India has not said anything about col. 11.

x "Not yet diagnosed"

x (No 5024.

(x For correct form of this statn. please see G.O. 1601/16.8.93.)

Seeing what guess work much of these "diagnoses" are admitted to be, the point seems to be of very minor importance

"causes of insanity" under the
"sub headings of physical & moral
"and giving their reasons in each
"case in the professional part
"of their annual report." If, however, it is to be retained, he would deprecate the proposed omission of sub. headings of moral causes, but would reduce their number by showing a number of such causes under one heading; for example, "grief, misfortune, disappointment, loss of property, loss of friends, anger, fright, nervous shock, disgrace might all be embodied under "mental anxiety including the above causes"."

Dr. Lethrope does not seem to have made out a case for the abolition of Statt. VII. The primary purpose of this statement is connected with the aetiology of insanity and the main object for which the present Resoln. was issued by the G. of I. was to secure reliable information

As there were 806 cases in the asylum last year the professional part of the annual report would be expanded into a volume by itself if this course was adopted.

In writing this he had evidently before him the incorrect form of Statt. VII which he adopted in the last annual report. India's second letter, which he has not seen, shows that his proposals wd. be regarded as too complicated.

But the S.G. does not propose to avoid recording such information. He wants to record it in the report instead of in the statement.

as to the causes of insanity. It is not therefore likely that that Govt. would accept any suggestion for the abolition of this statt. The statement moreover affords interesting information. It is therefore submitted that the S. Surgn's recommendation in this matter need not be supported. Nor does his objection to the proposed omission of the sub-divisions under the head "Moral Causes" appear to be a weighty one. It is perhaps very difficult to ascribe insanity to any particular moral cause and it would be misleading to assign it to any such cause unless that cause has been ascertained on enquiry to be the correct one. In these circumstances the suggestions of the G. of I. as regards this statement may perhaps be accepted in their entirety.

5. In para 7 of the Home Dept. letter under reply it is proposed—

(i) That a case book or registe

should be kept by Supdts. of Lunatic Asylums for the purpose of recording the history, symptoms etc. of each case; and

(ii) that this book should be included as one of the prescribed records and that it should contain in respect of each lunatic the "information given in the "statt. with full particulars "regarding the cause of insanity "and the nature of the in- "quiries which have been "made towards elucidating "the facts noted: the history "of the case, condition & symp- "toms on admission, facts, "etc. observed while in "confinement with treat- "ment, and, in case of "death, the appearance, etc. "observed on post mortem "examination."

Rule 65[*] of the Lunatic Asylum Code requires Supdts. of L. As. to maintain two Journals or case books, one for recording information as regards European & East Indian

patients & the other as regards Native patients and the S. G. reports that the Journals kept in the Madras Asylum afford information on all the points mentioned by the S. G. I. It is not clear however whether the Journals maintained in the Calicut & Vizag. Asylums ~~[illegible]~~ also contain ~~furnish~~ information on all these points & there seems to be no reason why they should not. The suggestions of the S. G. I. in this matter may therefore be accepted.

6. In the concluding para. of his letter the S. G. invites attention to the different headings under which he drew up his last report on Lunatic Asylums and says that if "the administrative & professional "reports from all the Asylums "in India were made on one "uniform lines it would generally "facilitate their comparison". It may perhaps be convenient to have all the asylum reports drawn up on one uniform lines, though one

[*] See page 54 of the book entitled "Laws relating to Lunatics"

would be more inclined to refer to the statements in the appendix rather than to the body of the report for purposes of comparison. But anyhow this is beside the point at present, is not alluded to in India's letter & cannot be well referred to in this Govt's reply thereto apropos of nothing in particular

H.T. 6/11/95

14/11/95

Re the maintenance of record in the Lunatic Asylum & the revision of Statts. VI & VII attached L. A. report

H. M.

(For orders)

Ref.

Col. 11 of Statt. VI prescribed in G.O. 16 Aug. 93, No 1601. runs "not yet diagnosed" the col. in the last report runs "no appreciable disease". Is there any authority for this change please? See the ... of the last review

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I have not been able to trace any authority for this W.K.D. 6/11

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Papers to be read in proceedings :—

X – Again G.O., dated 22. Aug. 1895, No. 1754
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" " " 189 , " , "

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The S. G. of I. will be addressed

2. The S. S. will be requested to quote the authority under which the heading of col. 11 of Statement VI appended to the Lunatic Asylum report for 1894 has been altered from "not yet diagnosed" into "no appreciable disease".

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To the S. S. despd 13/12/95

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To the Secy. to the G. of I.
H. D.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Hewett's letter d. 31 July 95, No 12 Med./525, in which the opinion of this Govt. is sought upon certain proposals for ensuring that the ~~correct~~ causes of insanity ~~being~~ are correctly recorded in the registers kept in ~~of~~ Lunatic asylums and for amending the forms of Statements VI & VII appended to the annual reports on these asylums.

2. In reply, I am to say that H. E. the G. in C. fully recognizes the importance of maintaining ~~of~~ a correct record ~~as~~ of ~~to~~ the causes of insanity ~~in such cases~~ ~~being maintained~~ of all patients admitted into these ~~in Lunatic Asylums~~ Institutions but entertains doubts whether to attain this end the course indicated in para 4 of the letter under reply can, under the existing law, be adopted in all cases. ~~to attain this end.~~ Sec. 7 of the Lunatic Asylums Act XXXVI of 1858 requires the submission of a statement of such particulars as are contained in Form B in the Schedule to the Act only in cases of applications for the reception of private patients into the Presidency

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X I don't quite understand this.

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asylums. In the case of other patients admitted into the Presidency Asylums and of those received in the Mofussil asylums such a statement does not ~~seem~~ appear to be required by law and cannot therefore be demanded by Supts. In this Presidency, however, steps have already been taken to ensure that, as far as is possible under the difficulties that must necessarily beset such an enquiry, the real causes of each case of insanity shall be accurately recorded. ~~At the same time it is practicable in this Presy. to provide for reliable information as to the cause of insanity being afforded in all cases.~~ Rules 9 & 22× of the rules issued by the Local Govt. under the provisions of Act XXXVI of 1858 require the submission of a Medical History Sheet (containing among other particulars ~~things~~ information as to the cause of insanity) in the form appended× to this communication in every case except those referred to in Sec. 7 of the Act and ~~[illegible] of this Govt. of 13 Sept. 94 No. 2224 [illegible] (copy enclosed)~~. This Medl. History Sheet, as will be seen from its heading, has to be ~~prepared~~ drawn by the Medl. Officer who prepares the Medical certificate in Form A appearing in the Schedule

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× Copy enclosed.
(copy the new rules under cover G.O. of 20-6-94, No. 1505)

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Send a copy of the M. H. S. in G.O. of 29-3-94, No. 786 with the heading amended as in G.O. 13-9-94, No. 2224.

to the Act, except in cases falling under Sec. 471, ~~criml~~ Code of Criml Procedure, in which ~~cases~~ instances it has to be prepared by the acquitting Court in communication, if necessary, with the Medical Officer. The effect of these ~~orders~~ rules is that a statement of the lunatic's case or Medl. History sheet is furnished in this Presy.

(i) by the relative or friend of the lunatic in the case of a Civil lunatic sent to the Presidency asylum under Sec. 7 of Act XXXVI of 1858,

(ii) by the acquitting Court in communication, if necessary, with the Medl. Officer in cases of admissions of criminal lunatics under Sec. 471. C.C.P.,

(iii) by the Medl. Officer who prepares the Medical certificate in Form A in other cases, viz, in cases of admissions of (a) Civil lunatics under Secs 4, 5 & 6 of Act XXXVI of 1858

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(b) criminal lunatics under Sec 466. C.C.P.; (c) convict lunatics under Sec 31 of Act V of 1871, & (d) Military lunatics under Act XI of 1877

A Medl. History sheet does not appear to be necessary in the case of a person found lunatic by inquisition under Act XXXV of 1858 or under an enquiry directed by an order of the High Court under Act XXXIV of 1858. In such cases however the Courts are not likely to act except upon the certificate of a Medical Officer and, if this certificate is given, the Medical Officer will be bound under Rule 26[+] of the Lunatic Asylum rules ~~in force in this Presy.~~ to furnish a Medl. History Sheet as well.

3. From the preceding paragraph it will be seen that in this Presidency it is almost invariably the Medl. Officer ~~generally~~ who prepares the Medl. History sheet ~~in this Presy.~~ and

+ Copy enclosed.
Copy the new rule in G.O. of 20-6-94, No 1505

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H.E. the G. in C. considers that his procedure ensures that in each ~~case~~ instance ~~that~~ the diagnosis ~~as to the~~ will be as accurate as ~~it is possible to~~ it is practicable to make it in such difficult cases ~~cause of insanity would therefore be as a rule accurate.~~ ~~In these circumstances H.E.~~ ~~I am to say H.E. in C.~~ and accordingly recommends that the existing practice (may be left undisturbed) so far as this Presy. is concerned. There ~~is however~~ appears to be no objection to the adoption of the suggestion~~s~~ of the S. of I. ~~as to requiring~~ that persons issuing an order in Form B ~~to~~ should be required to note on the form the facts which have given rise to doubts in their mind as to the cause of insanity in individual cases and as to the ascertainment of the cause of insanity in cases in which the information already furnished on the matter ~~is~~ found to be incomplete or erroneous.

4. The suggestion that the types of insanity should be shown in Statt. VI & the causes in Statt. VII ~~is~~ commends ~~approved by~~ itself to this Govt., as ~~well~~ does also the proposal that

cols. 7 & 8 of the former statt. should be abolished. The Surgeon Genl. with this Govt. recommends that the terms used in the Official Nomenclature of Diseases, 1885, may be adhered to in describing the types ~~of insanity~~. & I am to commend this suggestion ~~for~~ to the favourable consideration of H.E. the G.G. in C.

~~It is not clear~~ There appears to be some doubt whether the Govt. of India ~~had~~ intended to omit the col. ~~heading~~ headed "Other forms of insanity to be specified in foot-note" ~~[illegible]~~ appearing in statt. VI and whether col. 10 ~~quoted~~ referred to in para 5 of the Home Dept. letter under reply is not a misprint for col. 11 ("not yet diagnosed"). Col. 10 seems to afford information of some interest and this Govt. is not therefore in favour of its abolition. ~~It [illegible] however~~ There appears, however, to be no objection to ~~providing~~ the provision of a separate col. for cases declared to have recovered or "not yet diagnosed" ~~and~~ ~~for showing~~ for the inclusion therein

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of persons ~~who were sent to the asylum as lunatics~~ & who have after admission recovered, as well as those detained under Sec 6 A of the Lunatic Asylums Act, cases of the ~~former~~ latter class (viz, those not diagnosed) being, if necessary, shown also ~~as~~ in footnotes.

5. The amendment proposed to Statt VII seems suitable and meets with the approval of H. E. in C.

6. This Govt is also in accord with the suggestions contained in para 7 of the letter under reply. Registers of the kind therein referred to ~~are already maintained in the Asylums in this Presy & these registers~~ and affording the information on the points mentioned by the S. G. I. are already included among the records prescribed for maintenance in Asylums in this Presidency.

21/11/95.

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Re the maintenance of records in the Lunatic Asylums & the revision of Statts VI & VII appended to L. A. report

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