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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 198	~~Press~~ Mis.
Dated 6.3.1883	

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25/20/200
J. S. M.

No. 28.

This to certify that I have carefully examined 3^d C. Constable
Kondial no 261. Son of Narasimal. Police
Force.

His age is by his own
statement 24 years and by appearance about 24 years I consider
Kondial no 261 to be completely and permanently incapacitated
for further service of any kind in the Department to which he belongs, in
consequence of greatly deficient physique; Syphilis;
and Constitutional debility.

His incapacity does not appear to have been caused by irregular or
intemperate habits. He has not been under general Medical treatment
Treated with.

1801 William O'Hara

Surgeon-Major

29. Zillah Surgeon, Nellore,

Member.

1906

Nellore,

19th Sept.

2. J. C. P. M. O. H.

23rd Feb.

Zillah Surgeon, Nellore.

No 53.

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This to certify that I have carefully examined 3^d Cl. Constable
Soniak No 739 - Son of Nussimulo. of the
Nellore Police Force.

His age is by his own
statement 20 years and by appearance about 25 years I consider
Soniak No 739 to be completely and permanently incapacitated
for further service of any kind in the Department to which he belongs, in
consequence of Debility; Emaciation; Syphilitic
Detailed Statement. Has been 13 months in the Police
Force; his physique has greatly deteriorated & his chest
Measurement is 2 in. below the standard. He is suf-
fering from Syphilis in its tertiary form & is never likely to be a serviceable
Policeman

His incapacity does not appear to have been caused by irregular or
intemperate habits. He has ~~not~~ been under general Medical treatment
Treated with Iodine, Antisyphilitics &c.

Wm. O'Hara

Surgeon-Major

Q. J. Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, } Member.

Nellore,

3^d October

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Tracy J. M. J. G.

Nellore

23^d Feb. 83.

Zillah Surgeon, Nellore.

No 1009

District Police Office, Madras
dated 14th December 802.

From The Superintendent of Police, +
Madras District.

To The Zilla Surgeon.
Madras.

Sir

I am directed by the Inspector
General of Police, at the instance of
the Madras Government, to ask you
with reference to Medical Certificates
nos 28 and 53 dated 25th September &
3rd October 1882 granted in behalf of
late 3rd class Constable 261 Kondial
& 3rd class Constable 739 Somayah
respectively to state your opinion
clearly in each case as to whether you
consider that the Constables contracted
the disease (Lymphitis) themselves, or were
merely suffering from an hereditary
taint.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obed^t. servant

W. J. A. Sullivan

(Principal) Supt. of Police, Madras.

Surgeon

Zilla Surgeon, Madras

Recd
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From

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The Gillaib Singh
Dellah

To

The Superintendent
of Police
Dellah

Dated

18th January 1883

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Enclosures.

Your

Dated

No 6 2/9th January 1883

SUBJECT.

Sir,

With reference to
the above I have
the honor to inform
you that 3rd class
Constable Pandit
No 261 Dellah
Police Force was

from acquired Syphilis which
examined and invalidated by me.

I have the honor to

Dear,
Your Most Obedt Servt

(Sd) William O'Nasa

Surgeon
(Ag: Zillah Surgeon
Madras)

(True copy)

Madras
23rd Feb 1883

Major
Zillah Surgeon
Madras

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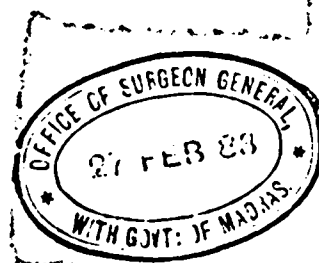
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Surgeon William O'Nasa

Zillah Surgeon & Madras

Secretary to the Surgeon General mth the Govt
of Madras



Sir,
With reference to your endorsement N: 915
dated 20.2.83 on G. O. N: 103 dated 8.2.83
I have the honor to submit for the information
of the Surgeon General true copies of the Cer-
tificates and memoranda therein referred to,
and to remark that the latter were intended
merely to qualify and define the certificates
originally granted.

2. In the official memorandum N: 97.24.12.82
as recorded in the above noted G. O. The "Inspector
General of Police is requested to call on
the Civil Surgeon Madras to state clearly why
he considers the incapacity of the individuals
in question was not caused by irregular
habits. The Govt desiring to be informed whether
they contracted the disease themselves, or were
merely suffering from an hereditary taint."
But in his letter N: 1009 dated 4.12.82,
(Copy herewith enclosed) the Superintendent
Madras Police Force however simply asked
whether the Syphilis from which the constables
were suffering was hereditary or acquired? &
the memorandum from this office answered the

the direct enquiry only.

3 In both instances the certificates were granted by me after a careful personal inspection; & the chief causes for which invaliding was recommended, entered in my own handwriting. It will be remembered that certain causes which justify the removal of a recruit from an established force like that of the Police would be inoperative as regards older men. In both cases under review Syphilis was an accompaniment of general debility and a radically defective physique. Both these conditions were no doubt aggravated by the disease; but how far they were independent of it, it is impossible to say. I cannot believe it to be intended that, the expression "irregular habits" is to be rendered as synonymous with "permanent incapacity for duty, arising from, or complicated with, acquired Syphilis." To those who are conversant with the laxity of morals prevalent amongst certain classes; with the fact that it is not impossible for, & frequently alleged that Syphilis is communicated to a man by his wife; and to those who see scores of men pass annually through a Police Hospital suffering from one form of venereal affection or another & yet leave it without the imputation of "irregular habits" being entered against their characters, it seems illogical to return every medically written case, that may happen the complicated with acquired Syphilis as due to irregular habits.

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Unless indeed the special signification above noted be accepted. In this respect the expression "result of his own imprudence" would be preferable.

Excepting in cases of repeatedly occurring venereal infection, or of gunga smoking or coming under the medical officer's direct supervision he will be unable to certify to the habits 'Regular' or 'irregular' of men sent up for invaliding; And so long as the possibility exists for a man to be inoculated by Syphilitic Syphilis, while leading what is commonly regarded by the people of his class as a regular life I consider it relatively unfair to him that solely from the accident of infection his conduct should be denoted "irregular." In about one hundred individuals invalided during the year, a very large proportion must have suffered at one time or another of their service from Venereal disease; their constitutions must to a greater or less extent have been impaired, and yet in according them pensions after a prolonged service it would be impossible to calculate with any degree of precision, of how many years' service their own imprudence had deprived the State. It is not, of course, pretended that deliberate vice is not the main cause of Venereal disease; the contention is that it is not the necessary cause, and that the existence of acquired Venereal disease, even so under the circumstances