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No. 118. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 28th August 1875, No. 4326:—

With reference to the enclosed petition, forwarded by the Assistant Secretary to Government for inquiry, I have the honor to state that it is written by an Office Head Constable, in the Bellary District, who is quite crazy. I saw him at Bellary last August during a lucid interval, but since then his head has gone wrong again, and he has been pestering me with letters and telegrams similar to the enclosed. I have directed that he shall be placed before a Medical Invaliding Committee, but the result is I think doubtful, as men thus afflicted frequently talk quite rationally when produced for examination.

2. I wish to represent a difficulty which seems to exist in this matter. Persons liable to fits of lunacy certainly ought not to be in the Police Department, and yet it is not easy to get rid of them. The Headquarter Inspector of Cuddapah, a very clever young man who had displayed great ability in my office, whence he was promoted, went crazy last year. I know this from his extraordinary conduct, from his letters, from his demeanour and conversation, and from his flying all over the country while on privilege leave calling on the Members of Government, British Residents, Chief Commissioner and Judges, and behaving himself in an extravagant manner. He was put before a Medical Officer who granted him sick leave, but said not a word about his mental ailment, nor has any medical practitioner who has since treated him made any allusion to this point. I am keeping a vacancy for him in my office, where, if he suddenly goes mad, it will not so much matter, but such men are obviously dangerous as police officers, and yet I doubt if a Committee will pronounce him insane. I have called for a Committee, and I also hope that the man is going to resign.

3. The case however which I wish specially to bring to notice is this. Last year fourth-class Inspector Mr. R. W. Frank, of the Malabar District, became suddenly crazy, at Cochin, at the time of the Mohurrum. He circulated bombastic handbills calling upon all Europeans and East Indians to assist the Police against an anticipated attack by the Mussulmans. He was sent for to Calicut where he became a dangerous lunatic, attacking his brother and other members of his family. He was put before the Medical Officer who gave him six months' sick leave to proceed to Madras for treatment in the Lunatic Asylum. I received letters from him written in the Asylum (how forwarded I know not) the style of which clearly showed that he was still insane. The other day I heard, to my surprise, that he had returned to his duty as a Police Inspector in Malabar. He brought with him a short certificate from the Superintendent of the Asylum to the effect that he was discharged as cured. A copy of this certificate is appended to this letter. If he should be put before an Invaliding Committee the decision doubtless would be that there is nothing the matter with him. This would be true at present, but I imagine it is a mere question of time when he will break out again. I enclose a statement of his service, and request the instructions of Government as to his disposal. It appears to me dangerous that such a man should remain in the

Executive Police Force, as, in the event of his again suddenly becoming insane, he might do great mischief before he could be restrained.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1875, No. 2025.

In the foregoing letter, the Inspector-General of Police asks what is to be done with men in the Police Force who are subject to fits of insanity, but who may not, when examined by a Medical Officer, be pronounced insane, or who after being a short time in a Lunatic Asylum are sent out as cured, but whom he cannot well entrust with Police duties.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion that in the case of men who, from short service, are not entitled to pension or gratuity, the proper course is for the Inspector-General to exercise his own discretion and dismiss them as unfit for service in the Police, recording his reasons for doing so.

3. In cases where men are entitled, by length of service, to pension or gratuity, the Inspector-General should suspend them, pending their being brought before a Medical Officer. If the Medical Officer refuses to certify to insanity, the Inspector-General should report the cases to Government with his recommendation for the removal of the men from the Police. The Government will then pass special orders allowing the men to receive the pension or gratuity to which they may be eligible under the Pension Rules.

4. The Inspector-General will adopt the course now prescribed in the case of the petitioner G. Narasinga Row; and also in that of fourth-class Inspector R. W. Frank, who should have been removed from the Police in the first instance.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
,, Pension Department.
,, Accountant-General.

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To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

&c., &c., &c.

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