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G.O., No. 481, 21st July 1897.

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Lunatics of Native States—Maintenance Charges.

Communicating to Political officers concerned proceedings, Public Department, resolving that Native States which have established proper lunatic asylums and maintain therein British subjects, free of charge, will not be held liable for the maintenance of such of their subjects as may be confined as civil lunatics in asylums in the Madras Presidency.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., No. 715, Public, dated 5th June 1897.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 163, Public, dated 18th February 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Residents at Hyderabad and in Travancore to re-address the Darbars concerned, in the light of the remarks made, regarding the maintenance charges of certain civil pauper lunatics, being subjects of those States, confined in the Lunatic Asylum, Vizagapatam, and stating that steps will be taken in the Political Department for issue of general orders to avoid misconception in future.

Read—also the following paper:—

From F. A. NICHOLSON, Esq., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp, Peermaad, 24th April 1897, Ref. on C. No. 1122.

Referring to G.O., Mis. No. 163, Public, dated 18th February 1897, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter, No. 2223-G.—933, dated 11th instant, from the Diwan of Travancore.

2. A large number of paupers and others find their way from British India into Travancore, and out of them not a few are half-witted or lunatic. There are in the Trivandrum Lunatic Asylum 96 inmates, of whom 9 are natives of British India; all being civil lunatics, and these have up to date been treated and maintained without question by the Travancore Sircar. Probably on a census of lunatics in Madras asylums, it would be found that natives of Travancore are less numerous than natives of British India in Travancore asylums.

3. I therefore recommend, as a matter of comity and expediency, that the principle of reciprocity be accepted, and that the claims for Travancore lunatics in Madras asylums be dropped.

ENCLOSURE.

From M.R.Ry. S. SHUNGRASOBYER, Diwan of Travancore, to the British Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Trivandrum, 11th April 1897, No. 2223-G.—933.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Ref. on C. No. 848, dated 27th ultimo.

2. His Highness' Government had no idea that, so far as the liability of this State went there was any difference between a Travancore criminal and civil lunatic confined in a British asylum. A lunatic, whether he is a criminal or no criminal, has to be secured all the same for purposes of public protection and order. This, however, is a point which more or less merges in the larger question of reciprocity which naturally arises from the present demand. There are at this moment 9 lunatics, all civil, in the Lunatic Asylum at Trivandrum, who are natives of the Madras Presidency, as per memorandum appended. In case Travancore is to pay for the maintenance of the lunatic at Vizagapatam for the reason of his being a native of this country, you will, I am sure, admit the fairness of a reciprocal treatment in the case of the British subjects who have been detained in the lunatic asylum here. It is far from the wish of His Highness' Government to urge any claim in this respect. But as the case under reference turns on the principle of reciprocity, I have ventured to bring it forward in the hope that the question may be viewed in all its bearings and a proper understanding come to.

3. I request you will be good enough to lay the matter before the Madras Government for reconsideration in the light of what I have submitted above.

LIST of foreigners who are inmates of the Lunatic Asylum at Trivandram.

Names.	Sex.	Caste.	Residence.
1. Appavoo	Male ..	Ochen ..	Ramanadapuram.
2. Harichendren	Do. ..	Do. ..	Tinnevely.
3. Alagammah	Female ..	Retty ..	Trichinopoly.
4. Letchmana Iyen	Male ..	Bramin ..	Tenkasi.
5. S. Nilakanda Iyen	Do. ..	Do. ..	Tinnevely.
6. Harihara Iyen	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.
7. Munka Row	Do. ..	Do. ..	Nagpur.
8. Narayanaloo	Do. ..	Do. ..	Nellore.
9. Krishnamoorthy	Do. ..	Chetty ..	Srivilliputtar.

Order—No. 715, Public, dated 5th June 1897.

From the letters read above it appears that both in Mysore and in Travancore the cost of maintaining civil insanes who are British subjects is met by the Native States concerned. Under these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to accept the reciprocal obligation to maintain, free of cost, subjects of those States confined in asylums in this Presidency.

2. In accordance with this decision the Government resolves, in modification of G.O., Mis. No. 163, Public, dated 18th February 1897, that Native States which have established proper lunatic asylums and maintain therein British subjects, free of charge, will not be held liable for the maintenance of such of their subjects as may be confined as civil lunatics in asylums in the Madras Presidency.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Political Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Surgeon-General.

ORDER—No. 481, Political, dated 21st July 1897.

Communicated, in continuation of G.O., No. 168, Political, dated 16th March 1897, to Political officers concerned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

" Political Agent, Pudukkottai.
" " " Banganapalle.
" " " Sanduru.

Exd. A. Raitt.