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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th June 1867.

No. 256. Read the following:—

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 27th March 1867, No. 1537.

Returned to the Home Department, with the intimation that the Government of Madras should be requested to explain why the Madras Lunatic Asylum should not form the charge of the Residency Surgeon of the District in which the Asylum is situated, as the Triplicane Dispensary and Police are in the Medical charge of the Residency Surgeon of the 4th, and Jails, Native Infirmary, Leper Hospital, and Emigrants, are in the Medical charge of the Surgeon of the 2nd District.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 3948.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to letter thence, No. 163, dated 16th February last, with a request that the required explanation may be submitted.

(By Order.)
(Signed) A. H. HARRINGTON,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT,
17th April 1867.

Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for his remarks.
(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th May 1867.

No. 257A. From the Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor; dated Fort Saint George, 25th May 1867, No. 199.

Referring to my letter, No. 193, of date 16th instant, to the Chief Secretary to Government, wherein I have ventured to recommend the creation of the appointment of Surgeon Lunatic Asylum at Madras, I have the honor to request the favor of your intimating to the Right Honorable the Governor that as Assistant Surgeon Bidie, who has been named for the proposed office, will, by recent rules, and circumstances as he now is, be considerably the loser in pay at the close of the present College Session in next month, I solicit permission very respectfully to suggest, for Lord Napier's favorable consideration, whether the appointment might not be at once originated by His Excellency in Council, pending confirmation by the Government of India.

2. Attendance on the present Asylums, and in seeing to the arrangements and improvements going on in the new Lunatic buildings in Locock's gardens, gives Dr. Bidie full occupation, in which he is laboring with much zeal and efficiency.

No. 257. From the Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 16th May 1867, No. 193.

In reply to your Memorandum, dated 4th instant, I have the honor to state that the proposal to make the medical supervision of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras a dependent duty of the Surgeon of the 2nd District appears to me very objectionable and undesirable.

2. The Asylum is in itself a very important and onerous charge, and is found to give full occupation to the present Superintendent.

3. The duties of the 2nd District are quite as much as one Medical Officer can possibly attend to with satisfaction to himself, and justice to the large public institutions under his care, as well as to the number of persons, scattered over a wide area, who have claims on his attendance.

4. In consequence of the observation in letter, No. 1144, of 30th March last, from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, to the effect that, "if hereafter found necessary, a separate Medical Officer will be allowed for the Lunatic Asylum," I was actually preparing a letter on the subject of this appointment when the present reference reached me.

5. In my opinion, the time has now arrived when a separate Medical Officer is absolutely necessary for this Institution.

6. Under the orders of Government, 64 insanes have been recently transferred from the Idiot, to the present, Asylum, and to the additional bungalow which has been temporarily rented for their accommodation. The duties of the present Officer in charge have thus been considerably increased by the number of patients under treatment, and by the control of two buildings at some short distance from each other.

7. Besides which, the buildings now being erected in Locock's Gardens require his constant supervision, and almost daily communication with the Executive Engineer.

8. Should the Right Honorable the Governor in Council be pleased to accept my opinion on this point, I would very respectfully beg permission to recommend Assistant Surgeon George Bidie for the proposed office of Surgeon of the Lunatic Asylum. This Officer, during the period he has held charge of the present Institution, has shown a peculiar aptitude for its duties, in the exercise of which he has exhibited much devotion, judgment, and energy.

9. I would further recommend that the pay of the appointment be the same as that assigned in G. O. G., No. 171, dated 20th ultimo, to the Surgeon of the Lunatic Asylum at Bombay

No. 258. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th June 1867, No. 749.

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Harington's docket, under date the 17th April last, No. 3948, forwarding a Memorandum from the Financial Department of the Government of India, in which it is suggested that the Madras Government should be called upon to explain why the Madras Lunatic Asylum should not form the charge of the Presidency Surgeon of the District in which the Asylum is situated, I am directed to submit, for the consideration and orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a letter from the Inspector General, Medical Department, stating that the arrangement suggested is quite impracticable, and recommending that the Lunatic Asylum should be constituted a separate medical charge under a separate Medical Officer.

2. I am to state that the Governor in Council entirely concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General. The duties of the Medical Officer in charge of the Luna-

tic Asylum have recently been considerably increased by a large addition which has been made to the number of inmates, consequent on the transfer of 64 insane patients to the Lunatic Asylum from an Asylum for idiots maintained in connection with the Monegar Choultry; and a new Lunatic Asylum, on an improved plan, is now in course of erection, on the completion of which an improved system of treatment will be brought into operation.

3. His Excellency in Council is satisfied that, in order to the efficient discharge of the duties of this important Institution, the management of which is still in a very rudimentary state, and demands the sedulous attention of a skilful Officer possessing peculiar qualifications, it is essential for the present, at all events, that it should be placed under the charge of a separate Officer, and I am accordingly directed to request that the sanction of the Government of India may be granted for placing the appointment of Superintendent on the same footing as that of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Bombay, to which office a salary ranging from Rupees 500, in the case of an Assistant Surgeon under five years standing, to Rupees 1050, in the case of a Surgeon-Major, has been assigned in the Resolution of the Government of India, in the Military Department, under date the 4th April last. I am to observe that it has been already intimated by the Supreme Government, in the Military Department, in their letter of the 30th March last, No. 1144, that, if hereafter found necessary, a separate Medical Officer will be allowed for the Lunatic Asylum. I am to request that early orders may be passed on this letter.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No 199

Office of Inspector General
Indian Medical Department

Fort Saint George
25 May 1864

To The Private Secretary
to His Highness the Governor

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No 198 of date 18th instant, to
the Chief Secretary to Government
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operation. It is very desirable
that the Officer in charge of the
Asylum should exercise a very
close supervision, in communica-
tion of course with the Executive
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other Medical duties were imposed
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L. Lyman Esq.
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 Anti-Slavery Society in their letter
 of the 30th March last 1844
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 necessary a special medical
 officer will be allowed for
 the Lunatic Asylums -
 I am to remark that such an
 officer is proposed in this letter.

Feb 1820
 to the Secy. to the Govt.
 of Indiana

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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