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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
1st April 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 10. Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 31st January 1868, No. 585.

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Read—

An Endorsement of the Home Department, No. 1534, dated 19th ultimo, on a letter from the Government of Madras, containing a further explanation of the necessity for placing the charge of the Lunatic Asylum at that Presidency under a separate Medical Officer.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council regrets that he is unable to meet the views of the local Government in this case, as he considers that sufficient reasons have not been adduced which would justify this expenditure. His Excellency in Council will, however, have no objection to any re-distribution of the duties of the Medical staff at Madras, whereby an officer might be provided for this Asylum, provided the present cost, including the present special allowance of Rupees 250, for the charge of the Lunatic Asylum is not exceeded.

2. At the large Lunatic Asylums at Calcutta, containing 439 inmates, and Dacca, containing 308 inmates, the exclusive services of a Medical Officer are not required, the internal economy and discipline of the Asylum being immediately under an European Overseer on Rupees 250 in Calcutta, and on Rupees 100 in Dacca. At the Madras Asylum there is an establishment consisting, among others, of—

	RS.
1 Apothecary	145
1 Assistant ditto	70
1 European Keeper	35
	250

This establishment might be revised and made more efficient by entertaining fewer men on increased salaries.

ORDERED that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Home Department.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 721.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to letter thence, No. 1466, dated 26th November last.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
FORT WILLIAM,
15th February 1868.

(By Order.)
(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Referred to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for his remarks.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd March 1868.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secy. to Govt.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
1st April 1868.*

No. 11. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George 10th March 1868, No. 101.

In acknowledging the receipt of your docket of the 2nd current, referring for my remarks the Resolution noted in the margin, I cannot but express my great regret at the decision come to by the Government of India regarding the Medical charge of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras.

2. Should this decision be adhered to it will, of course, be my earnest desire and endeavour to carry out the wishes of Government to the best of my ability, and in this, I have no doubt, I shall be heartily aided by the Executive Medical Officer on whom the extra duties may devolve; but I feel bound most respectfully to record my conviction, that it is physically impossible for any of the District Surgeons here to perform these extra duties in a thorough and efficient manner.

3. Government are well aware of the large area of each of the four districts of this town, and of the time, fatigue, and expense involved in doing the ordinary daily work of a District Medical Officer. So much is this felt that I have, of late, experienced considerable difficulty in finding officers willing to accept these appointments; and I trust I may be pardoned saying, that to impose any additional duties on men already so hard-worked would, in my opinion, be to lay on them more than they can bear, without the risk of breaking down.

4. It is true that the duties of the present (condemned) Asylum could be performed, as they are temporarily at present, by the Medical Officer of the Native Infantry Regiment nearest to it; but when the new buildings in Locock's Gardens, now rapidly approaching completion, are occupied, this arrangement would be no longer possible, on account both of the distance of the new Asylum and of the far larger number of patients it will contain. Besides this, I need hardly say that, as the charge of a Lunatic Asylum requires special qualifications, it would be in the highest degree undesirable it should be constantly changing hands.

5. With regard to the suggestion of a re-distribution of the duties of the Medical staff at Madras, I beg to say that no such re-distribution could be made to any purpose, all the districts being, as I have already stated, of great extent, and the work of each fully as much as one man can be expected efficiently to perform; while the new Asylum lies beyond the boundaries of any of them.

6. Under the circumstances above stated, I venture to hope that the Government of India may, perhaps, still be induced to re-consider the decision now communicated.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1868, No. 414.

Before again addressing the Government of India relative to placing the charge of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras under a separate Medical Officer, the Governor in Council considers that a fair trial should be given to the annexation of this institution to one of the Medical Districts of the Presidency, and resolves that the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, be requested to report to which district he would propose to assign the Asylum, and how, if necessary, he would recast the districts to meet this new charge.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
1st April 1868.*

2. The Inspector General will report at the end of six months on the efficiency of the arrangement prescribed for the charge of the Lunatic Asylum by the Government of India.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 585.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
EXPENDITURE
Medical.

FORT WILLIAM, the 31st January 1868.

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E. H. LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras with reference to letter No. 11166 dated 26th November last.
Home Dep^y & Public Formations The 15th Feb^y 1868
By order
Wm. Lushington
Under Secy to the Govt of India.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read also letter from Insp Genl Medical Dept
(H E. 10 March 1868-101)

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To
Inspector General
Medical Dept

No. 585/181 M. S. Ward,

Dated, Fort William, the 15th January 1868.

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Communicated for
to be returned a copy to the
Chief Officer for the reduction
charge of the Lunatic Asylum
Madras

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Remarks

Referenced to the Inspector General,
Lunatic Medical Department, for his

To Mr George
27 January 1868

W. A. W.
Inspector General

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The Sup^r Med Dept Sept 6/4

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Memo for orders

Further communication with the
Govt of India regarding the
necessity of a separate office for
the Lunatic Asylum, will not
I submit be attended with any
useful result. and I think
Dr. Mackenzie had better
be called upon to state what
district he would propose to
assign the Asylum, ~~con-~~secrating
the districts to meet this
new charge of inquiry.
The case is so strongly in our
favor that it may be desirable
to refer the correspondence to
the Secy of State, pointing out
that the vast extent of
the districts in Madras owing
to the paucity of the ~~house~~ place

makes it entirely different from
Calcutta; and it seems probable
that the very nature of the decision
would be in favor of the
proposal of the Madras
Govt. -

One may try the experiment
at the end of a few months,
report simultaneously to the
Govt of India and Govt of
State the inapplicability of
combining the change of
the Senate system with
that of a Presidency Med.
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I think this will
be the best plan.

Yrs. N. G. A.
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 10th March 1868.

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The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George.

To

The Secy Secretary to Government, Public Dept.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

H. Maclean Esq

Inspector General

Ind^a Med^l Depart^t

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Mr. George
and Mrs. West
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