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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th June 1869.*

No. 86. Read the following letter from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 12th June 1869, No. 230.

In forwarding the enclosed letter from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum,

No. 269, 8th June 1869.

I have the honour to mention that at my last visit to that institution I personally examined the patient referred to, and that I quite agree with Dr. Murray in thinking it most desirable he should be removed to a Lunatic Asylum in France with the least possible delay.

From J. MURRAY, Esq., M.D., Officiating Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, to the Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division and Northern Districts; dated Madras, 8th June 1869, No. 269.

I have the honour to bring to your notice the case of an insane person named Gustavus Lefau-
cheur, who has been under treatment in the Madras Lunatic Asylum since the 20th of last January.

2. The lunatic is a Frenchman, a native of Pondicherry, and was admitted into this asylum at the special request of the French Government, as there is no Lunatic Asylum in the French Settlements in India.

3. At the time of the patient's admission it was suggested to the Governor of Pondicherry by the Madras Government that, if at the end of a reasonable time there should be no improvement in his mental condition, he should either be sent to a Lunatic Asylum in France, or else that the cost of his further maintenance in the asylum here should be at the charge of the French Government.

4. M. Lefaucheur understands no language but French, and consequently I am the only official connected with the asylum with whom he can hold any intercourse. Being a person of superior social position, (he is the son of a Field Officer, and his brother is a Captain in the French Navy), the nature of the accommodation and the food provided in the asylum, in addition to the constant proximity of native lunatics, must all prove obstacles in the way of his recovery, especially when it is considered how greatly insane persons are influenced by the external circumstances and relations of life.

5. M. Lefaucheur has now been under treatment for four months and a half without the slightest improvement in any of his symptoms. There seems little reason, therefore, to expect any benefit from his further detention in the Madras Asylum. On the other hand, if he were removed to one of the public asylums in France, where, in addition to the beneficial influence of a more bracing climate, he would be placed under a system of treatment better adopted for Europeans than any which can be successfully carried out in India, it is highly probable that a very great improvement in his mental condition, or even his complete recovery, might be the result.

6. On the grounds above mentioned, I venture, therefore, to suggest that measures may be taken in communication with the French Government for the removal of M. Lefaucheur to a Lunatic Asylum in France.

No. 87. To His Excellency M. BONTEMPS, Governor of the French Settlements in India; dated Fort Saint George, 15th June 1869, No. 817.

I have the honour to forward for your Excellency's consideration the accompanying letters relating to M. Lefaucheur, who was, at the instance of your Excellency, received into the Madras Lunatic Asylum in January last.

2. Your Excellency will perceive that the officer in charge of the asylum is of opinion that M. Lefaucheur has made no progress towards cure since he has been at Madras, and that it is very desirable that he should be sent to some asylum in France, where Dr. Murray thinks it possible that M. Lefaucheur might recover his reason.

Accept, Sir, &c.,
(Signed) NAPIER.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE FRENCH SETTLEMENTS IN
INDIA.**

Dated June, 15th.

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G. O., 15th June 1869, No. 817.

**JUNE
Nos. 86-87.**

Addressing the French Government with the
view to the transfer of M. Lefaucheur, a lunatic
in the Madras Lunatic Asylum, to some asylum
in France.

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No 817

To His Excellency M. Montaudou,
Governor of the French Settlements
in India.

Sir,

I have the honor to
forward for your Excel-
lency's consideration the
accompanying letters
relating to M. Sefancheur,
who was, at the instance
of your Excellency, received
into the Madras Lunatic
Asylum in January last.

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Lefancheur

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15 June 1869.

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an imago of the female
Urophora leucocarpa.

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His Excellency the
Governor of the French
Settlements in India

Dated June 15.

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G. O. 15 June 1869, No. 817

No. 1572

Nos. 86. 87.

Addressing the French
Govt with the view to the
transfer of M. Lafanchoux,
a lunatic in the Madras
Lunatic Asylum to some
Asylum in France.