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[Despatch Abstract.]

Receiving, with remarks, report from the
Surgeon-General on the results of his enquiries
as to the possibility of handing over the harm-
less civil liberties in the Ayakuro in this
Presidency to the care of their friends or re-
latives.

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From

Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe,
C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras,

No. 12/16/1

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a report on the results
of his enquiries as to the possibi-
-lity of handing over the harmless
civil lunatics in the three asylums
of this Presidency to the care of
their friends or relatives.

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Exhibit A.

List of harmless Civil Lunatics
regarding whom Enquiries have been
made as to relatives or friends willing
to take charge of them.

List of harmless Civil Lunatics considered safe to be entrusted to the care of friends or relatives, with results of enquiry.

No	Name	Date of Admission	Results of enquiry
1	Mrs Elise Barbezat	23.9.68	Unable to obtain any information.
2	Edwin Murray	14.1.73	Has a nephew named J. Statts residing in Perambore Barracks Road and employed in the Perambur Works on a salary of Rs 40. willing to take charge of the lunatic. Handed over.
3	Catharine Redding	21.5.77	Unable to obtain any information.
4	Leo Dey	23.10.77	do 3
5	Margaret Hall	26.3.81	do 4
6	Rebecca Sellers	31.1.82	do 5
7	John Franklin	24.9.83	do 6
8	Joseph Calverat	26.5.88	Has a father and brother who decline to take charge of him unless he be of sound mind. —

No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry	No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry
9	Miss R. Matthews	8.6.89	Relatives in very low circumstances and cannot afford to take charge of her.	21	Joe Michael	17.3.95	Has a poor needy mother who cannot support him; She is herself the recipient of charity
10	Joseph Clifford	3.2.91	Unable to get any information.	22	J. Gaitane	19.12.95	One J. Gaitane, Engineer on "Dorothy" at Rajahmundry is willing to maintain him. Subsequently stated to be unable to maintain him.
11	Emily Murray	8.3.93	do	23	Unknown	29.6.96	No information available.
12	Edwin Robert Hamblin	13.4.93	Relatives are poor old people who are not in a position to look after and manage him.	24	Bakiamathau	29.5.96	No relatives or friends traceable
13	James Dodd	26.7.94	Mother and brother in very poor circumstances.	25	Ganaper chetty	8.3.90	No information available
14	Mrs. Haig	7.2.91	No relatives or friends to take charge of her. Draws a life pension of Rs 10 which goes toward her maintenance.	26	John Asirvatham	20.4.93	do
15	Mrs. M. A. Momen	10.12.85	Enquiry pending	27	James alias Thomas Kilman	8.8.93	Relatives are very poor and cannot support him - they decline to take him out.
16	Nora G. Ring	10.6.88	Only relative - her mother - who is too poor to take charge of her.	28	Rajoo	21.4.93	No information available.
17	Moses Searle	10.11.87	No relatives or friends can be traced	29	Hissen Singh	27.2.94	Has a relative - one Ram Singh declines to take charge of Hissen Singh till he has recovered.
18	George Johnson	21.3.90	Has a married sister - Mrs. Merwyn Smith in Bangalore. Mrs. Smith declines to receive him and declares it impossible to do anything for him.	30	Vinayagam Pillai	31.5.95	Mother and brothers willing to take charge but at present are absent from Madras. Have been written to. Enquiry pending. Handed over.
19	John Short	24.9.90	Seven years in Friend. in. and Society Room. No relatives or friends who can support him.	31	Gurusawmi	30.8.95	Has a paramour at Saint Thomas Mount who is willing to take charge of and support him. Handed over.
20	Anthony D Cruz	3.11.93	Has an uncle living, unable and unwilling to take charge of him. Has no relatives in Cochimale and willing to take charge of him.	32	Kastury chetty	14.2.89	No friends or relatives willing to take charge.

No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry	No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry
33	Kolunthavelu	16.8.92	No friends or relatives willing to take charge.	45	Kali	1.2.88	A wanderer; nothing known about his native place or relatives.
34	Muthia Pillai	17.7.91	no reply rec ^d - reminder sent	46	Govindan	8.10.87	No friends or relatives willing to take charge.
35	Subrayeu	18.3.92	No relatives or friends willing to take charge.	47	Kuppiu	10.12.86	no reply rec ^d - reminder sent
36	Silva	2.7.92	Neither relatives nor friends willing to take charge of him.	48	Musthan	21.1.94	No relatives or friends traceable
37	Ramiah	23.3.93	No one willing to take charge of him.	49	Nabi Sahib	8.5.92	No information obtainable.
38	Nanjappa	21.3.96	do	50	Pathusawmi	25.5.87	Not possible to trace out any relatives or friends.
39	Yedadeu	30.10.93	no reply rec ^d - reminder sent	51	Perofu	13.7.87	None to support him. residence unknown - has no property.
40	Polappa Subbadeu	17.3.95	do	52	Syed Ba	28.4.85	Efforts to trace relatives of insane unsuccessful.
41	Panpiah	27.4.94	do	53	Ramasawmi	27.2.84	no reply rec ^d - reminder sent
42	Venkatraya Chetty	27.3.96	do	54	Kristna Kalidoss	10.9.92	do
43	Subba Row	19.12.93	Parents unwilling to take charge of them unless they have entirely recovered.	55	Musthan Saib alias Abdul Gawder	26.6.95	No friends or relatives able to take care of him.
44	Leukatrama	3.5.96		56	Samuel	2.10.95	Has only a widowed mother who is unwilling to support him as she has no means, no other relatives or friends.

No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry
57	Unknown (Tinnevely)	19.6.93	Impossible to obtain information at this distance of time
58	Muthusamy	15.3.94	No one willing to take charge of him.
59	Peter Lazarus Murray	15.7.76	no reply recd. reminder sent
60	Ismat Saib	12.7.81	Nothing known of his relatives or residence.
61	Abdus Rasool	29.2.96	Brothers willing to take charge of him. Enquiry pending
62	Sunthian	4.7.81	Unable to ascertain the whereabouts of relatives
63	Thagaroyan	22.3.82	do
64	Narasimulu	13.10.85	No one able to support him.
65	Lukah alias Cheudariak Laub	16.1.84	Unable to ascertain the whereabouts of relatives.
66	Sorajah Khan	14.6.84	do
67	Meenatchi	13.6.82	No information obtainable.
68	Ratchu alias Laub	12.86	no reply recd. reminder sent

No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry
69	Sukaramah	2.3.87	No information forthcoming.
70	Unknown (Bellary)	10.2.94	do
71	Ellammah	25.9.96	No one to take charge of her
72	Palany ammah	7.8.84	No one willing to take charge
73	Muni ammah	7.4.93	do
74	Maree ammah	27.7.93	do
75	Thanabagiam	1.8.94	do
76	Hamutha Bi	12.10.95	do
77	Verammah alias Ellammah	4.11.92	Unable to obtain any information as to relatives or friends.
78	Thoyammah	3.7.94	One Cooppu and another relative willing to take charge of her. Handled over
79	Unknown (female)	15.6.96	Unable to obtain any information as to relatives or friends
80	Unknown (female)	1.7.96	Died

No	Name	Date of admission	Results of enquiry
81	Unknown (female) 9.9.96		Unable to obtain any information as to relatives or friends
82	Marie Berger	2.9.96	No relatives or friends to take charge of her. Came from Cochinchina

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, the 5th July 1897

From

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SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIETHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 8, Judicial, dated 4th January 1897, I have the honor to submit a report on the results of my enquiries as to the possibility of handing over the harmless civil lunatics in the three asylums of this Presidency to the care of their friends or relatives.

2. In Madras out of 22 cases of both sexes in which enquiries have been instituted as per exhibit A., only four have been taken charge by their relatives, in 30 cases the authorities (Committing Magistrates) were unable to obtain any information regarding the relatives or friends of the insanes; in 4 the relatives refused to receive the insanes unless they had quite recovered; in 14 the relatives were reported as too poor to maintain them; in 15 it was reported that there were absolutely no friends or relatives to take charge of them; in 2 distinct unwillingness was expressed on the part of relatives to have anything to do with them; in one case death occurred while the enquiry was proceeding; in two enquiry is pending; and in the remaining 10 cases no replies have been received although urgent reminders have been sent.

3. In the Vizagapatam Asylum out of 11 cases in which enquiries have been made, one lunatic has been

handed

handed over to his relatives; 3 have no relatives who can be traced; 4 have relatives but they are not legally bound to take charge and are unwilling to do so; one has relatives but they are too poor to maintain him; and the remaining two cases are still under correspondence.

4. In the Lunatic Asylum at Calicut out of 21 cases which have been referred to, replies have been received only in 8 cases:- in 3 cases no information is available; in two cases there ^{are} no friends or relatives who are willing to take charge of them; in two cases their relatives live far away from the head-quarters of a Superior Medical Officer; and in one case, the patient has a nephew in good circumstances who is apparently not willing to take charge of him.

The Deputy Magistrate of Calicut who was addressed for information regarding the remaining cases has not as yet replied in spite of urgent reminders.

5. In all the Asylums efforts are being made to hand over all cases that can be safely entrusted to the care of relatives or friends with the result that five insanes have, up to date since the beginning of this year, been handed over to their friends or relatives.

6. The report on the remaining cases from these Asylums will be submitted as soon as replies are received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. S. F. M. R.

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government

of Madras.

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~~H. E. THE GOVERNOR.~~

~~Sir H.~~
~~THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

*Harmless civil lunatics in the
three Asylums of the Presidency.*

FOR ORDERS.

The Surge Genl. submits the report called for in para 1 of S.O. No 8 Judd of 4-1-97 as to the possibility of handing over the harmless lunatics in the asylums of the Presidency to the care of their friends or relatives. In Madras enquiries were instituted only in 82 cases, in Vizagapatam 11, and in Calicut 21. The following statement shows the results:-

Asylum	Handed over to Relatives	Unable to obtain information re relatives &c.	Relatives refused to receive unless insanes quite recovered	Relatives too poor	No Relatives or friends at all	Relatives not willing to receive	Enquiry pending	No replies yet from the Magistrate	Relatives far away from Head quarters of a Superior Medical Officer	Dead while enquiring about	Total
Madras	4	30	4	14	15	2	2	10	"	1	82
Vizagapatam	1	3	"	1	"	4	2	"	"	"	11
Calicut	"	3	"	"	"	3	"	12	2	"	21

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The report on the remaining cases from the Heyburns may be awaited.

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4/17/97
The net result is that five ^{lunatics} have been handed over to their friends or relatives.

It is submitted with refs to column 7 in the statement above that the Surgeon General may be asked to ^{cause} ^{enquire} ^{the} ^{institute} ^a ^{view} to ascertaining whether the relatives are legally bound to maintain the lunatics in question in any particular case.

CCO. Under sec XV of Act 15797 XXXVI of 1858 the legislator who has sent a lunatic to an asylum may (apparently at any time) apply to the Chief Civil Court of original jurisdiction for an order that some person specified is bound to maintain

It can only apply when it appears to him that some person is legally bound to maintain the lunatic. ^{legally} ^{bound} to maintain ^{the} ^{lunatic}. ^{the} ^{father} ^{is} ^a ^{relative} ^{has} ^{made}. I don't think that much of anything would come

of proceedings taken under this section. There might be a case or two but it is a question whether hunting them out would be worth the trouble.

the lunatic. This does not compel the relatives to receive the lunatics & look after them, but it does afford ^{an} ^{inducement} means of forcing them to do so. If the relatives are given the option of paying the sum ordered by the Court or of taking charge of the lunatic many of them would prefer the latter course. Whether it is a humane thing to force the lunatics on their relatives, by whom they will very likely be neglected or ill-treated is, it is submitted, to be doubted.

The Surgeon General figures in the body of his letter do not appear to agree with ~~the~~ ^{the} ^{information} ⁱⁿ ^{Exhibit} ^A. Under the S.S. states that in 30 cases no information was obtainable. A seems to show 32 such cases. The forms of expression used to show the result of the enquiry are so varied that the comparison is not satisfactory.

Mr. S. G. disposes of his cases
by saying that the relatives
of the lunatics live far away
from the Headquarters of a
superior Medical Officer: the
point of this objection is not
obvious

Orders are solicited as to
whether

- (1) The further report promised
should be awaited. or
- (2) The Superintendent's concerns
should bring to the notice
of the Commending Magistrate
a Commissioner of Police
the particulars regarding
lunatics whose relatives
are to be called upon to
pay for them or remove
them, with a view to
action being taken under
Sec XV of Act XXXVI of
1858.

AX As regard (1) there seems
no reason why it should be:
17/7/97 the report will come in
due course and the S. G.
might just as well have waited for

it. As regard (2) I have asked
in the margin supra. I do not
think the same holds the case. It
seems rather strange that there are
so many cases where in which there is
no information as to where the lunatics
are. I am inclined to think that
the information has not been made in the direction of 18/7/97

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failure to obtain
information in so
many cases ~~which~~
appears to point to
insufficient efforts
in that direction.

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