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Leprosy Act III of '98

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or elsewhere at present.

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Lepers Act III of 1898.

Stating that the Government is not prepared to sanction the introduction of the — into Malabar or elsewhere at present.

Public (189 9.) Department.

D. O. No. 400.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 778, Public, dated 20th June 1898.

ABSTRACT—Requesting all District Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, to report whether they consider it necessary to extend the Lepers Act III of 1898 to any portion of their districts.

File of reports received from District Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police on the subject alluded to in G.O., No. 778, Public, dated 20th June 1898.

G.O., R. No. 102, Public, dated 21st January 1899.

READ—also the following paper:—

From the District Magistrate of Malabar, dated 4th September 1899, Ref. on C. No. 1309-M.

ORDER—No. 1287, Public, dated 15th November 1899.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the introduction of the Lepers Act into Malabar or elsewhere at present.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.To all District Magistrates.
„ the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.

D. O.

No.

From

H. B. L. S. S. S. S. S. S.

Dated 19th August 1899.Received 20th — — —Registered 22nd — — —

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding 2 letters from Mr. Barlow. Editor of the "Madras Times" re certain lepers knocking about the City of Madras to place before the members concerned for such action as he may wish to take.

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THE MADRAS TIMES,
MADRAS.

13.8.99

Dear Mr. Sir,

There are a number of lepers knocking about the city, of whom seven form a single group, sleeping in disused buildings or on verandahs, and begging their meals. One of the seven has been turned out of the Asylum, and the six others are "on strike" out of fellow-feeling for the man who has been turned out. The seven lepers have paid me one or two visits, representing all sorts of internal

grievances in the Asylum; with
which, of course, I have nothing
to do, and in respect of
which I have not encouraged
them to contend against just
discipline.

It is certainly an anomaly,
however, that it should be
possible to turn lepers out
of the Asylum into the
street. Mr. Chester, the
Presiding magistrate, suggested
the other day that the lepers
might be by a
mere notification in the
Gazette set the anomaly
aside, that is to say, by declaring

the Lepers Act applicable to
Indians. Under such an Act,
a magistrate would be
empowered to send a
leper to the Asylum, ~~and~~
~~the~~ just as he can send
a pauper to the workhouse;
and serious breaches of
discipline in the Asylum
could be punished by terms
in the ^{leper} ~~leper~~ ^{leper} wards. The
anomaly would be set
right. Lepers would not be
forced to be
wandering about the streets;
and the Superintendent would
be empowered to punish those
that deserve punishment, otherwise
than by turning them out.

It is an anomaly that a
magistrate should be
empowered to send a lunatic to
the asylum or a pauper to the
workhouse, but not be empowered
to send a leper to the leper
house even on the leper's own
request.

The matter is a matter of
some urgency, as there seven
lepers and others are wandering
homeless about the streets,
and I take the liberty to
write to you in the idea
that you may not think it
well to represent the matter
to His Excellency.

After a conversation with

THE MADRAS TIMES,
MADRAS.

The Lepers, I would also suggest that if a committee were established, to meet at the asylum, say once a month, to hear complaints of individual lepers, things might work more smoothly than they do. Lepers are very bitter feeling; but they are a pitiable crew; and they seem to think that under the administration of a single man, without any court of appeal they are liable

to be largely dealt with on
occasions.

Of course I have no voice
in the matter, but, as the
Lepers have chosen to make
me a sort of "confidant"
in the matter, I can
do no more than represent
their case, believing that
the suggestions would be for
good.

Hoping that they will com-
mend themselves to you,
and, through your kind Office, to
his Excellency

Yours truly
John Barlow.

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THE MADRAS TIMES.
MADRAS.

16. 8. 99

Dear Mr. Sivar

In continuation of my
letter the other day, ^{re}
nine lepers, I should tell
you that eight have, not
unwisely, applied to be
re-admitted, and were
re-admitted at once. The
ninth, who was discharged, has
preferred not to apply.

I am very glad that
they are now housed again,
but the anomaly is still

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remains, which, as ~~you might~~
is borne out by Mr. Clouston,
the Presiding Magistrate
— before whom lepers
not infrequently come — might
be removed by a mere
notification.

Knowing that you will
consider the case on its merits
for reference to his Excellency

I remain
Yours truly
John A. Macdonald
Editor

line to 200 No. 40

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D.O. No 400



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Madras 19th Aug 1889

My dear Stokes,

His Excellency
wishes me to pass this
into the Office to be put
before the Member concerned
in case he should wish
to take action upon it.

Yours
J. A. S.

H. A. S.

* Letter of 13th Aug 89
from the Editor
Madras Times

See over to D.O. No 400 of 1889

judicial
Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Endorsement No. 2296 of 13.9.99. CURRENT No. 26102.

Transferred to local
and municipal dept.

Adhuapp

Under Secretary

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 26102.

From,

The District magistrate,
Malabar.

For Orders

Please see the notes and orders in the file
flagged II below in which it has been de-
cided not to extend the Act to the city
of Madras.

V.R.
18/10/99
His Excellency's Order to
the introduction of the Act apply
with more than usual force to Malabar.
and I shall be very sorry to place this
weapon in the hands of the State there.
Submitted that the following order
may issue:

Order

His Excellency the Govt. in Council is not
prepared to sanction the introduction of the
Leprosy Act in Malabar, or elsewhere
at present.

J. Report No. 1309.
1899

Dated 4th September 1899.

Received 8 " "

Registered 11 " "

Enclosures "

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SUBJECT.

Leprosy Act III of 1898

Enquiring whether the Government
will not reconsider its decision as
to the question of applying —
to Malabar seeing that there are
two Leprosy Asylums available for
Malayali lepers.

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CURRENT No. 2496

Malabar District Magistrate's Office,
Calicut, dated 4th September 1899.

7. Ref on c. n. 1309
m 99

From

G. W. Dance Esq., I.C.S.,
District Magistrate
Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to Government
Judicial Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 1620 L. Mis. dated 14th August 1899 communicated with the Judicial Department Endorsement No. 2122 dated the 22nd idem, I have the honor respectfully to submit that there are already two leper asylums available for Malayali lepers, viz. one maintained by the Basel Mission at Calicut, and the Government asylum at Palliport.

2. Under these circumstances I would respectfully ask whether the Government will not reconsider its decision.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. Dance
District Magistrate.

Public DEPARTMENT

800. No. 400 From the Pr. Secretary, No. —, dated 19.8.1899

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(1) F. A. Lem. put up to file
(2) about defer plea. There was an
application from Calicut to the day
29. viii 99
(1) Herewith Submitted
(2) Please see EO 20 1620 & 9 14-8 99
V.R.
21/8/99

The question as to what provision can be made for Deper Asylums by Dist. Boards and municipalities in the event of the Act being extended to certain districts in this Presidency, is under inquiry in the L. G. M. Dept. until the information is complete, it is presumed that Govt. will not take isolated action with respect to the Presidency Town. The do. may perhaps be

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 26.3.98 parcel.
 28/8/88 for continuation
 of the former correspondence.

2. Lcm (u.o) $\frac{9 \times 2171}{29 \cdot 8 \cdot 99}$

C 8.9.99
R.9-9-99

NOTE FOR THE Chief Secretary.

Return to papers about the lepers in Madras.

It will be seen that in February last it was decided that in view of the pressure on local funds, at present, it was not advisable to extend the Dept. Act to the Municipality. The same view was taken on a reference from Malabar last month - August -

The question of putting the Act in force in Madras City might be considered quite separately. The Commr. of the Municipal Comm. both think such extension would be beneficial - but the Municipality has no funds for an asylum. The present Asylum however might be made an Asylum under the Act without additional expenditure. The District Surgeon might be made Inspector under S 4 of the Act.

A Board might be app^d for the Asylum.

If this were done the Comptroller in Mr. Bailor's letter would be met.

The lepers in the Asylum would have a Board to appeal to - if they wished.

D. G. S.

Am. Mr. Arnold C. I. J. orders in accordance with H. S. is written as proposed in the U. O. from the P. I. The subject is now in L. H. Dept.

W. H. C.

H. 7.

What asylum is referred to? I know of no place for lepers ~~except~~ in Madras except the leper hospital in the Monegar Choultry. There is a Committee for that institution.

It, Govt. do anything for the Monegar leper hospital, i.e. by grant or otherwise, it does the Municipality.

It might be possible to make this hospital the asylum under the Act with the concurrence of all concerned. At 8.9.99.

to make complaints & wandering
pauper lepers could be deprived of
Madras -

The result would probably be that
lepers would avoid Madras in future
& become a nuisance in the villages
round Madras.

The fear of His Excellency's Govt. as
regards Police extortion & so on do not
apply perhaps so much to the City of
Madras as elsewhere - The Inspector in
Madras - who comes to the Civil Surgeon -
wound prevent persons being improperly
locked - but undoubtedly there is some
still the danger that persons with
Elephantiasis & other skin diseases
would be liable to be arrested & made
to pay black mail to avoid the risk
of being incarcerated - The evil of
wandering pauper lepers is however
undoubtedly a serious one in the
City of Madras.

[Signature]
5.12.99



I cannot find H.E.'s note. When
is it?
H.E.
8.9.99.

[Signature]
Intention of the Lepers
Act 1898 to the Town
Commissioner

To
H.E. the Governor

Am. Mr. White & others
In information -
2.10.99

[Signature] No. 2532
6.11.99
To Hon^{ble} Mr. St. Michael -
As His Excellency still does not
wish to ask extended - Submitted
that the Lepers may be "deported"
H.E. 10.10.99

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P. 19-211 C. 2.102 C. 19-211

Public Dept -

note

with reference

to the H. M. note of 8.9.99
below, it is submitted
that the Lepers Hospital
at Madras is a Government
institution, - please see the
pamphlet - containing the
Standing Orders of the Hospital,
& Appendix V, page 308 of
the Civil Medical Code -
It is situated on the
Mongee Choultry road,
but does not form part
of the Choultry.

2. If it is decided to
bring the Act into force in
Madras, the following points
are for consideration.

(a) The Govt. Lepers Hospital
at Madras will presumably
be appointed a Lepers officer
under Section 3, and under
Sec. 4, a Govt. Inspector
(a medical man), and a
Supt. ^{may} be appointed

The Surgeon 8th District under
is now the Supt. of the Asylum,
~~and is not to be considered~~
but in connection with
the reorganization of the
Medical College, he will
be relieved of the charge,
and a fully qual. Surgeon will
become Supt. The latter
office might continue to
be Supt. under Sec. 4 of
the Act, & the Surgeon 1st
Dist. might be the Inspector.

(b) Under Sec. 5 a Board
must be appointed. The
Surgeon 1st Dist. might be
the medical member of the
Board, in addition to being
Inspector.

(c) It is presumed that Secs.
6 to 8 will be brought into
force.

(d) It has to be considered
whether Secs. 9 to 11 should
be brought into force.

(e) Rules ^{may} be framed
under Rule 16.

3. Attention is invited

If the Act is extended
to Madras proposals
(a) (b) (c) (e) may be
approved.

MA

Not
No present need.

MA.

I am from H.E.'s note which
I have now read for the first
time, that H.E. is not in
favour of any application
of the Act which is not
found to be necessary.

Personally I think the Act
might be extended to Madras
as apparently this could be
done without throwing any
burden on municipal funds

which the Pres. says cannot
be spared for the purpose.
But if H.E. demurs I have
no wish to press the
matter, and I certainly do
not think that the fact that
8 lepers left the Asylum
or Hospital in a pet, of whom
I have since returned, makes
any difference in the situation,
or renders the application of the
Act more urgent.

MA 19.9.99.

to H.E. the Governor's note
as per VI.

Cu 14.9.99. M 15.9.99

15/9/99

I am of the same opinion as when
I wrote my Note of 15.1.99 (Page VI).
This present case does not reveal conditions
which make the application of the Act
necessary.

MA 29.9.99

I should like to see the Act
extended, having seen many
loathsome cases of wandering
pauper lepers whom I regard as
a danger & nuisance to the public,
but I acquiesce.

MA
4-10-99

[L. & M.
500-20-2-99.]

NOTE FOR THE Secretary.

As the order in this case practically disposes of the question of introducing the Lepers Act into any part of the Presidency, it is submitted that it should issue in the Department concerned, namely, Public and not in L. & M. and that the file may therefore be forwarded to that Department U.O. Apparently there is no need any more to issue the order at Z which has been standing over for a long time.

U.O. No. 1187
6/11/99

To Public U.O. for favor of
quitting of order on issue
from Public

JM
6. xi 99

For the C.B.

It would appear that the correct course will be to issue the order in Public in which Dept. the original order issued. The reply to that order went to L & M on

Public U.O. 8996. 11. 99.

*Vide Draft Order by
L & M on draft of
Ct No 2610 L XXIII

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To All district magistrates
The Commissioner of Police,
Meerut }
Local & Municipal Dept.

10/10/19

Handwritten notes in a circle:
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is to be sent to the
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