

for his removal to his own country, a course of action which would appear especially desirable in the case of colonies situated in the tropics.

Lord Derby would accordingly be glad to learn whether Lord Carnarvon concurs in the view above expressed, and, if so, whether he is disposed to consider it expedient that the case of Bridget Sheen should be brought to the notice of the French Government by Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, with the view to the conclusion of an agreement by which each country should remove from the other's colonies such of their respective nationals as may be insane or destitute.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

Consul PLAYFAIR to the EARL of DERBY.

MY LORD,—

British Consulate General, Algiers, 30th October, 1876.

I have received, through the Vice-Consul of Philippeville, a communication from the Préfet of Constantine, stating that an Irish woman named Bridget Sheen, who had only left her native country a few months before, had been admitted into the Civil Hospital, on the ground of insanity, and requesting that measures might immediately be taken to have her sent back to her native country, as no provision exists for the confinement of insane persons in this colony.

Her mental condition is such that no further particulars can be obtained regarding her history, but it is probable that, as she cannot speak French, a clue to her identity may be obtained when she is brought in contact with some of her countrymen.

I have the honor to request that your Lordship will be pleased to inform me what steps I ought to pursue regarding her. Vessels of the British Indian Steam Navigation Company touch at Algiers every month on their way to London, and she might be sent in one of them.

If your Lordship sanctions my sending her to England in this manner, I would beg the favour of a telegraphic reply to save time.

I have, &c.,

R. J. PLAYFAIR.

The COLONIAL OFFICE to the FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 21st March, 1877.

With reference to your letter of the 17th of November last, on the subject of the repatriation of British and French colonial lunatics, I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to state that his Lordship is not aware of any sufficient reason for not extending to the colonies the practice which appears to have been adopted since 1871, according to which repatriation of lunatics has been abandoned as between the parent countries.

I am to add that, if the Earl of Derby sees no objection, Lord Carnarvon will bring the matter under the consideration of the Colonial Governments, as without their consent his Lordship would not feel himself in a position to pledge them either to such a course or to that suggested in your letter.

I have, &c.,

R. H. MEADE.

The Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 16th May, 1877.

I am directed by the Earl of Derby to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of March last, on the subject of the repatriation of British and French colonial lunatics, in which you state that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies is not aware of any sufficient reason for not extending to the colonies the practice which appears to have been adopted since 1871, according to which the repatriation of lunatics has been abandoned as between the parent countries, but that Lord Carnarvon cannot pledge Colonial Governments to any fixed arrangement without consulting them.

I am, therefore, in reply, to request that you will inform Lord Carnarvon that Lord Derby would be glad if his Lordship would take steps for consulting the Colonial Governments accordingly.

I have, &c.,

J. V. LISTER.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.