CHIEF SECRETARY’S OFFICE REGISTERED PAPERS

1858

a) 17486. Memorial from Ellen Dundon, 127 Aughrim St., Dublin: EdwardDundon, her husband has been discharged from Metropolitan Police “owing to derangement of his mind” and granted a pension of £155; on 31 August she went to collect pension but was refused unless her husband signed for it; he is in a Lunatic Asylum; refused to sign unless he be taken out of Asylum which she feels is “unsafe....perhaps for years to come”; request that the pension be paid to her.

b) Note attached: Wm. Lynch, Hartfield House, Dublin, 4 September, 1858. “Mr. Dundon is sufficiently sane to sign a receipt”.

c) Note attached: Receivers’s Office, 18 September, 1858. An officer was sent to ex-Superintendent Dundon at Dr. Lynch’s Asylum with bank cheque for pension and receipt to be signed by Mr. Dundon; he refused to sign. Mrs. Dundon is to call and try to get him to sign, otherwise he, the official, “could not pay her until some arrangement was made by the Receiver”.

d) 17633. Metropolitan Public Office, 20 September, 1858. Recommendation that Dr. Lynch be paid £13.2.6 quarterly and balance retained for Mr. Dundon until he sign for it.

e) Note attached: Lunatic Asylum Office, 23 September, 1858. Mr. Dundon “is labouring under great despondency” and has “a strong suicidal tendency”; “just that Mrs. Dundon should receive his pension”; Mr. Dundon “speaks with warmth and affection of her and his two children”.

f) Note attached: Approval of payment to Mrs. Dundon “under these circumstances”. 23 September, 1858.

g) Further letter from Mrs. Dundon: she “is waiting to receive the pension”. 28 September, 1858.