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South Brisbane 5 May 1889

Received yours of 10 April applying to me for something towards the maintenance of my daughter who is an inmate at Goodna Asylum, which I would most willingly subscribe if it lay in my power.

At present, I have no home and am dependant I may say on Charity. I am staying with the Rev W. Dewsberry at present. Just receiving my food for any little work I can do.

Previous to my daughter going to the Asylum, she was sick and in the hospital. I was also in the hospital at same time with bad legs and feet, and since I came out, I have not had any work for more than a day or two at a time, and as I say am dependant on charity. If I could get to work I would willingly do something towards her support.

My wife is dead and my family are not at present dependant on me. Her immediate next of kin is her brother Samuel Crust and lives at Fairfield. Should I get work, I will immediately write you again. George Crust.

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River Terrace, 8 May 1889 to the Curator of Insanity. The position of George Crust is exactly as described by him with the additional fact that his youngest son who is weak in the head, was kicked by a horse at a place when he worked, was in the hospital and has just come out, and the expenses connected with this accident took what little money George Crust had.

He is honest and industrious and will certainly keep his word as to helping in the keep of his daughter Priscilla at the Asylum. He is staying with me on the terms mentioned in his letter, getting work as he can. Frank Dewsbury.

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letter acknowledged am greatly obliged for the information afforded. Inform Crust in view of the circumstances stated in his letter, the demand for maintenance will not be enforced.

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Letter to Morningside : 16 October 1906

All insanity matters are now being reviewed and relatives are requested to maintain patients in the Asylum as the Institution must as far as possible be made self-supporting.

In this case, the patient has been a burden on the State for over 17 years and I think it is now time her relatives did something towards relieving the Government of the expense of her further maintenance by paying for her support at the average rate of ten shillings per week.

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Logan Road, Coorparoo 23 October 1906

re your memo to Mr George Crust of Morningside dated 16 October 1906, relative to the maintenance of Miss Priscilla Crust, now an inmate of the Asylum for the insane at Goodna.

I cordially agree with you as to the necessity of the cases being inquired into and relatives being called upon to do all they can to help. But in this case no help can be afforded.

Your office ought not to receive the information from a private citizen as to the fact of Mr Crust himself being in receipt of the Old Age Pensioner's allowance of 5/- per week. He pays 1/- for a room, a slab humpy and expends the rest in food. Clothing and comforts are given him from time to time by those who have learned to respect this good and faithful colonist of 45 years standing, most of that period spent in toilsome work. He is aged 73 and very feeble, but well respected where he is known.

Your department is in error as to period of Miss Crust's stay at Goodna, it is not quite seven years, an error of 10 only!

Surely your department has the papers available which I, along with others, signed relative to Mr Crust's being entitled to the old age pension? I do not like this system which leaves information which ought to be at the disposal of the authorities through their own offices, to be furnished in this manner as in this present case. It is not businesslike. Any other information I can give I will gladly do so.

George H. Bardsley, JP

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Reply 25 October 1906 to GH Bardsley, Logan Road, Coorparoo ... am obliged for the information furnished.

In view of the fact that Mr George Crust is in receipt of Indigence Allowance from the Government, he cannot, of course, be expected to pay for the maintenance of his daughter.

With reference to your remarks that this office ought not to receive information from a private citizen that a man is in receipt of Indigence Allowance from the Government, I have to state that this Office has nothing whatever to do with the granting of such allowance and therefore, it has no record of the persons who are in receipt of same. It would be manifestly impossible for this office to peruse the records of other departments in regard to such matters unless I had reason to believe that a particular

the patient was admitted to the asylum 2 February 1889 which is 17 years exactly.

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