### *Licenses for Male Attendants.*

The governors of the York Lunatic Asylum have raised the question of their liability to pay taxes for male attendants. The result of their contest with the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue is shown in the following letter to Dr. Needham, which is of importance to all public asylums:—

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C.,
27th July, 1870.

Sir,—In reply to your communication of the 2nd inst., in the matter of the license duties of the York Lunatic Asylum, I am instructed by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to inform you that, upon a recent reconsideration of the whole question relating to the servants of such asylums, they continue of opinion that the attendants are in point of law servants for whom licenses are required. Under all the circumstances, however, they have adopted the following special regulation, viz.:—

1st. To require licenses for all chargeable servants employed by the keepers of private asylums, including the attendants who perform such duties for the patients as would be performed by a footman or valet de chambre.

2nd. To require licenses from county or other public asylums for house porters, or gardeners, or other chargeable servants (except the attendants who wait upon the patients).

The collector has, therefore, been instructed to make such repayments to the York Asylum as will be admissible under this regulation. House stewards, gardeners, and horses remain chargeable.

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. M. Rosetti,
Assistant Secretary.

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### *Pauper Lunatics.*

The subjoined circular letter, prescribing certain additional duties to be performed by medical officers of workhouses, has been issued by the Poor-law Board:—

[Copy.]
Poor-law Board, Whitehall,
1st August, 1870.

Sir,—I am directed by the Poor-law Board to inform you that they have received from the Commissioners in Lunacy a suggestion that the

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