

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS IN THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY

THE YEAR 1917.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

I.—GENERAL.

On the 31st December 1917 there were in the Madras Presidency the Courts, following permanent Civil Courts, viz. :—

The High Court,
The Presidency Court of Small Causes,
The City Civil Court,
25 District Courts (including three for Agency Tracts),
30 Subordinate Judges' Courts (including 11 for Agency Tracts and one Revenue Officer exercising the powers of a Subordinate Judge),
156 District Munsifs' Courts (including 22 for Agency Tracts and four Revenue Officers exercising the powers of District Munsifs), and
127 Revenue Courts.

At the end of the year there were 20 Temporary Subordinate Judges' Courts and 28 Temporary Additional District Munsifs' Courts. Two new Subordinate Judges' Courts were established at Tanjore in January and at Vellore in March, while the Subordinate Judges' Courts at Salem and Cuddapah were abolished in January and April. The Additional Sessions Judge at Bellary was appointed a Subordinate Judge and worked throughout the year with the exception of a week in July. The two special Small Cause Courts continued to work during the year. It was found necessary to continue all the Additional District Munsifs' Courts except the Court at Vellore, which was abolished in February. The Government propose to make 11 of the Temporary Sub-Courts and 14 of the Temporary Munsifs' Courts permanent. This still leaves a large number of nominally temporary Courts which might have been advisedly made permanent. Of the members of the Indian Civil Service selected to undergo Judicial training, Mr. V. P. Rao finished his training in June while Mr. J. C. H. Fowler continued to work in Vizagapatam till the end of the year. In addition to the regular Courts, 5,712 Village Courts exercised civil jurisdiction during the year against 5,817 in 1916.

2. The total number of suits instituted in the Presidency in 1917 was 516,734 against 543,716 in 1916 and 555,020 in 1915. For the Presidency as a whole, one suit was instituted for every 80 persons of the population as against one for every 76 persons in 1916 and the ratio for the Presidency town was one for every 30 persons against 28 in the last year. In the mufassal, North Malabar showed itself as usual the most litigious district with one suit for every 32 persons and, apart from the Agency Tracts, Bellary was again the least litigious with one suit for every 299 persons. The largest number of suits instituted was in Tanjore (46,410), but the total for North and South Malabar, which form one Revenue district, exceeded this figure by 12,560. Kurnool again contributed the smallest number of suits (5,859).

The marked fall in the number of suits instituted compared with the figures for the previous two years indicates that the rush in litigation, which followed the war and was attributed to the anxiety of creditors to recover outstanding debts, has to some extent spent itself. The figure for the year under review is, however, considerably in excess of that for 1914 (488,979), but part of the difference may be ascribed to the general tendency of litigation in this Presidency to increase.

Editors' Table.



Nature of suits.

3. The number of suits instituted for money or movable property was 438,957 or 89·03 per cent of the total as against 89·25 per cent in 1916, when the number of suits of this class was 467,010. The number of suits for immovable property other than mortgage suits was 22,644 against 23,355 in 1916, and the number instituted in Revenue Courts was 23,693 against 20,423 or 3,270 more than in the previous year. The number of mortgage suits instituted was 25,476 against 27,020 in the previous year. The number of suits for specific relief was 4,760 against 4,856 in 1916.

Value of suits.

4. The total value of suits instituted in 1917 in Courts other than Village and Revenue Courts and unpaid tribunals was Rs. 9,85,01,220 or Rs. 48,85,579 more than in the previous year and exceeded by Rs. 1,70,21,323 the figure for 1912 in which the amount was exceptionally high. The average value of each suit was Rs. 269 against Rs. 242 in 1916 and Rs. 202 in 1915. Apart from Revenue Courts, 37·13 per cent of the suits instituted were of the value of Rs. 20 and less against 37·81 in the previous year and 58·06 per cent of the suits were between the values of Rs. 20 and Rs. 500. The number of suits above Rs. 500 in value was 22,870 against 22,506 in 1916, the highest figure on record. The number of suits triable by Village Courts which were filed before the higher tribunals was 55,345 and shows a decrease of 5,000 compared with the previous year. In view of impending legislation regarding the Village Panchayat Courts, it is only necessary to observe that the decrease is satisfactory so far as it goes.

Percentage of successful plaintiffs.

5. Apart from suits compromised or disposed of without trial, plaintiffs in 77·67 per cent of suits disposed of during the year succeeded in obtaining decrees for the whole or part of the relief claimed, against 77·04 per cent in 1916 and an average of 75·96 for the preceding five years. In 71·93 per cent of contested cases, the plaintiffs have been found to possess a well-grounded cause of action.

Number of appeals.

6. The total number of appeals preferred in 1917 was 17,067 or 613 more than in the previous year and as against 15,656, the average for five years ending with 1915.

II.—COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Village Courts.

7. The total number of suits instituted in Village Courts was 126,605 against 136,516 in 1916 and 145,587 in 1915. The falling off has been considerable but the figure is in excess of the average for the five years ending with 1915 (118,921). The largest numbers were contributed by South Kanara (12,717), South Malabar (12,532), Tinnevely (10,503) and South Arcot (10,229) and the smallest by Anantapur (825), Bellary (848) and Kurnool (932). A large increase occurred in North Malabar (+2,052), Kistna (+1,963) and South Malabar (+1,494) and a large decrease in South Arcot (— 5,651), Tanjore (— 2,899) and Madura (— 1,508). In North Malabar the increase is chiefly due to the establishment of 11 new Bench Courts, which in addition to three Courts previously existing tried over 3,000 suits. In South Malabar there has been an increase of 58 per cent in the current year's file over the average and, taken along with the fact that the institution of suits below Rs. 20 in value in the District Munsifs' Courts has also increased, the rise points to the growth of petty litigation in this district. The decrease in South Arcot has not been specifically explained, but litigation in that district seems to have been affected by failure of the groundnut trade and scarcity of money. The decrease in Madura and Tanjore may also reflect the general decrease in litigation in these districts during the year. The number of suits disposed of by village munsif sitting alone fell from 125,488 in 1916 to 112,835 in 1917, but the number disposed of by Benches rose from 10,404 in 1916 to 12,800 in 1917.

The number of suits pending before these Courts at the end of 1917 was 10,760 and exceeded 500 in South Arcot (1,772), South Malabar (1,271), North Malabar (700), Chingleput (637), North Arcot (621), Tinnevely (614) and Trichinopoly (557). The increase in pendency is not satisfactory and steps should be taken to show a lower figure.

8. The total number of suits filed in Revenue Courts other than in Agency Tracts rose from 20,324 to 23,609 in the year under review. The rise was most marked in Madura (2,044), Trichinopoly (1,925) and Kistna (725). The largest decrease occurred in Rāmnād (748), Nellore (377) and Salem (367). Rāmnād contributed the largest number of suits (4,360) as in previous years; Madura (3,782) and Trichinopoly (2,760) come next. No suit was instituted in Kurnool; only one suit was instituted in the districts of Bellary and South Kanara and 4 in Cuddapah. The total number of suits disposed of was 22,551 against 22,055 in 1916 and there was an increase in the arrears from 9,189 to 11,032. The average duration of contested suits fell from 198 days in 1916 to 197 in 1917, but that for uncontested suits rose from 66 to 94. The average duration of contested suits was highest in Gōdāvari (535 days) and that of uncontested suits in Ganjām (202). In Rāmnād and South Arcot, contested suits occupied on an average 379 and 343 days, respectively, in disposal. The disposal of contested suits was most prompt in Salem (64), Madura (68) and Trichinopoly (78), and of uncontested suits in Salem and Madura (28), Tinnevely (36) and Coimbatore (39). The percentage of appeals preferred from the decisions of Revenue Courts to the appealable decrees passed by them fell from 10·24 in 1916 to 8·11. No appeals were preferred in the Bellary, Anantapur and Guntūr districts. In the districts of South Arcot and South Kanara as many appeals were filed as the number of appealable decrees passed; the percentage of appeals filed to the number of appealable decrees was lowest in Trichinopoly (0·26). The percentage of appeals in which original decrees were confirmed was 34·83 per cent against 48·3 in 1916.

9. The number of suits instituted in Agency Courts was 1,717 against 1,650 in 1916. Of these, 1,006 suits were filed in the Vizagapatam Agency, 526 in the Gōdāvari Agency and 185 in the Ganjām Agency. The number of suits disposed of was 1,618 and 369 were left pending at the end of the year against 318 in the previous year. The average duration of contested suits fell from 131 days in 1916 to 93 days but that of uncontested suits rose from 50 days in 1916 to 63 during 1917.

10. In the District Munsifs' Courts other than those for the Agency Tracts, 108,692 ordinary suits were instituted or 1,225 less than in the previous year and 5,855 less than in 1912, when the highest figure was recorded; there was a decrease of 15,417 in the number of small cause suits filed, the figure being 203,379 against 218,796 in 1916. There was thus a decrease of 16,642 in the total of both classes of suits. Besides the four Revenue officers, who exercised the powers of District Munsifs, the number of District Munsifs, permanent and temporary, at the end of the year was 158 against 159 at the end of 1916. The number invested with extended small cause powers (up to Rs. 200) was 29 against 25 in 1916. The numbers of ordinary and small cause suits disposed of were 112,274 and 207,747 against 114,061 and 221,620 in 1916. The average total disposal of each Court during the year was 2,025 against 2,111 in 1916 and 2,144 in 1915. Of the ordinary suits disposed of 56,516 were contested against 58,057 in 1916. The arrears of ordinary suits fell from 52,388 at the end of 1916 to 52,072 at the end of the year under review, and the arrears of small causes fell from 22,572 to 20,675. Thus the arrears under both classes of suits fell from 74,960 to 72,747. The average duration of contested ordinary suits was 312 days against 323 in the previous year and 339 in 1915. There has thus been a slight improvement over the figures for the last two years, but the average is still much higher than in 1913 when it was 270 days. Better results are looked for as the arrears of old suits should by now to a great extent have been cleared off. The average duration of uncontested ordinary suits rose from 56 to 57 days in the year under review. The average duration of contested ordinary suits exceeded 250 days in 108 Courts in 1917 as against 110 Courts in the previous year and 118 Courts in 1915. The duration was highest in the District Munsifs' Courts of Bhimavaram, 999 days in the Principal Court, and 853 in the Additional Court. In Gōdāvari, Kistna, Nellore, Rāmnād and Tinnevely, every Court took more than 250 days to dispose of contested suits. In Kistna an additional Court has been recently established. The District Judges of the remaining districts should

examine the causes of the congestion in the files of their District Munsifs and report what measures are necessary to ensure greater despatch in the disposal of business. It is satisfactory to note that in Chingleput the average duration of contested and uncontested original and small cause suits did not exceed the limit laid down in any Court. The average duration of uncontested ordinary suits exceeded 100 days in 23 Courts, being highest in the Additional District Munsif's Court, Narasapur (429 days). The average duration of contested small cause suits rose from 80 days in 1916 to 87 days in 1917. It exceeded 100 days in 28 Courts, being highest in the District Munsifs' Courts of Gudalur and Tellicherry (Additional) (354 days). For uncontested small cause suits the average duration was 40 days against 39 days in the previous year. It exceeded 50 days in 27 Courts, being highest in the Court of the Principal District Munsif of Vizagapatam (95 days). The percentage of appeals to appealable decrees passed by the District Munsifs' Courts was 12.69 against 12.36 in the previous year. The percentage was highest in Tanjore (24.32) and lowest in South Arcot (4.08) and Coimbatore (4.86). The percentage of appeals in which original decrees were confirmed was 62.44 of the number decided against 60.75 in 1916. The percentage was highest in Rāmnād (79.93) and lowest in South Arcot (53.03).

Special
Small
Cause
Courts.

11. In the Special Small Cause Courts, 13,193 small cause suits were filed during the year against 14,127 in the previous year; 13,262 suits were disposed of against 14,092 in the previous year, leaving a pendency of 1,416 suits at the end of the year against 1,345 at the end of the previous year. The average duration for contested and uncontested small cause suits was 93 and 30 days respectively against 65 and 30 days last year. The Small Cause Judges should see that the pendency and average duration are reduced.

Subordinate
Judges'
Courts.

12. In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, other than those for the Agency Tracts, 2,156 ordinary suits and 19,814 small cause suits were instituted during the year against 2,394 and 21,205 in 1916 and the average of 1,978 and 30,803 for the five years ending 1915. The number of ordinary suits disposed of fell from 2,849 to 2,577 and the arrears fell from 2,438 to 2,426. Twenty thousand one hundred and twenty-six small cause suits were disposed of and the pendency rose slightly from 3,226 to 3,233. These results are not satisfactory in view of the smaller number of cases instituted. The average duration of ordinary suits in Subordinate Judges' Courts was 512 days against 559 in 1916 in the case of contested suits and 74 days against 69 in the case of uncontested suits. The average duration of contested ordinary suits exceeded 250 days in all the Courts except the Ootacamund and Tanjore (Permanent) Courts. It was 1,079 days in the Ellore (Temporary) Court, 889 days in the Cocanada (Permanent) Court, and 753 days in the Māyavaram Court. The explanation given is that the suits were old and intricate. The high duration of suits is still unsatisfactory and the attention of the Subordinate Judges is invited to the remarks in last year's review. The average for contested small cause suits was 116 days against 149 days in 1916 and 50 days against 47 for uncontested suits. The averages for contested small cause suits were high in Cocanada (Temporary) (846) and Kumbakonam (810); but in these Courts very few small causes were tried.

District
Courts.

13. In the District Courts other than those for the Agency Tracts, 422 ordinary suits were instituted against 447 in 1916 and 478, the average for the five years ending with 1915. The number of ordinary suits disposed of was 392 against 360 in 1916 and the arrears fell from 431 to 421. The average number of days which a District Judge was able to devote to civil work was 125 days against 119 in 1916. It ranged from 201 days in Bellary, where the District Judge had assistance in sessions work, to 43 days in South Arcot and 66 days in Cuddapah. The number of ordinary suits disposed of by the District Judges after trial was 378 of which 323 were contested. The average duration of ordinary suits in District Courts was 477 days against 463 in 1916 in the case of contested suits, and 83 days against 135 in 1916 in the case of uncontested suits. The average duration for contested suits exceeded 500 days in seven Courts as in the previous year. In Coimbatore it was 2,349 days, in North Malabar 909, in

Chingleput 624 and in Bellary 588. The high average duration of suits in Coimbatore district is due to a suit which was readmitted after remand from the Privy Council and disposed of during the year. The largest numbers of suits were disposed of by the District Judges of Chingleput (52) and Bellary (43).

The City
Civil Court.

14. In the Madras City Civil Court, 549 suits were instituted against 501 in 1916 and 470 in 1915. The Judge disposed of 525 suits, of which 338 were contested and the rest uncontested against a total of 504 in 1916, 588 in 1915 (in which year, however, he received temporary assistance) and 426 in 1914. The arrears rose from 227 in 1916 to 256 at the end of 1917. The average duration fell from 234 days in 1916 to 215 days in 1917 for contested suits and from 52 to 41 days for uncontested suits, a very satisfactory result.

The Presi-
dency Court
of Small
Causes.

15. In the Presidency Court of Small Causes, the number of suits instituted was 16,090 against 17,337 in 1916 and 19,538, the average for the five years ending with 1915. The number of suits disposed of was 16,023 against 17,528 in 1916. The arrears increased from 963 in 1916 to 1,072. The average duration of contested suits fell from 37 days in 1916 to 35 in the year under review and that for uncontested suits from 28 to 26 days.

The High
Court.

16. In the High Court, the number of suits instituted or received by transfer was 517 against 510 in 1916 and 542 in 1915. The number of suits disposed of was 475 against 598 in 1916 and 566 in 1915; but only one Court sat for a longer period than during the former years and the arrears increased from 287 last year, the lowest figure since 1908, to 329. The average duration of contested suits was 331 days and of uncontested suits 183 days against 438 and 165 days respectively in 1916.

Insolvency
Petitions—
(a) Mufas-
sal Courts.

17. The steady increase in the number of insolvency petitions presented to the Mufassal Courts, noticed in previous years, was maintained in 1917, the number instituted being 2,684 against 2,348 in 1916. The number of petitions disposed of in 1917 was 4,540 against 3,946 in the previous year (these figures including petitions transferred to Official Receivers and entered as disposed of twice) and the number pending at the end of the year was 947 against 848 in 1916. The number of petitions granted was 1,661 against 1,398 in 1916. The total amount of creditors' claims admitted was Rs. 19,52,465 against Rs. 11,03,428 in the previous year and the total amount of assets distributed was Rs. 4,28,493 against Rs. 4,51,477 in 1916. The number of insolvents discharged was only four.

(b) The High
Court.

The number of insolvency petitions presented in the High Court during the year was 251 against 274 in 1916, 337 in 1915 and 346 in 1914. The number of petitions disposed of was 266 against 278 in 1916 and the arrears decreased slightly from 982 to 980. In addition, 26 matters which ranked as interlocutory applications but which were in effect suits were disposed of during the year under review. The number of persons adjudged insolvent was 234 and the number discharged was 205. The total amount of claims admitted during the year was Rs. 11,26,614 and the amount paid as dividends to creditors was Rs. 3,05,956.

III.—APPELLATE COURTS.

Agency
Courts.

18. The number of regular appeals filed in the Agency Tracts doubled itself, from 61 in 1916 to 121 in the year under review and as against an average of 83 appeals for the five years ending 1915. The number of appeals disposed of was 102 and 32 were left pending at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals in these Courts was 57 days against 54 days in 1916 and 31 days in 1915 and the percentage of confirmation was 60.78 against 55 in 1916.

Subordinate
Judges' and
District
Courts.

19. In the Subordinate Judges' and District Courts the number of appeals filed was 13,298 against 13,334 in 1916, the average for the five years ending with 1915 being 12,071. The number of appeals disposed of by Subordinate Judges was 5,805 against 6,255 in the previous year and the arrears rose from 2,285 to 2,725. The number of appeals pending for more than six months fell from 1,175 to 1,160 at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 196 days in the case of uncontested appeals and 280 days in the case of contested

appeals, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 292 and 308 days respectively. The average for contested appeals was high in the Subordinate Judges' Courts of Tellicherry (Temporary) (620 days), Vizagapatam (Temporary) (582 days) and Cuddalore (Temporary) (520 days). The number of miscellaneous appeals disposed of was 120 against 383 in the previous year.

Six thousand six hundred and thirty-five regular appeals were disposed of by District Judges against 6,071 in 1916 and there was a marked reduction in arrears from 7,134 to 6,541. The number of appeals pending for more than six months rose from 1,728 to 2,073 at the end of 1917. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 200 days for uncontested and 224 days for contested appeals, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 430 and 316 days respectively. The average for contested appeals was highest in the Courts of North Malabar (401 days), Ganjam (387 days), Salem (367 days), and South Arcot (354 days). The number of miscellaneous appeals disposed of by these Courts was 976 against 903 in the previous year.

The High
Court.

20. The number of appeals from original decrees of the Mufassal Courts filed in the High Court in 1917 was 431 against 428 in 1916 and 375, the average for the five years ending with 1915. The number disposed of was 532 against 553 in the previous year and the arrears decreased from 725 to 624. The number of appeals filed against orders of the Mufassal Courts was 411 against 372 in the previous year, the average for the preceding five years being 360. Of the total number before the Court, 453 were disposed of leaving 293 pending at the end of the year, the corresponding figures for 1916 being 526 and 335. Against the decrees passed on the Original Side of the High Court 93 appeals were filed against 80 in 1916 and 95, the average for the five years 1911—15; 97 were disposed of against 121 in the previous year and the arrears decreased from 86 to 82. The number of appeals from the decrees of the City Civil Court was 21, the figure for previous year and the average for the preceding five years being 23 and 34. Fifteen appeals were disposed of against 59 in 1916, leaving 15 pending at the end of the year against 9 in 1916. The average duration of appeals disposed of under the above classes was 466 days against 548 days in 1916 and 650 in 1915.

The number of Letters Patent Appeals (other than Original Side Appeals) filed was 193 against 289 in 1916 and 250, the average for the preceding five years. The number disposed of was 232 against 504 in the previous year and the arrears declined from 118 to 79.

The number of appeals received against appellate decrees was 2,546 against 2,006 in 1916, the average for the five years ending with 1915 being 2,514. The number disposed of was 2,519 against 3,117 in 1916 and the arrears slightly rose from 2,315 to 2,342. The number of appeals filed against appellate orders was 139 against 147 in the previous year and 122, the average for the preceding five years. The number disposed of was 153 against 188 in the previous year and the arrears decreased from 128 to 114. The average duration of the second appeals disposed of was 458 days against 688 in 1916 and 515 in 1915.

The percentage of appeals dismissed was as follows:—First appeals from the District Courts 63·11, from the City Civil Court 80·00 and from Subordinate Judges' Courts 58·92; Original Side appeals 71·13; from appeals against appellate decisions 75·97 and Letters Patent appeals 78·02.

IV.—REVISION AND REFERENCE.

Revision.

21. The number of revision petitions filed in the High Court was 1,320, of which 789 were for the revision of decisions in small cause suits against 1,413 and 797 respectively in 1916. The number of petitions disposed of was 1,378 against 1,644 in 1916 and the arrears fell from 1,064 to 1,006, of which 350 were pending for more than six months. Of the petitions against decisions in small cause suits which were disposed of 62·91 per cent were dismissed against 80·92 per cent in 1916. Of the total number of petitions disposed of 65·82 per cent were dismissed against 78·41 and 82·77 in 1916 and 1915.

Reference.

22. The number of cases referred by the lower Courts to the High Court was 8, the average for the preceding five years being 14. Seven cases were left pending

at the end of 1916 and of the total of fifteen cases for disposal, seven were disposed of, two under the Indian Divorce Act, three under the Civil Procedure Code, one under the Legal Practitioners' Act and one under the Indian Stamp Act.

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

23. The total number of applications for execution received in all the Courts in the Mufassal taken together, except Village Courts, was 355,733 against 356,881 in 1916 and 310,875, the average for the five years ending with 1915. The increase is probably due to the larger increase in disposals in 1915 and 1916, and to the anxiety of decree-holders to realize their money owing to the financial stringency. The number of applications disposed of in all the Courts was 360,351 and 50,187 were left pending at the end of the year against 51,075 at the end of 1916. Satisfaction was obtained in full in 16·34 per cent of the applications disposed of against 16·66 per cent in the previous year. Satisfaction was obtained in part in 7·81 per cent of the applications disposed of against 7·79 per cent in 1916 and the number of wholly infructuous applications rose from 266,285 to 269,895. The total amount realized in execution was Rs. 1,34,50,695 against Rs. 1,27,44,190 in 1916. The number of debtors imprisoned in execution was 3,532 against 2,300 in the previous year.

Execution.

The total number of applications for execution received during the year in the City Civil Court, Presidency Court of Small Causes and the High Court was 16,612 against 14,542 in 1916. Seventeen thousand four hundred and thirty-seven applications were disposed of leaving 2,172 applications pending at the end of the year, the corresponding figures for 1916 being 15,166 and 2,992, respectively. Satisfaction was obtained in full in 9·34 per cent of the applications disposed of against 9·56 in 1916 and satisfaction was obtained in part in 2·32 per cent of the applications disposed of against 2·92 in 1916. The number of wholly infructuous applications rose from 13,180 in 1916 to 15,299 in 1917. The amount realized in execution in these Courts was Rs. 6,69,915 against Rs. 6,47,951 in 1916. Three hundred and fourteen judgment-debtors were imprisoned in execution during the year against 397 in 1916.

24. In the Mufassal Courts other than Village Courts, 3,104,788 processes were executed, of which 322,316 were executed by amins and the remainder by peons, giving an average of 190 for each amin and 450 for each peon against 188 and 455 in 1916. During the year an experiment of supplying process-servers with bicycles with the object of enabling them to execute a larger number of processes and to serve processes more rapidly was tried at Chingleput and is being continued at Madura. A scheme was also tried at Tanjore of allowing servers to travel by railway in order to expedite service but it proved unsuccessful and had to be abandoned. The receipts from the execution of processes were Rs. 21,36,034 and the charges Rs. 11,17,378, leaving as usual a large surplus of Rs. 10,18,656. A method of procuring the thumb impressions of illiterate persons on processes and notices, tried in five districts in 1915, was extended to five other districts in the year under report.

Processes.

In pursuance of a circular order issued by the High Court in 1915, the District Judges of South Arcot, Coimbatore, Kistna, Madura and Trichinopoly deputed the Sub-Judges or District Munsifs at head-quarters to inspect the Central Nazarats.

25. At the end of the year, there were on the rolls of the High Court 170 advocates, 1,385 vakils and 45 attorneys and in the Mufassal Courts there were 1,790 first-grade pleaders and 1,431 second-grade pleaders. Thirteen advocates, 119 vakils, 249 first-grade pleaders and one second-grade pleader were admitted in the course of the year. Fees for the admission of High Court practitioners amounted altogether to Rs. 66,500 and those for the admission of pleaders to Rs. 6,130-8-0. The fees for the renewal of pleadership certificates amounted to Rs. 59,945.

Legal Practitioners.

26. The number of District Munsifs who inspected the records of Village Courts within their jurisdiction was 131 against 129 in the previous year and the

Inspection of
Village
Court
records.

number of Courts of which the records were inspected was 2,713 against 2,630 in 1916 as shown in the following table:—

District.	Number of District Munsifs who inspected Village Court records.	Number of Village Courts, the records of which were inspected.	District.	Number of District Munsifs who inspected Village Court records.	Number of Village Courts, the records of which were inspected.
Arcot, North ...	9	316	Malabar, North ...	8	139
Do. South ...	9	242	Do. South ...	9	118
Bellary ...	3	60	Nellore ...	4	65
Chingleput ...	4	68	Rāmnād ...	5	72
Coimbatore ...	8	84	Salem ...	4	97
Cuddapah ...	4	69	Tanjore ...	11	365
Ganjām ...	3	22	Tinnevelly ...	5	65
Gōdāvari ...	6	84	Trichinopoly ...	6	123
Guntūr ...	4	87	Vizagapatam ...	6	60
Kanara, South ...	5	216			
Kistna ...	10	184	Total ...	181	2,713
Kurnool ...	3	22			
Madura ...	5	155			

Some of the reports show that Village Courts frequently make mistakes as to jurisdiction. Clear instructions should be issued when this is found to be the case.

27. The number of District Munsifs' and Subordinate Judges' Courts inspected during the year was 117 as shown in the following table:—

District.	Number of Courts in the district.	Number of Courts inspected.	District.	Number of Courts in the district.	Number of Courts inspected.
Arcot, North ...	11	7	Kurnool ...	3	3
Do. South ...	11	1	Madura ...	10	7
Bellary ...	4	3	Malabar, North ...	11	2
Chingleput ...	6	6	Do. South ...	20	11
Coimbatore ...	11	6	Nellore ...	5	5
Cuddapah ...	5	4	Rāmnād ...	10	7
Ganjām ...	6	2	Salem ...	4	2
Gōdāvari ...	12	7	Tanjore ...	19	8
Guntūr ...	10	5	Tinnevelly ...	9	3
Kanara, South ...	7	4	Trichinopoly ...	9	2
Kistna ...	17	17	Vizagapatam ...	8	5

It is highly satisfactory that the District Judge of Kistna (Mr. Cotton) was able to carry out the inspection of all the Courts in his heavy charge in addition to the large amount of work involved in the partition and administration of the Nidadavole and Medur Estates. The District Judges of Chingleput, Kurnool and Nellore were also able to inspect all the Courts in their districts. The Honourable the Judges regret that the District Judge of South Arcot who was asked to inspect a fair number of Courts in view of the fact that last year he did not inspect any has this year inspected only one. The inspection by the District Judges of Ganjām, North Malabar and Trichinopoly has not been adequate and it is hoped that they will inspect the remaining Courts in their district during the current year. In the case of the District Judge, North Malabar, there were special reasons which prevented his leaving Tellicherry for the purpose.

28. The total receipts of civil and criminal Courts in the Presidency in 1917 amounted to Rs. 1,09,70,434 and the charges to Rs. 88,66,774, leaving a large surplus of Rs. 21,03,660. The charges include money spent on the upkeep of buildings, and, except pensions and cost of buildings, all other sums which the Accountant-General reports should be considered to have been spent on the Courts.

29. All the reports which refer to the amendment of the law, under which District and Subordinate Judges and selected District Munsifs have been specially empowered to dictate judgments to a shorthand writer in open Court, indicate that the system, so far as it has been utilised, has been found to facilitate disposals.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, MADRAS,
6th August 1918.

C. G. MACKAY,
Registrar.

IMPERIAL STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 1 (Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial divisions and the number of officers exercising appellate or original jurisdiction in the province of Madras on the last day of the year 1917 with the cost of tribunals.

Province of Madras.	Area (in square miles).	Popula- tion.	Number of divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of districts.	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction.					Total number of cases decided.				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.
						Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other Subordinate Courts.	Original.		Appeal.			
											Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Territory subject to the High Court.	141,189	41,405,404	...	22	133	12	...	22	*41	†167	373,404	902,671	16,122	1,415	Rs. † 1,09,70,434	Rs. † 88,66,774
Territory not subject to the High Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

N.B.—This statement does not include Village Courts or Courts for Agency Tracts.

* Subordinate Judges, Permanent and Temporary.

† Includes the four Judges of the Presidency Court of Small Causes, the Judge of the City Civil Court, all District Munsifs, Permanent and Temporary, other than those for Agency Tracts, and four Revenue Officers exercising the powers of a District Munsif.

‡ Furnished by the Accountant-General. Includes figures for Criminal and Revenue Courts also.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 1 (Civil)—SUPPLEMENT.

Statement showing the number of European and Indian Judicial officers of each grade exercising appellate or original jurisdiction in the province of Madras for the year 1917.

Tribunals.	Original powers.			Appeal powers.			Grand total.		
	European.	Indian (including Eurasian).	Total.	European.	Indian (including Eurasian).	Total.	European.	Indian (including Eurasian).	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
High Court Judges ...	8	4	12	8	4	12	8	4	12
City Civil Judge ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Presidency Small Cause Judges ...	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	4	4
District Judges ...	17	5	22	17	5	22	17	5	22
Subordinate Judges ...	...	41	41	...	39	39	...	41	41*
District Munsifs ...	...	159	159	...	...	...	...	159	159†
Total ...	25	214	239	25	48	73	25	214	239

* Includes the two Judges of the special Small Cause Courts of Trichinopoly and Kumbakonam.

Besides these eleven Divisional officers in the Agency Tracts exercised the powers of a Subordinate Judge.

† Besides these twenty-two Magistrates in the Agency Tracts and four Revenue Officers in other parts of the presidency exercised the powers of a District Munsif.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and description of civil suits instituted in the civil courts in the province of Madras in the year 1917.

Class of tribunals.	Suits for money or movable property.	Suits under the rent-law					Title and other suits.							Total.	
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For penalties or damages or compensation for wrongful act on the part of landlord or tenant.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under rent-law.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Suits to establish a right of pre-emption.	Mortgage suits.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Matrimonial suits.	Testamentary suits.		Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.															
Unpaid Tribunals ..	126,599	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	126,599
Village Courts ..	261,801	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	261,801
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals ..	18,193	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,193
Small Cause Courts (Special) ..	20,765	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,765
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	145	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	145
Chief Courts of Districts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	422,503	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	422,503
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.															
Presidency Small Cause Court ..	16,090	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,090
The City Civil Court ..	118	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118
Superior Court ..	246	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	246
Total ..	16,454	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,454
Grand total ..	438,957	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	438,957

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and value of suits instituted in the civil courts in the province of Madras in the year 1917.

Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.												
Value of suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.											Total value of suits.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.												
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. ...
Village Courts	66,168	56,657	2,642	847	285	12,270	6,637	...	...	...	759	4,87,18,554
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	18,163	31,953	92,460	74,386	73,864	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,29,525
Small Cause Courts (Special)	740	1,499	4,123	3,190	3,641	...	...	...	...	...	...	37,76,166
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	1	...	3	4	232	...	58	...	28	8,82,44,655
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	23	55	592	475	18,942	84	1,004	579	360	...	75	...
Total	85,084	93,164	99,818	78,898	96,735	12,358	7,573	673	418	862	...	8,68,68,900
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.												
Presidency Small Cause Court	2,432	2,297	4,078	2,832	3,629	562	260	...	...	...	...	19,05,184
The City Civil Court	8	62	33	35	177	80	154	...	...	...	...	3,87,214
Superior Court	...	...	...	...	2	2	230	112	143	...	19	93,89,922
Total	2,440	2,369	4,111	2,867	3,808	644	644	112	143	19	...	1,16,32,320
Grand total	87,524	95,523	103,929	81,765	100,543	13,002	8,517	790	561	881	...	9,85,01,220

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of civil cases in the courts of original jurisdiction in the province of Madras in the year 1917.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of												Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.	
		Without contest.						With contest.								Contested.	Uncontested.
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.*	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed <i>ex parte</i> †.	Dismissed <i>ex parte</i> .	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	On reference to arbitration.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Village Courts	136,461	...	36,237	6,912	16,258	163,566	1,176	461	...	142	69,080	27,593	72,995	34,216	45		
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	394,420	...	1,281	126	478	7,799	3	...	...	...	2,689	877	1,416	334	217		
Small Cause Courts, (Special)	14,678	...	1,592	379	1,077	11,415	49	45	19	...	6,203	2,069	5,788	2,460	93		
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	29,586	...	14	11	5	39	...	1	...	...	235	83	426	213	50		
Chief Courts of Districts	819	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	291	83		
Total (excluding Village Courts)	438,503	...	39,124	7,423	17,816	182,819	1,228	508	169	78,217	30,627	80,875	37,801	...	...		
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Presidency Small Cause Court	17,095	...	644	3,446	4,111	5,438	54	2	1	1,753	529	1,072	58	35	26		
The City Civil Court	781	...	81	...	47	59	...	2	...	185	151	256	167	215	41		
Superior Court	795	...	108	84	...	84	...	35	1	106	57	320	196	331	183		
Total	18,671	...	833	3,530	4,158	5,626	54	39	2	2,044	787	1,648	421	...	...		
Grand total	457,174	...	39,957	10,958	21,974	188,445	1,282	547	163	80,261	31,864	82,223	37,722	...	...		

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

* Of these 1,572 were restored to file.

† Of these 1,808 were re-admitted.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9 (CIVIL)—concl'd.

Statement showing the general result of the trial of civil cases in the courts of original jurisdiction in the province of Madras in the year 1917—concl'd.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of												Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases contested and uncontested.
		Without contest.						On reference to arbitration.		With contest.		Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.			
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	Compromised.	Deceased on confession.	Deceased <i>ex parte</i> .	Dismissed <i>ex parte</i> .	For plaintiff.	For defendant.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	471,795	...	315,182	1,103	37,519	61,028	2,833	105	64	18,332	14,818	20,144	1,542	...	...	
Small Cause Courts, Special	6,334	...	4,369	1	343	1,020	5	...	...	186	139	311	14	...	...	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	57,541	...	36,883	89	4,632	6,860	417	12	4	3,661	2,851	3,076	393	...	...	
Chief Courts of Districts	21,446	...	12,562	91	903	1,491	113	4	2	2,209	1,936	2,132	770	...	...	
Total	557,166	...	368,009	1,284	43,450	70,339	3,308	121	70	25,038	19,744	25,663	2,719	...	...	
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Court	7,938	...	1,628	70	670	2,884	477	1	...	753	522	955	1	...	...	
The City Civil Court	1,634	...	1,246	...	110	102	...	...	...	79	46	51	13	...	...	
Superior Court	* 2,526	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total (excluding Superior Court)	9,572	...	2,872	70	780	2,968	477	1	...	832	568	1,006	14	...	...	
Grand total	566,738	...	370,881	1,354	44,230	73,365	3,845	122	70	25,890	20,312	26,669	2,733	...	...	

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

* The total number disposed of.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the business of the civil appellate courts of the province of Madras in the year 1917.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Decisions confirmed, Order 41, Rule XI, Civil Procedure Code.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard <i>ex parte</i> .				Contested.				Of these, pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Order 41, Rule XXII, Civil Procedure Code.	
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR. <i>Appeals from original decrees.</i>																
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	8,635	...	8	203	35	13	12	18	3,216	950	1,021	415	2,744	1,923	276	477
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ...	13,205	...	66	251	44	27	24	18	3,656	1,002	1,025	538	6,554	4,358	224	395
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	21,840	...	74	454	79	40	36	36	6,872	1,952	2,046	953	9,298	6,278	...	872
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT. <i>Chief Court of Province.</i>																
Appeals from { Original Decrees. From decisions on the original side ...	1,390 179		7 ...	7 2	9 5				380 64	156 13	71 10	51 3	709 82	565 55	555 372	37 1
Appeals from { Appellate Decrees. From decisions in the interior. From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on appeal in Chief Court ...	5,128 311	1 ...	626 79	16 ...	6 4		... 1		1,398 98	192 3	191 33	242 14	2,456 79	1,848 53	458 504	40 1
Total ...	7,008	1	712	25	24	...	1	...	1,940	364	305	310	3,326	2,521	...	79
Grand total ...	28,848	1	786	479	103	40	37	36	8,812	2,316	2,351	1,263	12,624	8,799	...	951

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10 (CIVIL)—concl.

Statement showing the business of the civil appellate courts of the province of Madras in the year 1917—concl.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS (JUDICIAL) CASES BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS.

Class of Courts.	2	3	4	5	Heard <i>ex parte</i> .				Contested.				14	15	16	17
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
<i>Appeals from Original Orders.</i>																
District Appellate Courts other than Chief	207	...	1	5	5	...	1	4	56	6	25	20	84	51	136	2
Courts of Districts ...	1,610	...	10	64	5	...	12	3	376	191	218	95	634	489	154	2
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Court of Province ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,817	...	11	69	10	2	13	7	432	197	243	115	718	490	...	4
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
<i>Chief Court of Province.</i>																
Appeals from Original Orders ...	542	...	16	20	4	...	...	...	191	13	38	37	223	189	305	...
Appeals from Appellate Orders *	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	542	...	16	20	4	...	...	...	191	13	38	37	223	189	...	...
Grand total ...	2,359	...	27	89	14	2	13	7	623	210	281	152	941	659	...	4

* The figures for these cases are included in those for appeals from appellate decrees in Part I of this statement.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the civil courts in the province of Madras in the year 1917.

Class of Courts.	1	Applications disposed of				7	8	9	Number of applications				On which mov- able property				On which immovable property				On which possession was given		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding column.	21
		of the year.							On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18									
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.													Was sold.	Was attached, but sub- sequently released.	Was attached, but subse- quently released under Order 21, Rule 83, Sub- Order 21, Rule 83						

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

* Figures for Village Courts are not available.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Act III of 1907 in the province of Madras in the year 1917.

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS, 1917																
Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency.										Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 44.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.	
	Total number for hearing.	Transferred to another province, withdrawn, etc.	Granted.		Rejected.				Pending at the close of the year.	Admitted.			Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 48 (2) not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 48 (2).	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.									
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	4,897	2,481	1,181	354	78	1	...	852	1	347	18,68,248	3,91,151	5,43,837	4,10,511		
Chief Courts of Districts	590	350	91	25	19	...	...	95	3	1	86,117	20,560	1,05,638	17,982		
Superior Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Total	5,487	2,781	1,272	389	97	1	...	947	4	348	19,52,465	4,11,711	6,54,475	4,28,493		

SPECIAL STATEMENTS.

A.
Statement showing the relative contribution of the several districts of the Presidency to the aggregate litigation of the year 1917 and the ratio of population to suits.

Districts.	Population.	Suits		Ratio of population to suits.	Appeals		Total of suits and appeals.	Percentage to total.		
		Before Village Courts.	Before Civil Courts.		Total.	To District and Subordinate Judges' Courts.			To High Court.	Total.
Tanjore	2,362,689	8,637	37,778	51	1,303	388	48,101	9.82		
Arcoot, South	2,362,566	10,229	32,239	56	271	33	42,772	8.28		
Malabar, South	2,071,678	12,532	23,350	58	909	206	36,997	7.17		
Madura	1,932,832	7,543	23,195	63	501	171	31,410	6.08		
Malabar, North	949,013	8,798	21,290	32	852	78	31,018	6.01		
Trichinopoly	2,107,029	5,765	24,286	70	6-7	115	30,853	5.97		
Arcoot, North (including Chittoor)	3,199,702	5,270	24,195	109	960	99	30,524	5.91		
Kistna	1,997,535	5,201	23,237	70	1,399	270	30,107	5.83		
Tinnevely	1,790,619	10,503	17,016	65	723	174	28,416	5.54		
Bāmnād	1,658,463	5,411	18,547	69	838	553	25,349	4.91		
Kanara, South	1,195,227	12,717	11,032	50	588	161	24,498	4.74		
Coimbatore (including the Nigiris)	2,235,182	6,077	17,081	97	329	64	23,551	4.56		
Godāvāri	1,447,481	5,668	13,546	75	796	204	20,214	3.91		
Do. Agency	205,378	...	526	390	22	...	548	1.1		
Guntur	1,697,551	4,074	14,439	92	636	87	19,236	3.72		
Salem	1,766,680	4,291	13,311	97	188	46	18,436	3.57		
Chingleput	1,406,008	4,040	12,383	85	441	156	17,020	3.30		
Vizagapatam	2,169,551	2,571	9,714	177	432	58	12,775	2.47		
Do. Agency	1,020,270	...	1,006	1,014	69	...	1,075	2.1		
Nellore	1,328,152	1,618	9,109	124	307	72	11,106	2.15		
Ganjam	1,871,479	1,153	8,753	189	543	87	10,536	2.04		
Do. Agency	349,813	...	185	1,891	87	...	222	0.4		
Cuddapah	893,998	1,902	6,453	107	280	87	8,722	1.69		
Bellary (including Anantapur)	1,932,659	1,673	4,789	299	183	72	6,717	1.30		
Kurnool	985,199	932	4,927	160	132	38	6,029	1.17		
Total	40,886,744	126,605	372,982	82	13,426	3,219	516,232	100.00		
Madras	518,660	...	17,147	80	...	115	17,262	...		
Total for the Presidency	41,405,404	126,605	390,129	80	13,426	3,334	533,494	...		

B-1.

Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Village Courts in 1917.

Districts.	Number of Village Courts which tried cases.	Number pending from last year.				Number received during the year.				Number disposed of.				Number pending.			
		Act I of 1889.				Act I of 1889.				Act I of 1889.				Act I of 1889.			
		Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.
Anantapur	61	103	87	18	6	470	1,899	1,023	1,023	480	1,758	1,014	1,014	32	306	13	13
Arcoot, North	197	325	135	13	24	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Arcoot, South	592	583	887	215	76	4,242	1,899	1,023	1,023	480	1,758	1,014	1,014	185	306	13	13
Bellary	40	34	86	3	2	2,347	1,899	1,023	1,023	480	1,758	1,014	1,014	185	306	13	13
Chittoor	166	272	108	11	1	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	185	306	13	13
Chittoor, North	225	111	111	4	1	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	185	306	13	13
Coimbatore	225	111	111	4	1	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	185	306	13	13
Cuddapah	225	111	111	4	1	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	1,113	1,049	1,049	1,049	185	306	13	13
Ganjam	213	156	196	3	3	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Godavari	390	143	134	7	1	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Guntur	340	173	184	7	1	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Kanara, South	338	124	141	1	1	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Kanara, North	69	72	60	1	1	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Kurnool	273	187	192	13	1	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Madurai	268	269	170	1	1	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Madurai, North	283	432	395	15	5	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Nellore	109	161	132	15	5	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Nilgiris	216	80	149	10	15	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Ramanad	143	78	149	10	15	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Salem	553	325	276	1	3	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Tanjore	499	261	336	1	7	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Trichinopoly	291	255	211	17	8	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Vizagapatnam	171	151	164	...	...	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	1,833	4,242	2,347	2,347	185	306	13	13
Total	5,712	4,411	4,853	332	146	60,168	56,087	2,649	847	935	113,262	13,337	6	55,609	2,578	854	282

The system of trial by Bench Courts under section 9 of the Village Courts Act I of 1889 has been introduced in certain areas in all the districts.

B-2.
Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in Revenue Courts in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Districts.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.		
	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Anantapur	63	55	41	65	53	40	...	...	...
Arcoot, North	330	221	390	347	334	298	...	...	...
Do. South	280	118	323	222	104	395	...	...	...
Bellary	...	9	1	6	8	1	...	...	...
Chingleput	884	987	1,313	910	1,035	1,361	...	...	...
Chittoor	2,278	2,749	2,395	4,053	3,128	2,588	...	...	...
Coimbatore	10	82	33	11	32	33	...	...	...
Cuddapah	7	18	4	7	16	6	...	...	...
Gadavari	1,248	1,442	1,510	1,607	833	1,568	...	...	...
Guntur	459	615	433	420	509	596	...	...	...
Guntur, South	218	182	54	240	72	139	...	...	...
Kanara, South	1	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	...
Kistna	1,592	1,877	2,602	1,602	2,301	2,349	...	...	...
Kurnool	1,763	1,788	3,783	2,828	1,575	3,856	...	...	...
Madure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malabar, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. South	1,186	1,417	1,040	1,239	1,229	1,063	...	...	...
Nellore	6,091	5,108	4,860	4,195	6,473	2,920	...	...	...
Ramanad	277	667	300	270	242	719	...	...	...
Salem	1,430	1,242	1,326	620	1,999	847	...	...	...
Tanjore	621	652	400	948	555	648	...	...	...
Tinnevely	2,340	885	2,760	2,264	1,135	2,628	...	...	...
Trichinopoly	636	408	521	871	430	480	...	...	...
Vizagapatam	21,664	20,824	23,609	22,716	22,055	22,551	...	...	...
Total	21,751	20,433	23,698	22,781	22,157	22,619	...	...	...
Ganjam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	87	99	84	65	102	68	...	...	...
Grand total	21,751	20,433	23,698	22,781	22,157	22,619	...	...	...

B-3.

Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in District Munsifs' Courts in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Districts.	Ordinary Suits.						Small Causes.					
	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Instituted.			Disposed of.		
	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Arcoot, North	7,631	7,039	6,421	8,339	7,490	6,855	2,780	2,545	2,324	14,310	14,114	15,163
Do. South	7,749	9,044	8,755	7,787	9,184	9,047	2,288	2,559	2,029	24,528	24,155	27,292
Bellary	2,657	2,499	3,279	2,880	2,681	2,376	927	866	886	2,532	2,479	2,856
Chingleput	3,280	3,518	3,726	3,347	3,700	3,798	1,349	1,203	1,335	8,307	8,519	7,515
Coimbatore	9,552	7,560	7,178	8,456	8,887	7,829	3,402	2,925	1,935	10,006	9,469	9,002
Cuddapah	3,301	3,058	2,747	3,395	3,205	2,952	988	975	920	8,316	8,345	8,683
Ganjam	3,094	2,841	2,924	3,383	3,044	2,960	1,368	1,398	1,663	4,139	4,181	4,274
Godavari	3,900	4,380	4,503	4,548	4,670	4,594	2,838	2,416	2,521	3,568	3,614	4,285
Guntur	4,917	5,028	5,103	4,725	4,989	5,709	3,266	3,445	3,130	6,403	6,512	6,410
Guntur, South	3,748	3,832	4,261	4,176	3,898	4,445	1,502	1,516	1,399	8,095	7,643	9,421
Kanara	6,724	6,344	7,207	6,979	7,468	7,555	6,319	5,678	5,878	5,153	5,674	6,052
Kistna	1,916	2,283	2,102	1,846	2,378	1,982	475	481	677	11,616	11,650	12,083
Kurnool	4,659	6,575	6,215	4,200	6,166	6,553	2,566	3,076	2,999	3,184	3,115	3,047
Madure	7,811	7,383	6,990	7,508	7,631	7,494	3,169	2,983	2,545	11,313	13,651	13,709
Malabar, North	6,471	7,168	7,348	6,380	6,836	7,011	3,660	4,168	4,697	14,425	14,040	14,854
Do. South	2,453	2,943	3,067	2,436	2,998	2,975	1,296	1,490	1,716	13,661	13,810	14,012
Nellore	4,749	4,758	4,508	5,256	5,192	4,765	3,296	2,931	2,836	4,513	4,364	4,943
Ramanad	4,856	4,297	4,034	4,797	4,104	3,676	1,088	1,371	2,028	8,719	8,443	9,222
Salem	5,190	5,948	5,436	5,253	5,947	5,783	3,649	3,821	3,460	11,316	11,269	10,784
Tanjore	3,410	3,556	3,590	3,315	3,639	3,545	1,990	2,043	2,199	20,541	26,565	20,356
Tinnevely	5,471	6,051	5,919	5,790	5,978	6,402	2,860	3,335	2,876	23,562	9,707	18,955
Trichinopoly	4,002	3,517	4,119	4,321	3,910	3,993	2,084	2,116	2,322	9,830	17,316	10,244
Vizagapatam	106,441	109,917	108,893	110,622	114,061	112,274	52,611	52,388	52,072	17,401	11,808	11,830
Total	106,441	109,917	108,893	110,622	114,061	112,274	52,611	52,388	52,072	4,822	5,001	5,187
Ganjam	178	189	162	173	198	162	...	...	...	218,796	203,379	207,747
Godavari	305	456	409	326	429	397	...	...	...	...	...	...
do.	695	698	840	738	716	845	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,178	1,343	1,411	1,237	1,343	1,404	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total	107,619	111,260	110,103	111,859	115,404	113,878	52,761	52,607	52,320	227,941	233,879	237,747

B-5.

Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in District Courts in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917.

District Courts.	Ordinary Suits											
	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.					
							Total.			More than a year.		
	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Arcoot, North ...	1	3	2	5	3	13	6	5	19	6	1	1
Do. South ...	30	50	28	26	28	17	18	45	51	4	13	29
Bellary ...	57	22	10	29	28	43	111	39	38	50	26	11
Chingleput ...	86	49	54	45	25	52	82	49	30	18	15	8
Coimbatore ...	1	...	1	17	6	3	7	1	...	5	1	...
Cuddapah ...	37	35	21	25	18	15	80	23	26	47	3	10
Ganjām ...	...	...	...	12	6	12	8	8	12	1	2	2
Godāvari ...	77	70	67	41	50	38	76	32	47	23	5	8
Guntūr ...	...	...	1	2	5	6	2	2	4	2	1	8
Kanara, South ...	2	4	3	3	11	7	5	5	5	1	2	2
Kistna ...	58	40	48	18	11	38	54	35	30	13	3	3
Kurnool ...	21	18	11	13	12	20	32	24	15	13	12	8
Madura ...	2	4	3	8	31	21	25	19	11	22	3	6
Malabar, North ...	17	...	...	13	7	3	15	7	4	2	6	4
Do. South ...	1	1	1	5	2	8	1	3	5	1	1	2
Nellore ...	75	75	84	27	42	34	83	50	39	22	7	6
Rāmnād ...	27	29	29	16	23	19	17	48	19	...	2	...
Salem ...	21	41	25	21	4	12	18	20	49	5	1	30
Tanjore ...	...	...	...	5	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	1
Tinnevely ...	5	4	...	4	13	11	2	5	1	...	5	1
Trichinopoly ...	2	...	1	1	28	7	5	5	10	2	1	2
Vizagapatam ...	2	2	3	17	6	10	10	6	5	8	4	5
Total ...	522	447	422	353	360	392	658	431	421	248	114	141
Ganjām Agency. ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Godāvari do. ...	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	5	...	...	2
Vizagapatam do. ...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6	6	3	1	1	1	1	5	5	...	...	2
Grand total ...	528	453	425	354	361	393	659	436	426	248	114	143

* One Small Cause Suit received by transfer, was pending in this District Court at the end of the year.

B-6.

Comparative statement of regular appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the several districts in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Districts.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.		
	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Arcoot, North ...	584	770	940	458	377	756	382	785	981
Do. South ...	226	247	249	143	155	143	179	276	385
Bellary ...	234	213	168	181	378	198	222	62	38
Chingleput ...	569	400	416	432	411	534	875	388	275
Coimbatore ...	253	303	301	238	300	316	90	97	93
Cuddapah ...	244	177	263	80	533	258	613	216	213
Ganjām ...	545	426	513	358	556	523	505	378	378
Godāvari ...	575	679	693	522	709	705	364	351	361
Guntūr ...	435	502	585	357	485	488	315	334	434
Kanara, South ...	568	526	503	518	456	588	326	419	405
Kistna ...	934	996	1,261	858	1,050	1,286	788	351	934
Kurnool ...	112	170	116	143	182	156	66	52	13
Madura ...	525	454	451	700	627	402	400	281	289
Malabar, North ...	694	842	830	535	741	506	994	1,108	1,444
Do. South ...	872	854	836	1,064	978	881	418	316	355
Nellore ...	289	398	293	228	748	345	503	158	108
Rāmnād ...	784	1,285	481	1,087	921	1,457	765	1,154	194
Salem ...	170	143	175	309	272	121	306	84	144
Tanjore ...	875	1,066	1,017	1,030	917	1,161	597	661	696
Tinnevely ...	619	673	652	574	627	582	377	326	412
Trichinopoly ...	581	667	583	570	424	611	223	484	485
Vizagapatam ...	496	607	409	439	431	478	503	688	629
Total ...	11,144	12,248	11,790	11,267	12,326	12,440	9,211	9,419	9,208
Ganjām Agency ...	59	16	37	59	17	38	3	2	6
Godāvari do. ...	18	17	22	18	17	14	2	2	11
Vizagapatam do. ...	46	28	62	42	30	55	6	4	15
Total ...	123	61	121	119	64	102	11	8	32
Grand total ...	11,267	12,309	11,911	11,386	12,390	12,542	9,222	9,427	9,240

B-7.

Comparative statement of miscellaneous appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the several districts in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Districts.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.		
	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Arcoot, North ...	38	38	20	29	28	41	18	28	7
Do. South ...	16	23	22	12	21	13	7	9	19
Bellary ...	20	27	15	20	28	22	10	9	2
Chingleput ...	28	46	25	22	43	31	12	15	9
Coimbatore ...	28	28	28	19	39	24	14	1	6
Cuddapah ...	17	11	27	22	15	25	9	5	7
Ganjām ...	48	30	30	15	55	35	42	17	14
Godāvari ...	30	23	103	27	23	87	8	8	24
Guntūr ...	29	37	51	35	25	35	8	20	36
Kanara, South ...	15	28	25	14	30	22	3	2	5
Kistna ...	287	319	138	149	459	121	193	70	96
Kurnool ...	5	5	16	7	4	14	...	1	3
Madura ...	30	50	50	36	47	44	6	10	16
Malabar, North ...	29	30	22	34	34	19	9	5	8
Do. South ...	58	64	73	65	64	66	10	10	17
Nellore ...	23	26	14	20	34	11	9	1	4
Rāmnād ...	41	50	357	30	68	40	31	15	332
Salem ...	4	13	13	11	12	8	2	8	8
Tanjore ...	101	114	286	89	112	275	28	25	33
Tinnevely ...	104	32	71	109	34	37	10	8	43
Trichinopoly ...	55	65	99	50	69	97	12	9	12
Vizagapatam ...	50	27	23	23	42	29	34	19	13
Total ...	1,056	1,086	1,508	836	1,286	1,096	470	290	714
Ganjām Agency ...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Godāvari do. ...	3	2	7	1	4	3	2	...	4
Vizagapatam do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5	3	7	3	5	3	2	...	...
Grand total ...	1,061	1,089	1,515	841	1,291	1,099	472	290	718

C.

Comparative statement showing the nature of the suits in which appeals were instituted in the several districts in the years 1916 and 1917.

Districts.	1916.				1917.			
	Appeals from			Total.	Appeals from			Total.
	Suits relating to money or moveable property.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.	Title and other suits.		Suits relating to money or moveable property.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.	Title and other suits.	
Arcoot, North ...	138	156	431	770	262	307	371	940
Do. South ...	94	2	151	247	115	12	122	249
Bellary ...	78	...	135	213	104	...	64	168
Chingleput ...	50	77	273	400	83	54	279	416
Coimbatore ...	153	2	148	303	156	6	189	301
Cuddapah ...	80	...	97	177	99	5	149	253
Ganjām ...	152	78	196	426	151	101	261	513
Godāvari ...	172	103	404	679	195	25	473	698
Guntūr ...	167	3	332	502	189	...	396	585
Kanara, South ...	192	...	334	526	216	1	346	563
Kistna ...	260	104	632	996	307	97	567	1,261
Kurnool ...	58	...	112	170	36	...	80	116
Madura ...	84	58	312	454	122	55	274	451
Malabar, North ...	235	...	607	842	221	...	609	830
Do. South ...	302	...	552	854	280	...	556	836
Nellore ...	113	46	239	398	78	28	187	293
Rāmnād ...	144	457	634	1,235	105	79	297	481
Salem ...	62	13	68	143	58	16	101	175
Tanjore ...	258	146	662	1,066	264	114	689	1,017
Tinnevely ...	84	170	319	573	164	235	258	652
Trichinopoly ...	140	174	353	667	140	3	436	588
Vizagapatam ...	193	49	365	607	110	33	266	409
Total ...	3,254	1,688	7,356	12,248	3,464	1,171	7,155	11,790
Ganjām Agency ...	11	...	5	16	20	...	17	37
Godāvari do. ...	9	...	8	17	9	...	13	22
Vizagapatam do. ...	16	5	7	28	40	3	19	62
Total ...	36	5	20	61	69	8	49	121
Madras { First Appeals ...	124	...	508	632	119	...	544	663
{ Second Appeals ...	274	324	1,546	2,144	355	524	1,792	2,671
Total ...	398	324	2,054	2,776	474	524	2,336	3,334
Grand total ...	3,688	1,967	9,430	15,085	4,007	1,698	9,540	15,245

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D-1.

Statement showing the mode of disposal of appeals in each district in the year 1917.

Districts.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Rejected under Rule 11, Order XLI, C.C.P.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Total.
Arcot, North	43	...	358	158	141	61	756
Do. South	9	...	72	12	40	10	143
Bellary	3	1	141	13	31	4	193
Chingleput	5	...	376	37	76	40	584
Coimbatore	9	8	176	61	44	28	316
Cuddapah	2	...	175	25	44	12	258
Ganjām	23	...	270	86	79	65	523
Godāvari	22	1	401	114	87	80	705
Guntūr	3	3	263	78	82	59	488
Kanara, South	11	2	354	112	75	34	588
Kistna	120	1	606	203	245	111	1,286
Kurnool	1	...	105	16	25	9	156
Madura	17	...	261	43	71	10	402
Malabar, North	14	41	245	66	100	20	506
Do. South	36	...	459	175	118	43	831
Nellore	7	9	181	65	61	22	345
Rāmnaḍ	14	...	854	277	261	51	1,457
Salem	11	2	59	12	20	17	121
Tanjore	39	1	551	133	231	206	1,161
Tinnevely	14	5	424	60	63	26	582
Trichinopoly	15	...	309	184	81	22	611
Vizagapatam	36	2	257	48	94	46	476
Total	454	71	6,892	1,983	2,069	971	12,440
Ganjām Agency	...	...	26	1	...	6	33
Godāvari do.	...	...	6	1	6	2	14
Vizagapatam do.	...	3	27	7	8	10	55
Total	...	3	59	9	13	18	102
Grand total	454	74	6,951	1,992	2,082	989	12,542

D-2.

Statement showing the result of appeals from Revenue Courts to District Courts in 1917.

Districts.	Revenue Courts.	Appealable decrees passed.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to appeals disposed of.
Arcot, North.	Divisional Officer, Chandragiri	161	5	8	...	28-02
	Do. Tirupattur	67	3	3	1	
	Do. Vellore	182	56	8	8	
	Do. Chittoor	90	1	1	...	
	Do. Madanapalle	85	2	37	...	
	Special Deputy Collector, Chandragiri	310	241	150	49	
	Total	855	307	207	58	
Chingleput, South.	Divisional Officer, Chidambaram	12	12	...	...	60-00
	Sub-Collector, Chingleput	166	23	54	20	
	Divisional Officer, Saidapet	149	9	35	31	
	Do. Tiruvallūr	664	22	6	6	
	Total	979	54	95	57	
Coimbatore.	Sub-Collector, Pollachi	...	4	4	...	100-00
	Deputy Collector, Kollegal	...	2	4	...	
	Total	...	6	8	...	
Cuddapah.	Deputy Collector, Cuddapah	1	5	5	5	100-00
	Do. Rajampet	5	...	...	...	
	Total	6	5	5	5	
Ganjām.	Sub-Collector, Berhampur	...	5	1	...	22-39
	Do. Chicacole	965	...	6	1	
	General Charge Deputy Collector, Goomsur	144	69	18	6	
	Headquarters Deputy Collector, Chattrapur	183	26	30	1	
	Suits Deputy Collector, Chicacole	...	...	3	1	
	Do. Berhampur	55	1	10	6	
	Total	1,377	10	67	15	
Godāvari.	Headquarters Deputy Collector, Ocanada	129	5	32	32	80-77
	Divisional Officer, Peddapur	157	12	18	10	
	Do. Rajahmundry	286	5	2	...	
	Total	572	25	52	42	
Guntūr.	Divisional Officer, Ongole	106	...	3	1	33-33
	Head Assistant Collector, Coondapur	1	1	1	1	
Kistna.	Headquarters Deputy Collector, Bandar	212	7	7	6	29-83
	Deputy Collector, Ellore	162	3	18	6	
	Do. Gudivāda	229	2	26	2	
	Suits Deputy Collector, Ellore	...	...	77	19	
	Honorary Suits Deputy Collector, Bezvada	...	...	28	...	
	Sub-Collector, Narasapur	34	...	...	...	
	Deputy Collector, Bhimsavaram	1,121	3	3	2	
	Additional Deputy Collector, Bezvada	512	82	24	19	
	Total	2,170	97	181	54	
Madura.	Sub-Collector, Dindigul	95	1	1	...	60-00
	Deputy Collector, Madura	56	46	1	1	
	Do. Melur	474	6	2	2	
	Do. Usilampatti	1,637	2	1	...	
	Special Suits Deputy Collector, Madura	1,050	...	...	...	
	Total	3,362	55	5	3	

D-2—conold.

Statement showing result of the appeals from Revenue Courts to District Courts in 1917—conold.

Districts.	Revenue Courts.	Appealable decrees passed.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to appeals disposed of.
Nellore.	Deputy Collector, Atmakur ...	66	15	1	1	20.00
	Sub-Collector, Gudur ...	394	12	8	5	
	Deputy Collector, Kandukur ...	296	1	1	...	
	Do. Kavali ...	16	...	...	...	
	Headquarters Deputy Collector, Nellore ...	37	...	20	...	
	Total ...	812	28	30	6	
Rāmnād.	Deputy Collector, Devacottah ...	83	3	51	9	24.57
	Sub-Collector, Rāmnād ...	278	23	23	...	
	Special Deputy Collector, Rāmnād ...	394	48	445	114	
	Sub-Collector, Sivakasi ...	248	6	6	6	
	Total ...	953	79	525	129	
Salem.	Deputy Collector, Dharmapuri ...	87	7	6	4	50.00
	Sub-Collector, Hosur ...	49	3	4	2	
	Deputy Collector, Salem ...	447	4	8	3	
	Do. Sankari ...	32	2	...	...	
	Total ...	615	16	18	9	
Tanjore.	Divisional Officer, Kumbakonam ...	55	1	13	5	10.81
	Do. Mannārgudi ...	14	...	...	...	
	Do. Negapatam ...	24	...	79	6	
	Do. Pattukkottai ...	572	91	131	12	
	Do. Tanjore ...	61	22	...	...	
	Total ...	726	114	223	28	
Tinnevely.	Honorary Deputy Collector, Tinnevely ...	102	11	1	...	92.12
	Divisional Officer, Koilpatti ...	38	7	3	2	
	Do. Sermadēvi ...	100	73	17	4	
	Do. Tinnevely ...	197	48	178	177	
	Honorary Deputy Collector, Koilpatti ...	92	96	4	4	
	Divisional Officer, Tuticorin ...	12	...	...	...	
	Total ...	541	235	203	187	
Trichinopoly.	Divisional Officer, Ariyalur ...	1,050	2	164	26	18.75
	Do. Nāmakkal ...	54	...	12	7	
	Do. Trichinopoly ...	36	...	...	...	
	Do. Karur ...	1	1	...	...	
	Personal Assistant to Deputy Collector ...	11	...	...	...	
	Total ...	1,152	3	176	33	
Visagapatam.	Sub-Collector, Narsapatam ...	11	4	2	...	42.55
	Do. Pārvatipuram ...	53	4	20	18	
	Do. Vizianagram ...	10	1	1	...	
	Assistant Collector, Vizagapatam ...	21	18	21	1	
	Honorary Deputy Collector, Visagapatam ...	113	6	3	1	
	Total ...	208	33	47	20	

D-3.

Statement showing the result of appeals from District Munsifs to District Judges and Subordinate Judges in 1917.

Name of the district.	District Munsifs' Courts.	Appealable decrees passed.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to appeals disposed of.
Arcot North.	Madanapalle ...	356	43	32	25	58.4
	Tiruvannamalai ...	833	27	49	21	
	Vellore (Principal) ...	531	49	61	34	
	Sholinghur ...	266	52	58	40	
	Tirupati ...	490	74	42	22	
	Arni ...	682	37	63	27	
	Chittoor ...	451	62	19	13	
	Ranipet ...	528	177	36	26	
	Tiruppattur ...	375	54	88	22	
	Vellore (Additional) ...	43	52	102	62	
	Total ...	4,555	627	500	292	
Arcot South.	Cuddalore ...	420	13	22	14	53.08
	Ohidambaram ...	389	24	3	2	
	Villupuram (Principal) ...	745	29	9	6	
	Vridhdachalam ...	1,305	40	16	12	
	Tirukkōyilūr ...	871	14	13	8	
	Tindivanam ...	579	26	9	4	
	Panruti ...	301	20	16	5	
	Kallakurichi ...	370	24	4	...	
	Mannārgudi ...	441	15	21	9	
	Villupuram (Additional) ...	315	29	19	10	
	Total ...	5,736	234	132	70	
Bellary.	Bellary ...	200	67	75	45	78.45
	Hospet ...	412	43	39	33	
	Penukonda (Principal) ...	871	51	63	52	
	Total ...	1,483	161	177	130	
Chingleput.	Chingleput (Principal) ...	546	90	101	61	73.44
	Tiruvallūr ...	512	62	36	60	
	Poonamallee (Principal) ...	551	48	95	78	
	Conjeeveram ...	501	34	45	31	
	Poonamallee (Additional) ...	...	...	3	2	
	Chingleput (do.) ...	333	116	103	66	
	Total ...	2,346	349	433	318	
Coimbatore.	Coimbatore (Principal) ...	769	23	26	10	60.82
	Erode ...	1,282	45	42	26	
	Udamalpet ...	663	18	25	16	
	Kollegal ...	70	17	19	25	
	Gadālūr ...	37	...	...	...	
	Tiruppur (Principal) ...	557	30	21	12	
	Coimbatore (1st Additional) ...	1,040	53	54	25	
	Erode (Additional) ...	948	40	45	35	
	Coimbatore (2nd Additional) ...	232	46	39	25	
	Total ...	5,598	272	271	164	
Cuddapah.	Cuddapah ...	425	40	45	26	67.89
	Proddattur ...	691	59	87	64	
	Nandālūr ...	398	49	50	31	
	Gooty ...	785	88	64	46	
	Total ...	2,299	236	246	167	
Ganjām.	Aska ...	427	86	89	58	59.08
	Berhampur (Principal) ...	262	15	49	20	
	Chicacole ...	406	113	88	54	
	Sompeta ...	551	80	64	27	
	Berhampur (Additional) ...	237	105	123	85	
	Total ...	1,963	379	413	244	

D-3—cont.

Statement showing the result of appeals from District Munsifs to District Judges and Subordinate Judges in 1917—cont.

Name of the district.	District Munsifs' Courts.	Appealable decrees passed in disposed of cases.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to total disposals.
Godavari.	Rajahmundry (Principal)	501	68	42	23	58.71
	Cocanada	448	107	109	59	
	Peddapuram	365	112	109	68	
	Amalapuram	750	89	27	12	
	Razole (Temporary) at Amalapur	513	51	46	32	
	Ramachandrapur (Temporary) at Cocanada	507	68	92	59	
	Rajahmundry (1st Additional)	202	109	118	72	
	Do. (2nd Additional)	71	55	48	22	
	Total	3,447	609	591	347	
Guntur.	Guntur (Principal)	621	47	44	16	54.83
	Narasaraopet	691	96	84	44	
	Tenali (Principal)	742	22	18	15	
	Bapatla (do.)	539	51	58	28	
	Ongole	583	127	90	46	
	Guntur (Additional)	399	91	87	58	
	Tenali (do.)	431	85	58	29	
	Bapatla (do.)	338	63	37	25	
Kanara, South.	Mangalore	424	118	118	64	61.63
	Kasaragod	496	85	128	81	
	Udipi	607	86	72	47	
	Oondapoor	538	97	114	62	
	Karkal	577	99	72	47	
	Puttur	496	65	64	46	
	Total	3,188	550	563	347	
Kistna.	Masulipatam (Principal)	501	46	33	21	55.47
	Bezwada (do.)	354	125	118	62	
	Ellore (do.)	729	191	170	111	
	Tanuku	657	46	71	48	
	Narasapur (Principal)	556	20	43	26	
	Gudivada (do.)	402	84	83	85	
	Kovur (do.)	509	72	78	18	
	Bhimavaram (do.)	615	36	23	11	
	Avanigadda	549	80	34	18	
	Gannavaram (Temporary) at Bezwada	242	92	124	90	
	Narasapur (Additional)	170	61	14	11	
	Kovur (do.)	251	161	129	62	
	Bhimavaram (do.)	215	97	18	7	
	Tanuku (Additional)	...	...	8	2	
	Total	5,750	1,111	941	522	
Kurnool.	Kurnool	846	40	54	37	67.74
	Nandyal	505	58	70	46	
	Markapur	216	23	31	22	
	Total	1,567	116	155	105	
Madura.	Madura (Principal)	345	38	23	14	66.95
	Tirumangalam	673	43	44	32	
	Dindigul (Principal)	788	30	38	27	
	Periyakulam	1,711	19	32	28	
	Melur	253	38	42	23	
	Dindigul (Additional)	559	54	45	37	
	Madura (1st do.)	216	80	82	43	
	do. (2nd do.)	143	13	...	...	
	Periyakulam (do.)	139	49	48	38	
	Total	4,827	364	354	237	
Malabar, North.	Tellicherry (Principal)	679	52	53	25	57.91
	Taliparamba	516	70	34	24	
	Badagara	408	48	33	20	
	Quilandi	524	116	88	44	
	Cannanore	784	125	49	37	
	Kuttuparamba	583	108	67	46	
	Nadapuram	869	72	47	35	
	Payoli	730	64	45	27	
	Vayyitri	48	12	4	2	
	Tellicherry (Additional)	337	90	31	15	
	Badagara (Additional)	416	60	36	17	
	Total	5,944	817	487	283	

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Statement showing the result of appeals from District Munsifs to District Judges and Subordinate Judges in 1917—cont.

Name of the district.	District Munsifs' Courts.	Appealable decrees passed in disposed of cases.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to total disposals.
Malabar, South.	Calicut (Principal)	265	62	57	35	58.18
	Chowghat	479	53	46	26	
	Manjeri	517	105	75	42	
	Palghat	361	51	66	39	
	Parapanangadi	407	53	60	43	
	Tirur (Principal)	376	44	48	29	
	Ponnani	371	48	52	40	
	Ottapalem	318	83	56	35	
	Walluvanad	368	88	81	49	
	Alattur	302	114	124	54	
	Vayittiri	47	3	4	2	
	Anjengo	8	3	4	3	
	Tangasseri	3	1	4	1	
	Calicut (1st Additional)	366	41	41	21	
	Tirur (do.)	312	47	51	28	
	Calicut (2nd do.)	...	...	1	1	
	Total	4,500	796	770	448	
Nellore.	Nellore (Principal)	597	30	36	25	60.07
	Gudur	562	59	94	50	
	Kanigiri	425	64	60	44	
	Kavali	519	96	93	51	
	Total	2,103	249	283	170	
Ramanad.	Sivaganga (Principal)	614	43	379	363	79.93
	Mamamudurai	481	62	89	58	
	Paramagudi	1,071	65	112	83	
	Srivillipattur (Principal)	631	56	41	27	
	Sattur	351	47	67	36	
	Sivaganga (Additional)	374	30	56	44	
	Srivillipattur (Additional)	381	51	93	59	
	Total	3,903	354	837	669	
Salem.	Salem (Principal)	856	34	33	19	56.18
	Dharmapuri	439	64	23	7	
	Krishnagiri	437	34	17	12	
	Salem (Additional)	1,076	25	16	12	
	Total	2,858	157	89	50	
Tanjore.	Tanjore	417	78	97	51	59.34
	Tiruvadi	319	55	65	33	
	Kumbakonam (Principal)	242	75	115	72	
	Valangimam	319	93	81	53	
	Mayavaram	359	124	78	41	
	Shiyali	279	65	32	23	
	Negapatam	376	53	28	17	
	Tiruvallur	320	55	70	32	
	Tirutturaiappundi	246	57	64	46	
	Mannargudi	269	56	58	41	
	Pattukkottai	152	78	46	27	
	Kumbakonam (Additional)	4	30	106	58	
	Tiruvallur (do.)	243	43	11	5	
	Total	3,545	862	851	505	
Tinnevely.	Tinnevely (Principal)	284	60	43	29	70.85
	Ambasamudram	638	52	41	22	
	Srivaikuntam	342	64	32	22	
	Tuticorin	426	47	48	33	
	Tinnevely (Additional)	338	49	51	36	
	Tinnevely (Temporary Additional)	211	76	75	53	
	Koilkatti	811	50	53	38	
	Total	2,550	398	343	233	

D-3—conold.

Statement showing the result of appeals from District Munsifs to District Judges and Subordinate Judges in 1917—conold.

Name of the district.	District Munsifs' Courts.	Appealable decrees passed in disposed of cases.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to total disposals.
Trichinopoly.	Trichinopoly (Principal) ...	653	149	91	56	65.83
	Ariyalur (Principal) ...	937	94	60	47	
	Kulittalai (Principal) ...	833	41	36	21	
	Srirangam ...	609	93	57	45	
	Karur ...	483	27	17	17	
	Namakkal ...	1,178	58	35	24	
	Kulittalai (Additional) ...	261	97	24	8	
	Total ...	4,929	559	396	260	
Vizagapatam.	Vizagapatam ...	269	58	64	27	60.46
	Vizianagaram ...	513	54	71	41	
	Yellamanchili ...	320	48	42	27	
	Chodavaram ...	399	60	82	55	
	Pavattipuram ...	304	53	45	29	
	Razam ...	435	82	84	55	
	Vizagapatam (Additional) ...	805	18	4	3	
	Total ...	2,545	373	392	237	
Ganjam Agency.	Balliguda ...	18	2	2	2	79.65
	Udayagiri, G. ...	32	23	24	18	
	Parlakimedi ...	14	8	2	2	
	Ramgiri ...	1	1	1	1	
	Total ...	63	29	29	23	
Godavari Agency.	Bhadrachalam ...	60	7	8	1	42.86
	Potlur ...	101	7	4	2	
	Yellavaram ...	8	...	...	...	
	Chodavaram ...	22	...	...	...	
	Nugur ...	20	...	...	...	
	Total ...	211	14	7	3	
Vizagapatam Agency.	Golconda ...	15	1	1	...	51.02
	Gunupur ...	18	...	...	...	
	Jeypore ...	108	16	13	9	
	Narayanapatnam ...	37	2	2	...	
	Nowrangapore ...	55	7	7	2	
	Rayaghada ...	52	4	4	1	
	Padwa ...	33	3	3	2	
	Gunupur and Jeypore (Additional) ...	115	21	19	9	
	Bissamantak ...	13	...	...	...	
	Total ...	446	54	49	25	

D-4.

Statement showing the result of appeals from Subordinate Judges' Courts to District Courts in 1917.

Subordinate Judges' Courts.	Appealable decisions passed.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions confirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to appeals disposed of.
Arcot, North ...	28	5	6	3	80.00
Vellore (Temporary) ...	16	1	...	...	...
Cuddalore (Temporary) ...	46	3	2	2	100.00
Bellary (Temporary) ...	...	7	13	12	92.31
Chingleput (Temporary) ...	43	13	1	1	100.00
Coimbatore ...	108	15	16	9	56.25
Ootacamund ...	51	8	12	6	50.00
Cuddapah (Temporary) ...	8	12	5	3	60.00
Berhampur (Temporary) ...	66	33	20	11	55.00
Cocanada ...	64	13	3	3	100.00
Do. (Temporary) ...	87	21	8	8	37.50
Bajahmundry (Temporary) ...	53	14	9	8	33.33
Do. (Additional Temporary) ...	35	11	20	4	20.00
Gunthar (Temporary) ...	105	9	5	3	60.00
Do. (Additional Temporary) ...	36	11	1	1	100.00
Mangalore ...	45	12	13	8	61.54
Beawada ...	61	20	7	4	57.14
Do. (Temporary) ...	...	...	5	4	80.00
Ellore ...	49	16	15	9	60.00
Do. (Temporary) ...	19	4	...	...	...
Masulipatam (Temporary) ...	65	13	17	14	82.35
Madura ...	66	11	7	4	57.14
Do. (Temporary) ...	61	21	19	17	89.47
Tellicherry (Temporary) ...	27	13	5	4	80.00
Calicut ...	12	1	2	...	...
Do. (Temporary) ...	24	6	5	5	100.00
Palghat ...	56	22	13	4	30.75
Cochin ...	46	11	5	2	40.00
Nellore (Temporary) ...	35	16	25	14	56.00
Kannad ...	47	28	23	19	82.61
Do. (Temporary) ...	49	19	33	19	57.58
Sivaganga (Temporary) ...	63	1	24	18	75.00
Salem (Temporary) ...	...	2	8	2	66.67
Tanjore ...	39	4	5	...	...
Do. (Temporary) ...	48	8	6	4	66.67
Do. (Additional Temporary) ...	23	2	...	...	...
Kumbakonam ...	76	16	16	8	50.00
Mayavaram ...	38	7	8	4	50.00
Negapatam ...	55	9	13	8	61.54
Tinnevely ...	32	10	9	3	33.33
Tuticorin ...	45	9	13	6	46.15
Trichinopoly ...	141	26	20	14	70.00
Do. (Temporary) ...	...	...	2	2	100.00
Vizagapatam (Temporary) ...	25	3	3	2	66.67
Total ...	1,993	481	437	262	59.95
Ganjam Agency ...	17	8	4	3	75.00
Godavari do. ...	43	8	7	3	42.86
Vizagapatam do. ...	62	8	6	5	83.33
Total ...	127	24	17	11	64.71
Grand total ...	2,120	505	454	273	60.13

E-1.

Statement showing the results of proceedings in execution of decrees in the Regular Courts in 1917.

Districts.	Number of applications in which				Amount realized.	Number of applications in which immovable property was sold.	Imprisonment of judgment-debtors.		
	Satisfaction was obtained.		Execution was wholly infructuous.				Number of persons.	Average detention in jail.	
	In full.	In part.	Withdrawn, not prosecuted or rejected.	Otherwise.					
Arcoot, North	4,653	1,754	7,139	7,198	Rs. 7,02,505	1,100	103	26	
Do. South	4,436	2,823	8,298	15,607	10,61,357	1,288	680	13	
Bellary	779	393	1,988	1,278	1,99,158	191	26	34	
Chingleput	1,995	862	4,512	2,176	3,97,843	444	57	30	
Coimbatore	2,973	1,303	5,468	9,564	12,60,743	464	632	31	
Cuddapah	830	270	3,556	1,653	1,20,342	171	23	31	
Ganjām	1,282	688	4,101	2,334	3,67,906	368	14	28	
Godāvari	1,778	910	5,554	4,256	5,31,427	415	46	22	
Guntūr	1,751	859	6,527	3,999	4,48,809	422	22	40	
Kanara, South	2,414	1,421	6,273	3,634	6,82,679	235	94	36	
Kistna	2,983	1,465	10,547	5,328	6,84,103	764	31	17	
Kurnool	572	289	750	2,438	1,37,205	302	11	40	
Madura	3,161	1,215	4,372	12,783	6,93,302	763	282	47	
Malabar, North	3,961	2,138	7,432	5,275	8,52,852	783	110	11	
Do. South	4,435	2,473	11,508	6,140	6,83,343	652	139	29	
Nellore	1,974	545	5,081	2,545	2,12,316	406	14	32	
Rāmnād	3,022	1,179	4,207	10,389	11,49,932	851	148	41	
Salem	2,135	875	10,190	2,810	3,62,124	502	86	23	
Tanjore	5,336	2,283	10,142	18,319	11,75,819	822	535	31	
Tinnevely	1,762	834	4,818	5,643	5,91,548	695	149	28	
Trichinopoly	4,334	2,566	8,799	8,427	9,90,031	816	242	31	
Vizagapatam	1,973	744	3,556	2,759	6,32,146	376	28	25	
Total	58,539	27,989	134,818	134,553	1,34,08,490	12,830	3,532	...	
Ganjām Agency	28	21	10	42	3,708	2	...	...	
Godāvari do.	97	45	203	53	15,180	16	...	...	
Vizagapatam do.	209	76	86	130	23,317	8	...	...	
Total	334	142	299	225	42,205	21	...	...	
Madras	City Civil Court.	150	42	269	4	45,911	34	3	48
	Presidency Court of Small Causes.	1,422	347	5,802	9,119	5,24,547	...	300	7
	High Court	56	16	14	91	99,457	2	11	31
Total	1,628	405	6,085	9,214	6,69,915	36	314	...	
Grand total	60,501	28,536	141,202	143,992	1,41,20,610	12,837	3,846	...	

E-2.

Statement showing the extent and results of proceedings in insolvency under the Provincial Insolvency Act, 1907, in the Courts of the several districts in 1917.

Districts.	Petitions filed.	Disposed of			Pending.	Number of insolvents discharged under section 44.	Number of insolvents' estates placed in Receivers' hands in which proceedings were finally closed.	Amount of insolvents' assets.	
		With- drawn, not prosecuted, etc.	Granted.	Refused.				Realiz- ed.	Disbursed to credi- tors.
Arcoot, North	157	217	55	...	45	...	2	Rs. 15,210	Rs. 8,382
Do. South	235	286	163	2	62	...	75	27,108	24,867
Bellary	33	7	29	5	11	2	1	71,116	18,016
Chingleput	64	70	50	5	50	...	...	12,241	12,524
Coimbatore	217	263	105	7	64	...	...	11,646	18,032
Cuddapah	81	109	40	...	43	1	10	7,907	88,956
Ganjām	21	11	9	...	12	...	...	28,804	28,452
Godāvari	91	53	66	10	29	...	40	50,849	89,437
Guntūr	205	51	150	1	101	...	...	35,836	8,216
Kanara, South	99	123	85	15	15	...	...	1,33,847	58,280
Kistna	189	244	102	...	59	1	8	11,215	6,255
Kurnool	49	11	41	...	12	...	...	16,022	13,786
Madura	205	278	119	3	72	...	...	1,520	1,078
Malabar, North	50	7	24	1	14	...	...	23,237	4,113
Do. South	164	189	163	7	77	...	15	84,260	32,619
Nellore	85	13	14	...	19	...	...	87,117	46,023
Rāmnād	122	131	66	2	51	...	...	86,528	76,457
Salem	58	10	47	...	30	...	10	...	...
Tanjore	297	381	193	3	105	...	186	...	...
Tinnevely	131	107	81	36	39	...	56	...	...
Trichinopoly	8	191	97	...	31	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam	3	19	22	1	6	...	...	...	...
Total	2,684	2,781	1,661	98	947	4	343	6,54,475	4,26,493

F-1.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in the Revenue Courts in 1917.

Districts.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908.								Petitions disposed of.	
	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Pending.		Average duration of cases in days.	Execution.	Miscellaneous.
						Total.	For over three months.			
Anantapur	41	40	...	21	9	4	3	59	81	87
Arcoot, North	390	898	40	254	64	119	9	86	102	177
Do. South	323	395	27	176	39	59	1	190	343	235
Bellary	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	61	...	2
Chingleput	1,313	1,361	170	594	415	268	122	102	142	672
Chittoor	2,395	2,583	241	1,555	575	1,249	751	...	2,794	3,733
Coimbatore	38	33	3	18	6	4	2	39	95	6
Cuddapah	4	6	1	...	3	...	...	45	150	12
Ganjām	1,510	1,568	34	1,164	213	1,260	719	202	216	1,966
Godāvari	423	596	2	354	223	214	120	169	535	450
Guntūr	84	139	8	97	9	28	8	65	124	90
Kanara, South	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Kistna	2,602	2,349	32	1,756	456	944	306	64	144	1,888
Kurnool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madura	3,782	3,856	12	2,846	471	785	616	28	68	1,155
Malabar, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. South	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nellore	1,040	1,063	34	654	176	466	47	119	201	2,437
Rāmnād	4,360	2,920	165	1,915	497	3,533	2,753	154	379	3,623
Salem	300	719	10	168	497	94	20	28	64	152
Tanjore	1,326	847	14	498	228	1,117	470	61	196	803
Tinnevely	400	648	42	27	499	365	207	36	200	1,157
Trichinopoly	2,760	2,628	21	841	398	307	272	77	78	584
Vizagapatam	521	480	17	201	103	186	101	85	142	1,486
Total	23,609	22,551	873	13,188	4,888	11,032	6,587	94	197	18,735
Ganjām Agency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godāvari Agency	40	27	...	20	1	25	7	110	283	27
Vizagapatam Agency	44	41	3	11	16	12	3	81	159	14
Total	84	68	3	31	17	37	10	...	41	133
Grand total	23,693	22,619	876	13,169	4,905	11,069	6,547	...	18,776	42,247

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS, 1917

F-2.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in each District Munsif's Court in 1917.

Courts.	Ordinary Suite.				Small Causes.						Petitions disposed of.											
	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	Contested.	Pending.		Average duration of cases in days.														
						Total.	For over a year.	Uncontested.	Contested.													
Arcoot, North.	Madanapalle †	393	463	7	144	259	165	1	57	222	612	644	...	39	423	109	54	5	45	98	1,333	
	Tirupattur	544	651	21	131	399	171	5	36	243	1,107	1,155	...	16	525	190	105	3	33	52	1,970	
	Chittoor *	534	695	5	166	389	180	3	41	244	1,231	1,306	...	11	738	310	59	5	89	75	2,831	
	Vellore (Prl.) *	714	729	8	276	357	242	...	30	209	2,880	2,107	...	4	1,894	602	161	...	25	56	4,124	
	Arni †	1,138	981	4	472	327	428	63	41	282	2,064	2,161	...	5	777	202	145	7	30	94	2,752	
	Sholinghur	789	770	10	239	425	349	9	73	265	1,191	1,297	...	8	1,026	371	185	4	51	78	2,487	
	Tirupati *	707	745	17	230	374	372	38	49	244	1,767	1,810	...	8	443	209	60	...	29	64	2,124	
	Rani, ettai	629	787	2	177	526	263	...	53	228	882	875	...	13	1,869	571	256	...	44	44	1,895	
	Tiruvannamalai *	943	1,099	6	424	463	154	4	28	150	3,159	3,086	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,160
	Vellore (Addl.)	...	62	...	2	59	...	...	302	373	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
Total	6,421	6,855	80	2,231	3,574	2,324	123	...	...	14,903	15,441	101	8,974	2,996	1,082	28	...	...	...	...	21,805	
Arcoot, South.	Cuddalore	599	628	3	217	358	178	5	41	188	2,829	2,875	...	5	1,990	598	221	1	30	48	2,950	
	Chidambaram *	864	903	43	289	371	115	...	24	163	2,494	2,528	...	82	1,446	451	27	...	16	31	3,440	
	Vilupuram (Prl.) *	1,270	1,200	12	526	416	374	4	39	255	3,063	3,192	...	32	1,735	774	230	1	29	62	2,869	
	Vridhachalam †	1,385	1,371	8	754	338	338	10	44	170	2,735	2,810	...	3	1,843	481	194	10	39	62	3,618	
	Tirukoyilur	1,088	1,056	10	525	351	180	2	47	197	2,129	2,211	...	3	1,386	193	118	10	48	68	2,624	
	Tindivanam *	995	1,083	14	423	402	144	7	49	218	2,766	2,888	...	1	1,540	610	139	6	85	63	1,856	
	Pannur	543	515	6	155	253	245	2	73	279	2,059	2,156	...	32	1,383	361	218	4	50	82	2,023	
	Kallakurchi	1,043	952	6	371	261	202	14	40	172	1,835	1,581	...	27	805	523	108	13	35	58	2,811	
	Mannargudi	1,018	1,024	20	860	394	112	1	22	107	1,436	1,431	...	21	845	195	46	...	18	36	1,879	
	Vilupuram (Addl.)	...	315	...	2	312	...	101	47	155	424	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,723
Total	8,755	9,047	116	3,622	3,572	2,029	98	...	...	21,369	21,939	211	12,963	3,976	1,301	45	...	...	...	...	25,445	
Bellary.	Bellary *	719	753	4	350	280	302	9	71	229	1,027	1,040	...	1	650	138	105	54	39	59	1,368	
	Hospet	532	574	8	258	235	144	...	59	246	434	442	...	...	294	59	28	3	41	72	1,985	
	Ponkonda †	1,038	1,049	12	340	538	440	7	61	284	967	972	...	4	614	199	95	5	44	75	1,492	
	Total	2,279	2,376	24	957	1,053	886	16	...	...	2,428	2,454	5	1,558	396	228	62	...	...	...	...	3,282
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,759

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Chingleput (Prl.) *	868	788	7	218	421	247	2	40	214	1,692	1,679	13	918	351	58	64	2,417
	...	1,071	29	359	405	204	5	23	168	1,775	1,781	26	793	343	54	18	2,282
	...	945	11	813	330	369	15	38	241	1,669	1,643	6	1,008	315	95	44	1,807
	...	841	5	806	285	235	21	47	201	2,254	2,194	1	1,182	488	261	30	2,218
	...	...	875	1	18	845	190	45	79	352	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chingleput (Addl.)																	
Total	3,726	3,793	53	1,214	1,786	1,235	88	...	...	7,290	7,300	46	3,295	1,497	468	6	8,325
Coimbatore (Prl.) *	1,030	1,047	6	409	410	216	...	39	184	2,263	2,380	11	1,437	432	70	43	3,674
	1,019	929	5	537	225	424	41	79	286	910	931	...	537	140	138	54	1,981
	1,570	1,744	8	886	654	315	2	63	164	2,900	2,198	5	1,545	224	271	60	4,849
	235	232	2	79	90	71	3	48	194	232	232	2	116	60	80	76	338
	53	58	7	21	16	11	3	55	307	74	87	6	42	12	13	87	170
Coimbatore (Prl.) *	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Coimbatore (1st Addl.)																	
Coimbatore (1st Addl.)	1,209	1,302	2	771	366	234	10	43	187	924	760	7	453	108	64	68	2,117
	1,203	1,237	8	614	432	303	2	69	223	970	1,025	2	731	105	74	38	2,697
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Coimbatore (2nd Addl.)																	
Coimbatore (2nd Addl.)	7,178	7,829	41	3,753	2,872	1,835	81	...	...	8,345	8,658	33	5,638	1,205	743	48	17,927
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Cuddapah *																	
Cuddapah *	449	533	4	188	269	164	...	83	209	910	915	2	543	161	110	78	1,259
	928	902	12	411	387	285	2	50	252	1,170	1,195	7	828	142	77	20	2,039
	521	560	3	213	276	218	...	69	287	798	897	7	606	138	20	48	1,832
	849	857	4	449	434	268	6	68	247	803	816	7	620	96	61	41	1,486
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Cuddapah (Addl.)																	
Cuddapah (Addl.)	2,747	2,952	23	1,201	1,316	920	8	...	...	3,681	3,823	16	2,597	537	268	23	6,253
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Guntur *																	
Guntur *	939	724	42	239	359	447	4	63	212	1,067	1,007	45	567	284	112	99	1,711
	575	475	22	125	255	423	53	90	273	1,648	1,512	49	721	418	330	60	2,524
	725	730	9	348	345	332	5	40	351	963	1,017	15	770	144	118	46	1,495
	695	732	8	189	487	318	7	54	258	681	698	6	363	244	66	37	1,487
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Guntur (Addl.)																	
Guntur (Addl.)	2,924	2,960	81	902	1,745	1,663	70	...	...	4,253	4,286	115	2,441	1,092	583	100	6,249
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Guntur (Addl.)																	
Guntur (Addl.)	605	641	23	266	298	360	23	79	277	1,086	1,088	6	706	221	139	49	1,595
	629	584	6	207	320	390	36	77	368	1,526	1,466	11	813	432	269	37	2,086
	430	633	3	116	332	360	16	80	380	1,129	1,221	8	813	283	89	74	1,798
	1,095	941	16	501	314	355	92	43	291	1,529	1,466	7	949	329	201	38	2,493
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Guntur (Addl.)																	
Guntur (Addl.)	823	662	10	350	244	367	96	51	461	998	514	5	656	153	210	50	1,672
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Guntur (Addl.)																	
Guntur (Addl.)	1,021	718	15	368	253	504	83	80	265	824	768	3	556	105	167	69	1,312
	...	420	...	45	368	256	55	149	519	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Guntur (Addl.)																	
Guntur (Addl.)	4,603	4,594	78	1,847	2,270	2,521	399	...	...	7,587	7,325	42	4,785	1,530	1,069	164	11,528
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* These Courts were presided over by District Munsifs invested with extended Small Cause jurisdiction up to Rs. 200.
† Invested with powers of a District Court under section 26 of the Succession Certificate Act, 1889.

F-2—cont.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of, and pending, and the average pendency of cases in each District Munsif's Court in 1917—cont.

Courts.			Ordinary Suits.						Small Causes.						Petitions disposed of.									
			Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	Contested.	Pending.		Total.	Contested.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	Contested.	Average duration of cases in days.										
							For over a year.	Total.						Uncontested.			Contested.							
Karnataka South.	Mangalore	463	593	11	141	398	271	40	64	353	1,526	1,828	15	1,333	268	221	9	46	81	2,996	Miscellaneous.			
	Kasaragod	808	731	25	239	409	383	5	65	231	893	938	46	545	187	116	2	51	70	1,834				
	Udupi	796	898	27	266	488	89	1	34	121	1,052	1,054	23	616	246	70	2	28	50	2,944				
	Koondapoor†	794	817	21	196	535	223	2	43	188	1,171	1,140	56	538	425	75	...	30	62	2,497				
	Karkal	718	746	15	235	428	165	...	34	171	549	568	5	373	137	30	...	27	66	1,433				
	Puttur	682	680	15	248	357	238	5	46	179	561	525	4	344	124	80	1	32	71	1,195				
	Total	4,261	4,445	114	1,345	2,605	1,899	53	...	...	6,052	6,032	149	3,547	1,407	592	14	...	...	12,899				
Karnataka Middle.	Masulipatam	644	615	8	313	263	349	109	43	399	1,439	1,457	6	1,004	330	120	...	29	70	1,364	Miscellaneous.			
	Guduvada	746	479	6	144	300	745	216	54	898	1,447	1,442	12	1,007	267	112	...	33	101	2,357				
	Bezavada *	453	480	6	143	298	396	127	74	513	2,160	2,277	8	1,584	259	269	46	55	119	2,316				
	Ellore	1,006	816	10	355	668	668	130	67	832	1,577	1,566	12	994	262	262	51	51	89	2,410				
	Narasapur (Pri.) †	816	713	15	357	296	396	91	52	871	1,011	960	9	661	185	116	7	45	69	1,399				
	Tanuku	976	934	19	249	567	883	527	35	871	868	838	9	494	210	116	1	36	63	1,337				
	Kovvur (Pri.)	732	717	11	283	404	368	72	62	475	631	644	14	361	161	97	10	47	96	1,059				
	Bhimavaram (Pri.) †	849	781	2	325	430	702	253	56	999	801	807	1	546	231	65	...	43	72	2,548				
	Avanigadda at Masulipatam	896	714	6	253	386	360	57	75	334	1,035	1,017	8	741	155	138	11	51	89	1,595				
	Gannavaram (Temp.) at Bezavada	389	383	6	76	258	600	331	128	565	918	1,023	3	669	221	178	34	54	117	1,892				
Karnataka North.	Kovvur (Addl.)	...	381	...	...	354	85	63	740	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miscellaneous.			
	Narasapur (Addl.)	...	249	...	1	248	167	167	429	818	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		Miscellaneous.		
	Bhimavaram (Addl.)	...	204	...	2	280	169	155	145	853	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			Miscellaneous.	
	Total	7,307	7,555	89	2,450	4,445	5,878	2,988	...	...	11,987	12,031	82	8,061	2,443	1,473	171	...	...	17,496				Miscellaneous.
	Kurnool *	1,081	992	14	551	398	369	40	34	165	1,378	1,343	2	1,018	226	140	13	28	62	2,023				
Nandyal	636	594	3	327	237	217	4	30	223	776	726	1	597	80	66	2	26	62	1,160	Miscellaneous.				
Markapur	885	876	5	116	179	91	...	64	130	680	698	7	388	115	37	3	41	71	842		Miscellaneous.			
Total	2,102	1,962	22	984	754	677	44	...	...	2,814	2,762	10	2,003	431	243	18	...	...	4,055			Miscellaneous.		

Madura (Pri.)	564	408	11	147	206	378	378	378	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	2,154
Tirunangal	955	1,023	53	404	376	263	263	263	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	2,981
Dindigul (Pri.)	1,902	1,162	28	588	255	955	955	955	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	3,207
Periyakulam	2,247	1,956	15	1,296	465	681	681	681	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	3,356
Melur	547	438	26	131	182	277	277	277	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	3,890
Madura (1st Addl.)	...	301	...	20	277	213	213	213	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	6,611
Dindigul (Addl.)	...	864	...	259	510	124	124	124	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	1,702
Periyakulam (Addl.) up to 2 July 1917	...	215	1	77	120	...	...	...	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	157
Madura (2nd Addl.) from 2 July 1917	...	312	...	6	196	192	192	192	2,650	2,650	734	477	226	53	257	435
Total	6,315	6,553	134	2,928	2,590	2,926	2,926	2,926	11,313	11,313	1,504	325	...	...	...	303
Tellicherry (Pri.)	877	823	50	287	331	344	344	344	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	367
Cannanore	987	926	31	285	498	317	317	317	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	18,046
Talipparamba	685	772	36	216	461	273	273	273	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	3,853
Badagara (Pri.)	1,065	725	21	181	438	344	344	344	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	2,237
Quilandi	715	705	45	169	422	292	292	292	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	2,800
Kuttanparamba	785	840	104	203	498	232	232	232	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	3,812
Nadapuram	1,081	1,011	21	386	494	248	248	248	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	2,228
Peyyoli	845	849	10	168	562	263	263	263	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	2,483
Tellicherry (Addl.)	...	284	...	45	221	121	121	121	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	1,960
Badagara (Addl.)	...	553	24	112	350	105	105	105	2,127	2,127	364	169	10	...	...	3,901
Total	6,960	7,494	402	2,062	4,248	2,545	2,545	2,545	14,279	14,279	1,504	325	...	...	...	3,568
Calicut (Pri.)	621	438	13	110	236	438	438	438	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	1,829
Manjeri	700	740	11	191	486	219	219	219	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	32,137
Chowghat	924	894	32	353	438	425	425	425	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	3,388
Palghat	578	493	13	115	335	569	569	569	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	3,523
Parappanangadi	820	676	33	161	398	513	513	513	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	4,410
Tirur (Pri.)	726	574	11	116	376	452	452	452	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	1,936
Ponnani	633	606	8	190	364	422	422	422	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	5,007
Ottappalam	511	446	14	100	300	678	678	678	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	4,472
Walanad	521	515	6	117	345	219	219	219	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	3,502
Alathur	508	431	15	82	302	315	315	315	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	2,417
Vayittur†	110	111	8	40	47	18	18	18	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	2,022
Tangasseri	33	7	1	4	3	2	2	2	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	265
Anjengo	...	24	...	5	8	19	19	19	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	80
Calicut (Addl.)	661	651	21	198	356	444	444	444	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	577
Tirur (Addl.)	...	401	3	49	812	219	219	219	1,815	1,815	364	169	10	...	...	8,885
Total	7,348	7,011	192	1,831	4,306	4,667	4,667	4,667	13,910	13,910	1,577	96	...	...	...	1,645
Nellore	1,047	928	23	444	339	549	549	549	1,771	1,771	338	117	3	...	...	45,882
Kavali	744	715	11	231	362	536	536	536	1,771	1,771	338	117	3	...	...	2,818
Kanigiri†	596	603	7	227	281	277	277	277	1,771	1,771	338	117	3	...	...	4,418
Gudur (Temp.) from 1 Feb. 1917 styled Nellore (Addl.)	680	729	5	364	302	364	364	364	1,771	1,771	338	117	3	...	...	2,000
Total	3,067	2,975	46	1,266	1,284	1,716	1,716	1,716	4,918	4,918	522	74	...	...	...	2,280
Sivaganga (Pri.)	958	680	4	266	368	463	463	463	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	8,305
Manamadurai	621	547	22	147	340	410	410	410	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	11,286
Paramagudi	1,311	1,302	55	582	537	660	660	660	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	2,687
Sattr	595	614	17	136	223	418	418	418	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	3,442
Srivilliputur (Pri.)	1,063	767	33	237	399	417	417	417	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	4,234
Sivaganga (Addl.)	...	426	...	117	295	201	201	201	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	1,794
Srivilliputur (Addl.)	...	429	...	119	266	277	277	277	2,014	2,014	193	86	2	...	...	2,813
Total	4,568	4,765	142	1,614	2,418	2,836	2,836	2,836	7,661	7,661	1,363	1,040	52	...	...	3,257

* These Courts were presided over by District Munsifs invested with extended Small Cause jurisdiction up to Rs. 200.
† Invested with powers of a District Court under section 26 of the Succession Certificate Act, 1889.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of, and pending, and the average pendency of cases in each District Munsif's Court in 1917—concl'd

Courts.	Ordinary Suits.					Small Causes.					Petitions disposed of.											
	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	Contested.	Pending.		Average duration of cases in days.		Total.		Contested.	Execution.	Miscellaneous.								
						Total.	For over a year.	Uncontested.	Contested.													
Salem.	Salem (Prl.) *	1,584	1,070	16	571	294	1,183	153	73	234	4,590	4,304	24	3,071	644	572	53	57	87	7,558	3,671	
	Dharmapuri	675	839	23	232	272	177	15	82	288	1,636	1,724	24	779	419	255	15	52	87	1,625	1,363	
	Krishnagiri	588	550	20	205	233	258	16	47	247	1,288	1,236	16	692	202	141	13	39	75	1,610	1,679	
	Salem (Addl.)	1,192	1,217	6	708	356	410	94	57	283	2,058	2,129	1	1,672	216	158	8	45	77	4,994	2,760	
	Total	4,034	3,676	65	1,716	1,185	2,628	278	...	...	9,552	9,393	65	6,214	1,491	1,126	84	...	...	15,787	9,473	
Tanjore.	Tanjore	711	707	20	166	384	259	5	41	249	3,159	3,289	19	2,340	488	103	2	21	36	3,669	3,992	
	Tiruvadi	497	452	7	126	278	308	3	39	261	1,553	1,684	10	1,121	311	107	...	18	48	2,072	2,085	
	Kumbakonam (Prl.)	596	611	15	156	305	339	29	7	290	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	949	2,434	
	Valanginam	444	428	8	92	287	303	61	39	383	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	853	2,145	
	Mavayaram	465	507	4	129	314	180	30	49	386	1,968	1,984	20	1,293	418	157	...	31	52	2,273	2,548	
	Shivalli	332	373	7	61	230	100	3	35	195	1,943	1,860	33	770	216	20	...	22	42	1,439	2,585	
	Negapatam	543	476	8	127	306	360	75	85	492	1,870	2,205	20	1,319	532	110	3	37	75	2,100	3,273	
	Tiruvallur (Prl.)	552	497	13	102	241	320	50	67	374	2,265	2,439	20	1,642	545	210	2	48	105	2,314	4,529	
	Tiruturaiappandi	317	342	8	72	235	285	16	57	288	1,525	1,623	12	892	345	88	4	32	62	1,632	2,272	
	Manargudi	401	406	4	108	241	303	72	55	337	1,874	1,898	10	1,248	351	130	1	30	68	2,501	2,512	
	Patukkottai	578	623	17	212	335	513	293	74	354	2,298	2,417	28	1,615	358	236	20	49	68	3,033	4,498	
	Kumbakonam (Addl.) till 21 Jan. 1917.	...	12	...	...	12	...	...	...	368	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	84
	Tiruvallur (Addl.) from 22 Jan. 1917.	...	349	...	9	340	...	130	...	279	528	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,029
Total	5,486	5,783	111	1,360	3,088	3,460	637	...	...	18,088	18,955	172	12,140	3,564	1,162	32	...	...	...	22,889	33,911	
Tinnevely.	Tinnevely (Prl.)	608	473	28	111	243	422	34	49	302	1,998	1,983	96	864	520	263	10	38	51	1,663	3,377	
	Ambasamudram	655	620	78	143	350	263	50	36	295	2,311	2,329	212	1,181	582	240	2	32	90	1,894	4,508	
	Srivakuntam	570	457	33	103	276	348	88	52	393	1,381	1,405	142	598	396	199	35	39	91	1,536	4,525	
	Tuticorin	600	585	15	143	364	316	44	56	251	1,562	1,529	54	882	372	208	11	39	79	1,745	3,424	
	Kolpatti	570	481	33	72	319	316	67	68	336	1,132	1,183	57	609	328	163	21	47	93	1,255	2,682	
	Tinnevely (Addl.) Do.	527	518	20	126	313	273	51	57	293	1,323	1,396	85	696	320	139	8	40	78	1,157	2,839	
Total	3,590	3,545	217	733	2,218	2,199	442	...	...	9,707	9,775	648	4,890	2,518	1,212	87	...	...	...	9,250	22,523	

Trichinopoly	586	689	18	145	493	65	416	81	65	411	3,789
Srirangam	602	636	11	153	431	56	515	144	56	501	845
Kulitalai (Prl.) *	1,132	1,179	23	436	551	77	465	76	77	398	2,990
Arivayal	1,290	1,230	8	491	555	43	434	13	43	214	2,867
Namakal	1,433	1,367	11	818	333	53	532	98	53	351	4,606
Karur *	876	1,010	16	282	493	51	282	17	51	306	3,317
Kulitalai (Addl.)	...	291	...	20	268	134	172	133	134	716	4,025
Total	5,919	6,402	86	2,395	3,004	...	2,876	532	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (Prl.)	719	403	10	134	191	116	405	81	116	353	16,696
Yellamanchili +	516	534	12	134	334	60	271	13	60	283	1,185
Chodavaram	661	599	17	120	404	76	513	104	76	338	2,656
Vizianagaram	857	828	21	201	507	63	285	5	63	209	1,890
Razan +	725	680	25	120	453	46	381	1	46	288	1,091
Parvatipur +	641	644	19	129	417	59	322	14	59	224	1,506
Vizagapatam (Addl.)	...	305	2	31	249	131	186	26	131	358	2,429
Total	4,119	3,993	106	869	2,555	...	2,322	244	...	...	...
Balligadda	39	44	12	15	16	...	1	...	...	...	...
Goonur-Udayagiri	72	67	2	81	34	29	9	...	29	59	7,730
Ramagiri	16	17	7	7	1	97	8	...	97	101	...
Parakimedi	35	34	11	7	14	57	2	...	57	215	...
Total	162	162	32	54	65	...	15	...	45	63	...
Bhadrachalam	128	121	14	45	15	62	40	12	62	237	...
Polavaram	164	161	24	88	13	83	30	1	83	247	94
Chodavaram	54	55	16	14	8	32	7	...	32	43	136
Yellavaram	29	25	8	6	2	50	9	...	50	32	31
Nugur	34	35	2	18	2	50	...	...	50	73	22
Total	409	397	64	171	40	...	86	13	...	...	15
Palkonda	1	1	1	...	...	21	...	...	21	...	...
Narayanaapatnam	34	56	8	33	6	24	...	...	24	85	...
Gunupuram	35	34	9	11	7	38	...	...	38	132	...
Rayachota	74	74	4	43	10	64	11	...	64	...	...
Jeyapore	202	199	25	49	65	45	31	...	45	60	...
Nowrangapur	118	102	28	21	34	50	27	...	50	83	...
Padwa	20	52	3	20	13	50	...	...	50	55	...
Golconda	61	59	32	8	8	44	5	...	44	142	...
Strungavarapukota	1	1	...	...	...	31	...	...	31	...	...
Gunupuram and Jeyapore (Addl.)	260	227	...	52	66	38	72	...	38	98	...
Bisanantak	84	40	5	3	10	78	1	1	78	135	...
Total	840	845	143	240	219	...	147	1	...	...	628

* These Courts were presided over by District Munsifs invested with extended Small Cause jurisdiction up to Rs. 200.

† Invested with powers of a District Court under section 26 of the Succession Certificate Act, 1889.

Tanjore (Temporary)	48	...	1	47	37	18	25	712	...	171	142	71	18	84	168	179	190	1	79	29	...	372	143	...	90	...	527	741
Tanjore (Additional Temporary)	6	...	...	25	26	...	...	399	...	180	146	83	1	...	61	1,788	1,809	17	1,137	459	...	...	...	...	30	...	2,698	2,378
Kumbakonam	61	100	3	10	84	92	23	40	672	26	193	79	...	65	125	...	1,798	1,785	...	2	589	...	...	...	810	2	894	1,742
Mayavaram	77	50	2	7	37	118	47	46	753	...	36	35	...	...	194	...	1,875	1,933	17	869	559	...	...	...	310	...	1,609	2,542
Negapatam	79	73	1	10	53	83	29	88	525	...	48	45	...	...	334	...	1,783	1,808	87	848	615	...	...	...	385	...	2,359	3,554
Tutucorin	69	68	...	18	43	64	23	50	600	...	78	49	10	...	171	...	1,783	1,808	87	848	674	...	...	...	45	...	1,882	3,008
Tutucorin	58	72	...	9	63	65	26	89	383	...	139	51	9	...	183	...	1,411	1,511	67	773	521	...	...	...	57	...	1,782	2,581
Trichinopoly	123	122	...	18	93	105	31	29	260	...	81	77	1	...	99	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	387	1,402
Vizagapatam (Temporary)	70	49	...	4	41	78	18	104	533	...	240	239	168	...	582	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	304
Total	3,156	2,577	34	353	2,086	2,426	869	74	512	1,068	5,805	5,551	2,725	1,160	196	280	19,814	20,126	319	11,082	6,249	3,233	620	50	116	120	27,104	54,446
Special Small Cause Courts.																												
Kumbakonam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,995	6,939	96	4,217	1,753	881	268	31	117	...	4,440	3,219
Trichinopoly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,198	6,324	80	3,585	1,824	535	66	28	71	...	6,426	2,854
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,193	13,262	126	7,802	3,577	1,416	334	30	93	...	10,866	6,073
Assistant Agents' Courts.																												
Ganjam Agency	23	17	1	...	16	6	1	107	90	29	29	3	2	...	19	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	...
Godavari do.	74	73	15	36	12	44	7	176	249	14	7	6	8	...	13	112	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84	19
Vizagapatam do.	122	55	10	18	23	29	1	130	213	54	50	42	9	...	77	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	19
Total	219	145	26	49	51	79	9	...	...	97	86	51	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	142
Grand total	2,376	2,722	60	382	2,087	2,505	878	...	...	1,296	5,891	5,602	2,744	1,160	...	32,007	33,386	445	13,894	9,926	4,849	354	...	...	...	123	38,112	60,593

* Invested with powers of a District Court under section 28 of the Succession Certificate Act, 1889.

F-4.

Statement showing the number of suits and appeals instituted, disposed of and pending, and of petitions and criminal cases disposed of in the District and Sessions Courts in 1917.

Courts.	Civil.																	Criminal.			
	Ordinary Suits.								Appeals.								Petitions disposed of.		Sessions cases.	Appeals and Revision cases.	
	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	Contested.	Pending.		Average duration of suits in days.	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	After contest.	Pending.		Average duration of appeals in days.		Miscellaneous appeals disposed of.	Execution.	Miscellaneous.			
						Total.	Pending over a year.					Total.	Pending over 6 months.	Uncontested.	Contested.						
Aroot, North ...	8	13	...	1	12	19	1	83	209	917	355	322	687	321	274	306	40	57	1,258	119	134
Do. South ...	28	17	1	3	13	51	29	113	348	249	24	18	241	147	...	354	13	63	423	72	69
Bellary ...	40	43	...	1	41	33	11	50	588	168	182	169	38	3	117	114	22	132	676	107	104
Chingleput ...	54	52	1	6	42	30	8	71	624	416	336	336	244	8	...	272	30	154	832	21	46
Coimbatore ...	1	3	...	1	2	...	...	95	2,349	301	171	155	66	...	49	113	24	20	482	180	137
Cuddapah...	21	15	2	1	12	26	10	118	457	253	125	117	213	73	238	267	25	45	515	56	62
Ganjām ...	...	12	...	...	12	13	2	...	509	513	344	313	312	90	306	387	35	75	910	83	100
Godāvari ...	67	33	3	4	27	47	8	100	396	474	151	146	140	57	96	237	77	100	1,198	48	91
Guntūr ...	1	6	...	...	6	4	3	...	312	585	180	169	266	86	90	205	35	15	830	66	94
Kanara, South ...	3	7	...	...	7	5	2	...	231	563	427	413	300	36	193	229	22	18	765	42	37
Kistna ...	48	38	1	4	32	30	8	104	456	360	316	248	227	15	...	299	17	55	1,199	42	81
Kurnool ...	11	20	...	...	20	15	8	...	546	116	156	155	18	...	...	102	14	24	315	43	78
Madura ...	3	21	...	1	19	11	6	140	458	451	313	297	275	7	...	240	44	44	1,005	81	81
Malabar, North ...	...	3	...	...	3	4	4	...	909	830	150	102	1,154	338	...	401	19	99	826	89	45
Do. South ...	1	8	...	...	8	5	2	...	253	836	354	330	262	23	...	151	66	8	1,761	75	200
Nellore ...	84	34	2	10	20	39	6	65	363	293	194	171	90	6	73	166	11	129	750	36	157
Rāmnād ...	29	19	...	1	15	19	...	53	371	481	1,099	1,078	185	...	217	238	40	48	831	52	109
Salem ...	25	12	1	6	4	49	30	73	326	175	121	108	144	55	...	367	8	73	518	50	55
Tanjore ...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	991	504	483	427	83	151	230	273	81	1,549	65	138
Tinnevely *	...	11	...	...	11	1	1	...	563	652	365	351	312	65	...	217	37	26	1,313	77	122
Trichinopoly ...	1	7	...	...	7	10	2	...	309	588	530	514	484	115	256	290	97	38	783	69	77
Visagapatam ...	3	10	...	...	10	5	5	...	492	409	238	203	461	235	344	349	27	87	629	27	80
Total ...	422	392	11	39	323	421	141	83	477	10,621	6,635	6,206	6,541	2,073	200	224	976	1,334	19,313	1,850	2,097
Ganjām Agency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4	3	4	...	42	44	...	...	...	17	27
Godāvari do.	3	1	...	...	1	5	2	...	229	8	7	7	3	...	...	90	...	1	...	7	6
Visagapatam do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	5	6	4	...	89	...	...	1	40	6
Total ...	3	1	...	...	1	5	2	...	...	24	16	15	13	4	...	...	...	1	1	64	39
Grand total ...	425	393	11	39	324	426	143	...	...	10,645	6,651	6,221	6,554	2,077	...	...	976	1,335	19,314	1,414	2,136

* One Small Cause Suit received by transfer was pending for more than 3 months in the District Court, Tinnevely.

G.

Comparative statement showing by districts the number of first and second appeals from decrees instituted in the High Court in the years 1913 to 1917.

Districts.	First appeals from decrees.					Second appeals from decrees.				
	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Arcot, North	63	40	21	15	16	244	273	65	48	88
Do. South	10	2	11	5	3	51	60	30	28	30
Bellary	19	18	13	9	21	40	25	27	66	51
Chingleput	13	15	12	16	19	127	156	130	63	137
Coimbatore	12	12	20	13	15	48	69	83	40	49
Cuddapah	9	7	5	9	7	8	18	4	16	60
Ganjām	15	14	10	11	15	72	52	234	57	72
Godāvari	22	42	44	44	53	91	175	107	67	151
Guntūr	17	29	27	25	15	81	110	88	154	72
Kanara, South	15	19	13	9	13	191	151	131	115	143
Kistna	37	50	33	43	70	227	312	222	162	200
Kurnool	3	1	7	8	1	74	17	28	18	37
Madura	11	22	25	54	43	227	176	67	201	128
Malabar, North	2	6	5	11	14	57	170	49	65	64
Do. South	36	41	17	19	42	151	205	141	174	164
Nellore	23	27	4	20	18	42	35	8	54	54
Rāmnād	86	90	119	35	52	147	72	132	209	501
Salem	6	3	3	13	5	20	19	16	78	41
Tanjore	46	79	74	90	59	395	288	224	260	329
Tinnevely	29	29	36	35	26	134	139	303	141	143
Trichinopoly	17	19	24	28	22	189	159	154	96	93
Visagapatam	20	18	22	14	19	554	82	59	32	39
Do. Agency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godāvari Agency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ganjām Agency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coorg	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	512	583	548	525	548	3,170	2,763	2,302	2,144	2,671
Madras	138	149	161	107	115	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total	650	732	709	632	663	3,170	2,763	2,302	2,144	2,671

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Statement showing the number of processes actually executed by amins and peons in the year 1917.

District.	Nazarat.	Processes actually executed by amins.	Processes actually executed by peons.	Processes of a nature to be entrusted to amins only.	Other processes.
Arcot, North	Chittoor Central Nazarat	3,186	16,982	3,187	17,081
	Tiruvannamalai	1,796	17,106	1,648	17,254
	Tirupattūr	1,151	12,655	1,151	12,655
	Vellore	2,841	20,189	2,709	20,321
	Sholinghur	3,219	19,852	3,219	19,852
	Tirupati	3,143	18,609	3,143	18,609
	Arni	3,147	20,500	3,147	20,500
	Rānipēttai	1,071	10,870	1,050	10,391
Arcot, South	Madanapalle	1,803	8,212	1,522	8,493
	Total	21,857	144,475	20,726	145,106
	Cuddalore Central Nazarat	10,163	51,548	9,492	52,319
	Chidambaram	2,587	19,694	2,442	19,789
	Villupuram	3,649	25,271	3,546	25,874
	Vridhachalam	2,777	21,937	2,687	22,027
	Tirukkōyilūr	3,112	16,894	3,112	16,894
	Tindivanam	2,377	21,257	2,377	21,257
Bellary	Kallakurohi	1,400	14,847	794	15,458
	Mannārgudi	2,331	15,251	2,331	15,251
	Total	28,346	186,899	26,761	188,264
	Bellary	1,700	14,362	1,700	14,362
Chingleput	Pennakonda	3,634	20,485	3,634	20,485
	Hospet	1,849	11,052	1,880	11,021
	Total	7,183	45,899	7,214	45,868
Chingleput	Chingleput Central Nazarat	1,522	17,654	1,522	17,654
	Poonamallee	2,529	16,346	2,529	16,346
	Tiruvallūr	2,995	14,895	2,972	14,916
	Conjeeveram	1,409	18,969	1,402	18,976
	Total	8,455	67,864	8,425	67,894
Coimbatore	Ootacamund	863	4,973	863	4,973
	Coimbatore Central Nazarat	7,885	51,304	7,544	51,045
	Udamalpet	3,595	16,078	2,834	16,339
	Erode	6,704	44,682	6,704	44,682
	Tirupūr	2,195	14,155	1,948	14,402
	Gudalur	105	585	46	644
	Kollegal	156	2,717	156	2,717
	Total	21,503	134,494	20,095	135,902
Cuddapah	Cuddapah Central Nazarat	1,372	11,058	1,372	11,058
	Nandālūr	1,923	14,066	1,919	14,069
	Proddatūr	1,602	15,933	1,602	15,933
	Gooty	4,083	18,380	4,083	18,380
	Total	8,980	59,436	8,976	59,440
Ganjām	Berhampur	1,480	17,217	1,480	17,217
	Chicacole	2,697	17,837	2,663	17,871
	Aska	2,159	21,008	2,142	21,025
	Sompēta	2,221	20,213	2,076	20,358
	Total	8,557	76,275	8,361	76,471
Godāvari	Rajahmundry Central Nazarat	2,252	17,196	2,259	17,189
	Oceanada do.	3,444	36,231	3,722	35,953
	Peddāpuram	3,301	22,279	3,310	22,270
	Amalāpuram	4,749	39,002	4,787	38,964
	Ramachandrapur	1,487	12,621	1,487	12,621
	Total	15,233	127,329	15,565	128,997
Guntūr	Guntūr Central Nazarat	6,279	43,022	6,279	43,022
	Narasaraopet	3,079	23,036	3,053	23,062
	Tenali	3,333	36,525	3,481	36,377
	Bāpatla	2,915	27,809	2,960	27,764
	Ongole	1,586	17,141	1,586	17,141
	Total	17,192	147,533	17,359	147,366

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Statement showing the number of processes actually executed by amins and peons in the year 1917—cont.

District.	Nazarat.	Processes actually executed by amins.	Processes actually executed by peons.	Processes of a nature to be entrusted to amins only.	Other processes.
Kanare, South	Mangalore Central Nazarat	2,866	21,620	2,866	21,620
	Kasaragod	1,653	14,769	1,653	14,769
	Udipi	1,503	14,775	1,503	14,775
	Coondapoor	814	17,251	814	17,251
	Karkal	1,532	17,633	1,532	17,633
	Puttur	1,136	12,204	1,136	12,204
	Total	9,534	98,252	9,534	98,252
Kistna	Masulipatam Central Nazarat	6,123	31,144	6,228	31,039
	Ellore do.	3,098	21,057	3,115	21,040
	Tannuku	1,715	21,213	1,715	21,213
	Bezwada	5,688	37,630	5,638	37,630
	Gudivāda	2,188	28,053	2,863	27,878
	Narasapur	1,461	21,555	1,486	21,530
	Bhimavaram	2,604	21,667	2,711	21,560
	Kovvur	1,719	15,390	1,775	15,334
	Total	24,546	197,709	25,031	197,224
Kurnool	Kurnool	2,633	19,042	2,633	19,042
	Nandyal	1,389	12,319	1,389	12,319
	Markapur	631	7,216	631	7,216
	Total	4,653	38,577	4,653	38,577
Madura	Madura Central Nazarat	3,579	56,773	3,134	57,218
	Dindigul	3,142	39,304	3,142	39,304
	Pariyakulam	6,685	39,207	5,876	40,016
	Tirumangalam	1,819	20,300	1,819	20,300
	Total	15,225	155,584	13,971	156,838
Malabar, North	Tellicherry Central Nazarat	1,612	18,574	1,608	18,578
	Talipparamba	1,678	17,235	1,678	17,235
	Badagara	1,570	15,162	1,570	15,162
	Quilandi	908	14,413	769	14,552
	Cannanore	2,280	17,715	2,280	17,715
	Kuttuparamba	1,774	13,429	1,774	13,429
	Nadapuram	1,535	10,752	1,535	10,782
	Payyoli	1,404	14,090	1,404	14,090
	Total	12,761	121,400	12,618	121,543
Malabar, South	Calicut Central Nazarat	2,727	33,917	2,727	33,917
	Sub-Court, Cochin	208	1,865	208	1,865
	Palghat Central Nazarat	1,792	21,285	1,792	21,285
	Chāvaghāt	1,660	21,131	1,660	21,131
	Manjeri	1,287	13,841	1,287	13,841
	Parapanangadi	1,265	15,430	1,265	15,430
	Tirūr	1,497	19,715	1,497	19,715
	Ponnani	1,207	14,928	1,207	14,928
	Ottappalam	1,315	13,868	1,315	13,868
	Walluvanad	930	10,660	930	10,660
	Ālattūr	1,334	16,936	1,334	16,936
	Vayittiri	233	3,096	228	3,101
	Anjengo	...	522	180	392
	Tangasseri	...	166	80	136
	Total	15,450	187,360	15,605	187,205
Nellore	Nellore Central Nazarat	11,537	37,452	11,537	37,452
	Kāvali	2,216	20,945	2,216	20,945
	Kanigiri	2,612	13,799	2,612	13,799
	Total	16,365	72,196	16,365	72,196
Rāmnād	Rāmnād Central Nazarat	568	3,248	544	3,272
	Sivaganga	5,320	46,585	5,315	46,580
	Paramakudi	2,225	27,934	2,225	27,934
	Manamadura	1,781	21,801	1,781	21,801
	Srivilliputtūr	1,213	28,888	1,213	28,888
	Sāttūr	1,702	22,145	1,702	22,145
	Total	12,809	150,604	12,780	150,633

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District.	Nazarat.	Processes actually executed by amins.	Processes actually executed by peons.	Processes of a nature to be entrusted to amins only.	Other processes.
Salem	Salem Central Nazarat	7,244	52,885	6,241	53,888
	Dharmapuri	1,594	11,861	1,296	12,159
	Krishnagiri	889	11,858	685	12,062
	Total	9,727	76,604	8,222	78,109
Tanjore	Tanjore Central Nazarat	4,323	37,362	3,716	37,969
	Kumbakonam do.	3,630	55,953	3,630	55,953
	Negapatam do.	2,321	31,695	2,321	31,695
	Māyavaram do.	2,806	29,943	2,806	29,943
	Tiruvālar	1,670	26,027	1,670	26,027
	Shiyali	1,223	14,939	1,223	14,939
	Tirutturaippundi	1,574	18,063	1,522	18,115
	Manuārgudi	1,900	20,912	1,687	21,125
	Pattukkottai	2,665	25,233	2,485	25,413
	Tiruvādi	1,687	20,383	1,687	20,383
	Total	23,799	230,515	22,747	231,567
Tinnevely	Tinnevely Central Nazarat	3,613	45,397	3,613	45,397
	Ambāsamudram	2,330	25,272	2,330	25,272
	Srivaikuntam	1,395	23,924	1,295	23,924
	Tuticorin	2,684	26,124	2,684	26,134
	Kollpatti	1,251	21,627	1,251	21,627
	Total	11,183	142,344	11,173	142,354
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly Central Nazarat	4,893	64,704	4,893	64,704
	Ariyalar	4,478	30,126	4,478	30,126
	Kulittalai	3,547	25,139	3,123	25,663
	Karūr	2,652	23,101	2,652	23,101
	Nāmakkal	3,070	30,510	2,746	30,834
	Total	18,640	173,580	17,892	174,323
Vizagapatam	Vizagapatam Central Nazarat	2,287	19,773	2,287	19,773
	Chodavaram	1,468	18,004	1,311	17,881
	Yellamanchili	1,706	12,654	1,612	12,743
	Vizianagram	2,306	16,917	2,306	16,917
	Razam	1,353	15,983	1,568	15,768
	Pārvattipuram	1,678	14,412	1,632	14,408
	Total	10,818	97,743	11,066	97,495

Government of Madras

HOME DEPARTMENT (JUDICIAL)

G.O. No. 2205, 26th September 1918

Statistics of Civil Courts for 1917

Reviewing the —.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from C. G. MACKAY, Esq., I.C.S., Registrar, High Court.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Judicial) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 9th August 1918.

No.—R.O.P. 55.

I am directed to forward herewith seven copies of the Statistics of the Civil Courts in the Madras Presidency for the year 1917. The special statements are attached to the five copies of the statistics intended for the Local Government, but they have been omitted from the remaining two copies, which are intended for the Government of India.

Order—No. 2205, Home (Judicial), dated 26th September 1918.

Recorded.

2. There was a decrease of nearly 30,000 under institutions which are still in excess of the institutions in the year 1914. There is however no reason to suppose that purely speculative litigation played any part in the institutions as, out of every hundred suits instituted, plaintiffs were successful, either wholly or in part, in no fewer than seventy-seven.

3. There was a marked decrease in the number of suits instituted and disposed of in village courts, but, on the other hand, the Government note with satisfaction that the disposal of suits by benches increased nearly one-fourth. They endorse the remarks of the Honourable the Judges that the increase in pendency before village courts, notably in South Arcot, South Malabar and North Malabar, is unsatisfactory and they direct that all possible steps be taken to improve this aspect of the report. Inspection of village courts by District Munsifs continued to show a small improvement.

4. In other courts, especially those of District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges, the main feature of the year's working is that in spite of a fall in institutions the arrears remain untouched. The Government note that this point has already attracted the attention of the Honourable the Judges particularly in respect to District Munsifs' Courts and that they are taking steps to secure greater despatch in the disposal of business. The Government trust that these measures will conduce to the achievement of better results in the current year. They also notice with regret that the average duration of suits especially in courts of Subordinate Judges continues to be high in spite of the adverse remarks passed in their review last year.

5. The work of District Courts was generally satisfactory. The Government gladly unite with the Honourable the Judges in their appreciation of the good work done by the City Civil Judge during the year.

6. There has been a large and regrettable increase in the number of persons imprisoned for debt as compared with the figures for the previous two years. The Government have recently had an opportunity of considering this question and have taken action thereon; they would meantime again draw attention to Order XXI, Rule 40 (1) of the Code of Civil Procedure which they trust will be exercised with much greater freedom in future.

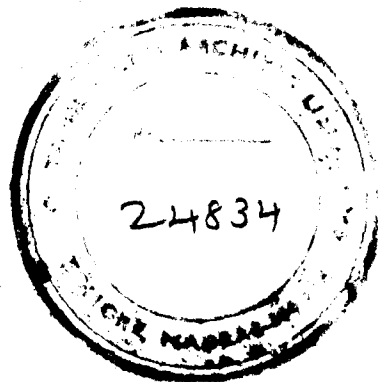
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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
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