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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 63. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th September 1857, No. 96.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Judges of the Sudr Udalut, to suggest, for the consideration of the Government, the advisability of vesting Sudr Ameens with the jurisdiction of District Moonsiffs in the talooks in which the Civil Courts are respectively situated, and in some instances in one of the adjoining talooks also.

2. Such an arrangement would tend to lighten the files of the District Moonsiffs at the principal stations of the several Zillahs, where litigation is generally very great, and thus be of much advantage to the suitors; while the low state of the Sudr Ameen's files would admit of some addition being made to the business of their Courts.

3. The Sudr Ameens would then act in the capacity of Moonsiffs where the value in issue did not exceed a thousand Rupees, and in their ordinary capacity when it was more than that sum, but did not exceed two thousand five hundred Rupees.

4. If a suit be now called up from a Moonsiff's file and referred to the Sudr Ameen for disposal, an additional expense to the parties is involved, and if the suit be one below 20 Rupees in value, the decree is appealable, while the decisions passed by Moonsiffs in such suits are final. This diversity of practice the Judges consider objectionable.

5. Should the Government approve the suggestion herein made, the Judges will furnish full particulars as to the talooks in each Zillah which they would recommend being brought under the jurisdiction of the Sudr Ameens in the capacity of District Moonsiffs.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, No. 1337; dated 13th October 1857.

Government incline to the opinion that the measure recommended by the Judges of the Sudr Udalut would facilitate the administration of Justice, but they request to be furnished with the details of the proposed arrangement and with explanation as to any effect it would have on the interests of parties in suits ordinarily triable by District Moonsiffs, either on appeal or otherwise.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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