

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	24-12-1957	

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No. 1. Read the following letter from H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Magistrate of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 16th December 1857, No. 84.

SIR,

I have the honor to call the attention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to the following facts—

* Dated 17th Novr. 1857. Under the orders* of Government, I took charge of the Royapettah Police Court on the 23rd Ultimo, and acted for Lieutenant Colonel Colbeck, during his absence on privilege leave for ten days, at the same time carrying on the duties at the Vepery Police Court. I then had ample opportunities of comparing the amount of work at the Vepery and Royapettah Police Courts respectively.

Number of cases disposed of at the Vepery Police Court during the last 9 weeks up to the 12th Instant, on 3 days per week or 27 days..... 559
Number of cases disposed of at the Royapettah Police Court during the last 9 weeks up to the 12th Instant, on 6 days per week or 54 days..... 550

I found that the work at the Royapettah Police Court was much lighter than of my office and that generally in three days of the week, I have had to dispose of more work than falls to the lot of Lieutenant Colonel Colbeck in six.

On the alternate days, I am obliged to leave my own District and take half the duties of the Town Police Court.

I beg respectfully to submit to the consideration of Government, whether it would not be a more equitable division of labour if the Magistrates of the 2nd and 3rd Districts were to attend alternately at the Town Police Court, as I am frequently from a press of business unable to leave my own office, and Major Wilson is consequently deprived of all assistance. This has been the case lately, and I respectfully submit that it could be considered no injustice to the Magistrate of the 3rd District whose pay and allowances are larger than those of either of the other Magistrates that he should have a more equal share of work allotted to him.

Pay of Magistrate of 1st District per month, Rupees 1,000.
Do. of Magistrate of 2nd District, Rupees 800.
Do. of Magistrate of 3rd District, exclusive of free house, Rupees 1,200.

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE.
Magistrate of Police.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1670; dated 24th December 1857.

The Government are not prepared under present circumstances to accede to the arrangement suggested in the concluding paragraph of the above letter. On reference to the returns of the Vepery and Royapettah Police Courts for several weeks past, they find that although in some weeks the number of cases and of persons tried at Vepery has been greater than at Royapettah, yet that on the aggregate of the whole period the business at the latter office has been considerably heavier than that at the former.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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W. D. E. Davern
Magistrate of Police.

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Fort St. George
24 December 1857

J.P.

To H.E. Campbell Esq.
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