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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 31st March 1857.

Read the following letters.

No. 16. From the 1st Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes.

Forwards Annual Report of the working of the Court during the past year. } (Here enter 3rd February 1857, No. 9.)*

No. 17. From the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, Madras.

Forwards Returns shewing the dispatch of business in the Supreme Court at Madras, during the year 1856. } (Here enter 23rd January 1857.)*

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 362; dated 25th March 1857.

1. The first of these letters contains a Report of the proceedings of the Court of Small Causes for the year ending 31st December 1856.

2. The number of suits instituted during that year was 22,869 or 3,330 less than in 1855, and the amount under litigation involved in them was Rupees 3,29,043-13-6 or Rupees 55,030-13-10 below that of the previous year. There was however only a slight decrease in the value of the suits, the average of each being a little more than Rupees 14.

3. The aggregate of the actions set down for hearing was 21,985 or 3,186 below that of last year. They were disposed of in the manner following, compared with the year before.

	1855.	1856.
Judgment for Plaintiffs...	11,858	10,582
Do. for Defendants...	635	912
Non-suited and struck off...	2,157	1,281
Compromised...	10,488	9,164
Undecided...	33	46
	25,171	21,985

4. The Commission and Fees realized during the year, inclusive of Fines, amounted to Rupees 43,677-6-6 being Rupees 8,077-5-6 below that of the previous year. No reason is assigned for this marked decrease in the receipts of the Court nor for the falling off in the number of suits instituted and of the amount under litigation. The Judges of the Court of Small Causes will be requested to afford any explanation which they may be able to give on this point.

5. The expenses of the Court, during the year under review, amounted to Rupees 75,294 or Rupees 31,616-9-6 more than its income. This deficiency would however have been considerably reduced, had the actions instituted in the Supreme Court, on the Small Cause side, been brought in this Court, which could have been done without any increase to its expenses. The Fees, &c., realized in that Court in 1856, amounted to Rupees 10,648-4.

6. The second letter recorded above relates to the business performed in the Supreme Court, Small Cause side, during the same period.

7. The number of Causes instituted under the Act was 442 or 8 more than last year. The annexed table shews the manner in which they were disposed of in comparison with the previous year.

	1855.	1856.
Judgment for Plaintiffs...	199	204
Do. for Defendants...	20	24
Plaintiffs Non-suited...	35	43
Compromised...	147	147
Struck out...	18	5
Undecided...	15	19
	434	442

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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* Printed separately.

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No. 362

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of Consultation

Dated 26th March
1857.

RETURNS
OF
CASES INSTITUTED IN THE
MADRAS
COURT OF SMALL CAUSES
AND
IN THE SUPREME COURT,
(SMALL CAUSE SIDE,)
DURING THE YEAR 1856.

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No. 9.

FROM R. BURGASS, ESQ.
1st Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes.

To T. PYCROFT, ESQ.
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report of the working of this Court during the past year.

I have, &c.,
R. BURGASS,
1st Judge.

MADRAS,
3d *Feb.* 1857.

1.

F THE SIXTH YEAR OF ITS

ned to Suitors			Graduated digest of Ca ing the		
Total.			Not above Co.'s Rs. 10.	Above 10 not above Rs. 20.	Above 20 not above Rs. 50.
5,391	...	...	1,679	352	287
5,000	4	...	1,689	358	265
4,622	6	...	1,604	366	246
5,115	11	...	1,668	389	286
4,349	9	...	1,305	272	229
3,729	12	...	1,080	236	176
4,587	5	...	1,320	331	283
3,769	8	...	985	244	155
3,056	2	...	953	247	153
3,962	11	...	1,124	270	238
3,759	4	...	1,128	284	153
2,912	6	...	920	211	147
50,255	14	...	15,455	3,560	2,618

			22			23			24			25			26		
Net amount carried to the credit of Government.			Amount repaid to Suitors on account of Compromised Cases.			Costs remitted on behalf of parties proved ultimately to be paupers.			Amount paid into Court by Suitors on account of Cases decreed.			Amount paid out of Court to Suitors on account of Cases decreed.			Amount of Fines levied.		
4,688	14	...	987	4	6	...	...	...	5,740	7	11	6,381	10	...	...	...	...
4,487	5	...	783	5	6	...	...	...	4,129	3	10	3,910	14	8	2	8	...
4,090	8	...	748	10	...	...	...	...	5,688	9	6	4,461	3	4	...	...	...
4,325	5	...	1,019	3	...	...	...	...	4,490	10	1	5,486	5	10	1	...	...
3,674	10	...	905	...	6	...	...	...	4,247	5	6	4,050	1	1	2	...	...
3,264	1	...	665	14	...	...	...	...	3,346	11	6	3,487	10	10	...	...	...
4,068	2	6	761	3	...	...	...	...	4,555	14	10	4,389	13	7	...	...	...
3,243	4	6	703	13	...	...	...	...	4,692	7	3	4,575	7	2	...	...	...
2,535	8	...	712	4	...	...	...	...	3,528	2	5	3,730	6	5	...	...	...
3,483	3	...	670	13	...	...	...	...	3,199	11	8	3,369	13	6	...	...	...
3,242	1	6	689	1	...	...	...	...	3,710	14	...	2,991	3	11	...	...	...
2,569	...	...	493	11	...	...	...	...	2,838	...	4	2,956	13	3	...	...	...
43,671	14	6	9,140	2	6	...	...	...	50,168	2	10	49,791	7	7	5	8	...

NDUM.

Court of Small Causes was closed on

, and Christmas day,... ... ...

... ...

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

2.

uary to December 1855, *and from Jan*

July.		August.	
1855	1856	1855	1856
1,159	953	1,101	702
48	111	61	67
195	112	203	75
1,065	803	961	634
....	....	....	....
2,467	1,979	2,326	1,478

NDUM.

... ... 25,

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1.

F THE SIXTH YEAR OF ITS INSTITUTION, NAMELY, FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1856.

				19									20						
	ned to Suitors			Graduated digest of Causes instituted during the year.									Disposal of Suits set down for hearing during the months opposite to which the numbers stand.						
	Total.			Not above Co.'s Rs. 10.	Above 10 not above Rs. 20.	Above 20 not above Rs. 50.	Above 50 not above Rs. 100.	Above 100 not above Rs. 200.	Above 200 not above Rs. 300.	Above 300 not above Rs. 400.	Above 400 not above Rs. 500.	Total.	Judgment for Plaintiffs.	Judgment for Defendants.	Nonsuited.	Struck off.	Compromised.	Undecided.	Total.
..	5,391	...	...	1,679	352	287	95	34	8	1	2	2,458	1,156	75	116	17	1,036	...	2,400
..	5,000	4	...	1,689	358	265	84	25	7	1	2	2,431	1,083	61	118	13	975	...	2,250
..	4,622	6	...	1,604	366	246	71	23	2	4	1	2,317	1,008	69	121	7	914	...	2,119
..	5,115	11	...	1,668	389	286	77	27	4	6	...	2,457	1,119	89	178	3	1,002	...	2,391
..	4,349	9	...	1,305	272	229	72	34	5	2	...	1,919	1,023	110	109	16	609	...	1,867
..	3,729	12	...	1,080	236	176	70	17	6	2	2	1,589	754	54	90	4	610	...	1,512
..	4,587	5	...	1,320	331	283	78	25	2	4	2	2,045	953	111	105	7	803	...	1,979
..	3,769	8	...	985	244	155	77	25	8	5	1	1,500	702	67	73	2	634	...	1,478
..	3,056	2	...	953	247	153	54	11	3	2	1	1,424	691	66	65	8	560	...	1,390
..	3,962	11	...	1,124	270	238	60	24	4	1	2	1,723	792	72	64	15	715	...	1,658
..	3,759	4	...	1,128	284	153	70	25	5	1	...	1,666	736	78	65	16	713	...	1,608
..	2,912	6	...	920	211	147	44	9	7	2	...	1,340	565	60	51	18	593	46	1,333
..	50,255	14	...	15,455	3,560	2,618	852	279	61	31	13	22,869	10,582	912	1,155	126	9,164	46	21,985

21																							
Amount carried to Credit of Government on account of Fees deposited during the months opposite to which the Amount stands.																							
Fees on institution of Summonses.			Second and further Summonses fees.			Subpœnas Fees.			Warrant and copy of Judgment Fees.			Fees realized in Pauper Suits.			Total Gross Amount.			Amount of Half Costs.			Net amount carried to the credit of Government.		
5,053	6	6	60	4	...	309	4	...	253	4	...	...	...	...	5,676	2	6	987	4	6	4,688	14	...
4,715	4	6	48	8	...	261	...	...	226	6	...	19	8	...	5,270	10	6	783	5	6	4,487	5	...
4,315	2	...	61	4	...	268	12	...	193	4	...	...	12	...	4,839	2	...	748	10	...	4,090	8	...
4,797	2	...	74	2	...	270	10	...	201	8	...	1	2	...	5,344	8	...	1,019	3	...	4,325	5	...
4,042	6	6	55	4	...	282	2	...	195	2	...	4	12	...	4,579	10	6	905	...	6	3,674	10	...
3,451	9	...	63	2	...	227	2	...	188	2	...	...	...	...	3,929	15	...	665	14	...	3,264	1	...
4,279	5	6	84	14	...	240	...	...	218	14	...	6	4	...	4,829	5	6	761	3	...	4,068	2	6
3,522	7	6	56	2	...	199	6	...	169	2	...	...	...	...	3,947	1	6	703	13	...	3,243	4	6
2,847	12	...	49	12	...	180	2	...	168	12	...	1	6	...	3,247	12	...	712	4	...	2,535	8	...
3,726	...	...	48	14	...	211	6	...	167	12	...	...	...	...	4,154	...	...	670	13	...	3,483	3	...
3,499	2	6	57	6	...	230	10	...	144	...	...	...	...	...	3,931	2	6	689	1	...	3,242	1	6
2,673	7	...	58	2	...	197	8	...	133	10	...	...	...	...	3,062	11	...	493	11	...	2,569	...	...
46,923	1	...	717	10	...	2,877	14	...	2,259	12	...	33	12	...	52,812	1	...	9,140	2	6	43,671	14	6

22			23			24			25			26		
Amount repaid to Suitors on account of Compromised Cases.			Costs remitted on behalf of parties proved ultimately to be paupers.			Amount paid into Court by Suitors on account of Cases decreed.			Amount paid out of Court to Suitors on account of Cases decreed.			Amount of Fines levied.		
987	4	6	...	...	...	5,740	7	11	6,381	10	...	...	...	...
783	5	6	...	...	...	4,129	3	10	3,910	14	8	2	8	...
748	10	...	...	...	...	5,688	9	6	4,461	3	4	...	...	...
1,019	3	...	...	...	...	4,490	10	1	5,486	5	10	1	...	...
905	...	6	...	...	...	4,247	5	6	4,050	1	1	2	...	...
665	14	...	...	...	...	3,346	11	6	3,487	10	10	...	...	...
761	3	...	...	...	...	4,555	14	10	4,389	13	7	...	...	...
703	13	...	...	...	...	4,692	7	3	4,575	7	2	...	...	...
712	4	...	...	...	...	3,528	2	5	3,730	6	5	...	...	...
670	13	...	...	...	...	3,199	11	8	3,369	13	6	...	...	...
689	1	...	...	...	...	3,710	14	...	2,991	3	11	...	...	...
493	11	...	...	...	...	2,838	...	4	2,956	13	3	...	...	...
9,140	2	6	...	...	...	50,168	2	10	49,791	7	7	5	8	...

NDUM.

Court of Small Causes was closed on account of Sundays,... ... ... 52 days.
, and Christmas day,... ... ... 6 ,,
... ... 18 ,,
Total, ... 76 ,,
The Court sat, ... 289 ,,
Total, ... 365 days.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

2.

uary to December 1855, *and from January to December* 1856.

	July.		August.		September.		October.		November.		December.		Total.	
856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856
754	1,159	953	1,101	702	932	691	1,050	792	1,091	736	820	565	11,858	10,582
54	48	111	61	67	50	66	75	72	63	78	53	60	635	912
94	195	112	203	75	154	73	174	79	327	81	105	69	2,157	1,281
610	1,065	803	961	634	841	560	1,022	715	784	713	651	593	10,488	9,164
......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	46	33	46
,512	2,467	1,979	2,326	1,478	1,977	1,390	2,321	1,658	2,265	1,608	1,662	1,333	25,171	21,985

NDUM.

... ... 25,171
... ... 21,985
... ... 3,186

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 1.

A STATEMENT CONTAINING THE STATISTICS OF THE MADRAS COURT OF SMALL CAUSES OF THE SIXTH YEAR OF ITS INSTITUTION, NAMELY, FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1856.

14		15	16	17
ance of parties to Suits.		Number of days in which the Court was opened.	Average number of Suits instituted daily.	Amount litigated in the Suits instituted.
By Vakeels.	In Person.			
130	2,250	25	98·03	34,675 4 9
153	2,232	24	101·29	34,000 13 3
126	2,160	22	105·31	29,890 3 10
125	2,274	26	94·5	32,445 14 6
158	1,711	25	76·64	28,111 3 10
75	1,498	25	63·56	25,180 10 7
203	1,807	27	75·74	30,434 5 4
93	1,370	22	68·18	25,373 9 11
84	1,308	22	64·72	18,823 12 10
63	1,617	25	68·92	25,407 7 11
102	1,524	25	66·64	24,399 8 2
72	1,238	21	63·809	20,300 14 7
1,384	20,989	289	79·131	3,29,043 13 6

18								
Graduated digest of Costs received on institution of Suits, but of which portions have been returned to Suitors who may have compromised their cases before hearing.								
Fees and Costs under 10 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 20 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 50 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 100 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 200 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 300 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 400 Rupees.	Fees and Costs under 500 Rupees.	Total.
1,198 … …	771 12 …	1,327 12 …	961 12 …	689 8 …	273 … …	52 2 …	117 2 …	5,391 … …
1,181 … …	791 10 …	1,273 6 …	861 6 …	502 14 …	227 14 …	43 8 …	118 10 …	5,000 4 …
1,140 2 …	796 6 …	1,214 8 …	720 8 …	440 … …	68 10 …	184 6 …	57 14 …	4,622 6 …
1,191 7 …	867 12 …	1,348 12 …	780 8 …	509 … …	134 6 …	283 14 …	… … …	5,115 11 …
999 11 …	605 4 …	1,100 10 …	763 10 …	600 6 …	181 14 …	98 2 …	… … …	4,349 9 …
781 2 …	593 2 …	902 6 …	712 4 …	342 6 …	229 4 …	94 12 …	74 8 …	3,729 12 …
969 1 …	776 … …	1,195 2 …	824 … …	461 2 …	75 … …	175 6 …	111 10 …	4,587 5 …
715 14 …	554 10 …	744 12 …	811 14 …	447 6 …	194 14 …	236 4 …	63 14 …	3,769 8 …
693 10 …	555 8 …	736 4 …	550 14 …	237 2 …	106 2 …	112 2 …	64 8 …	3,056 2 …
818 6 …	604 15 …	1,120 12 …	635 8 …	473 4 …	133 6 …	45 8 …	131 … …	3,962 11 …
832 4 …	621 14 …	938 8 …	705 10 …	465 6 …	151 2 …	44 8 …	… … …	3,759 4 …
720 2 …	531 10 …	724 6 …	489 4 …	186 10 …	162 2 …	98 4 …	… … …	2,912 6 …
11,240 11 …	8,070 7 …	12,627 2 …	8,817 2 …	5,355 … …	1,937 10 …	1,468 12 …	739 2 …	50,255 14 …

19								
Graduated digest of Causes instituted during the year.								
Not above Co.'s Rs. 10.	Above 10 not above Rs. 20.	Above 20 not above Rs. 50.	Above 50 not above Rs. 100.	Above 100 not above Rs. 200.	Above 200 not above Rs. 300.	Above 300 not above Rs. 400.	Above 400 not above Rs. 500.	Total.
1,679	352	287	95	34	8	1	2	2,458
1,689	358	265	84	25	7	1	2	2,431
1,604	366	246	71	23	2	4	1	2,317
1,668	389	286	77	27	4	6	…	2,457
1,305	272	229	72	34	5	2	…	1,919
1,080	236	176	70	17	6	2	2	1,589
1,320	331	283	78	25	2	4	2	2,045
985	244	155	77	25	8	5	1	1,500
953	247	153	54	11	3	2	1	1,424
1,124	270	238	60	24	4	1	2	1,723
1,128	284	153	70	25	5	1	…	1,666
920	211	147	44	9	7	2	…	1,340
15,455	3,560	2,618	852	279	61	31	13	22,869

20							21						
Disposal of Suits set down for hearing during the months opposite to which the numbers stand.							Amount carried to Credit of Government on account of Fees deposited du months opposite to which the Amount stands.						
Judgment for Plaintiffs.	Judgment for Defendants.	Nonsuited.	Struck off.	Compromised.	Undecided.	Total.	Fees on institution of Summonses.	Second and further Summonses fees.	Subpœnas Fees.	Warrant and copy of Judgment Fees.	Fees realized in Pauper Suits.	Total Gross Amount.	Amount of Half Costs.
1,156	75	116	17	1,036	…	2,400	5,053 6 6	60 4 …	309 4 …	253 4 …	… … …	5,676 2 6	987 4
1,083	61	118	13	975	…	2,250	4,715 4 6	48 8 …	261 … …	226 6 …	19 8 …	5,270 10 6	783 5
1,008	69	121	7	914	…	2,119	4,315 2 …	61 4 …	268 12 …	193 4 …	… 12 …	4,839 2 …	748 10
1,119	89	178	3	1,002	…	2,391	4,797 2 …	74 2 …	270 10 …	201 8 …	1 2 …	5,344 8 …	1,019 3
1,023	110	109	16	609	…	1,867	4,042 6 6	55 4 …	282 2 …	195 2 …	4 12 …	4,579 10 6	905 …
754	54	90	4	610	…	1,512	3,451 9 …	63 2 …	227 2 …	188 2 …	… … …	3,929 15 [illegible]	665 14
953	111	105	7	803	…	1,979	4,279 5 6	84 14 …	240 … …	218 14 …	6 4 …	4,829 5 6	761 3
702	67	73	2	634	…	1,478	3,522 7 6	56 2 …	199 6 …	169 2 …	… … …	3,947 1 6	703 13
691	66	65	8	560	…	1,390	2,847 12 …	49 12 …	180 2 …	168 12 …	1 6 …	3,247 12 [illegible]	[illegible] 4
792	72	64	15	715	…	1,658	3,726 … …	48 14 …	211 6 …	167 12 …	… … …	4,154 … [illegible]	[illegible]
736	78	65	16	713	…	1,608	3,499 2 6	57 6 …	230 10 …	144 … …	… … …	3,931 2 3	[illegible]
565	60	51	18	593	46	1,333	2,673 7 …	58 2 …	197 8 …	133 10 …	… … …	3,062 11 [illegible]	[illegible]
10,582	912	1,155	126	9,164	46	21,985	46,923 1 …	717 10 …	2,877 14 …	2,259 12 …	33 12 …	52,812 1 …	9,140 [illegible]

MEMORANDUM.

During the Year commencing 1st January and ending 31st December 1856, the Madras Court of Small Causes was closed on account of Sundays,… … … … 52 days.
New Year's day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension day, Her Majesty's Birthday, and Christmas day,… … … … 6 ,,
Hindoo and other Holidays scattered throughout the year, … … … … 18 ,,
Total, … … … … 76 ,,
The Court sat, … … … … 289 ,,
Total, … … … … 365 days.

No. 2.

COMPARATIVE TABLE of Causes heard and decided from January to December 1855, and from January to December 1856.

	January.		February.		March.		April.		May.		June.		July.		August.		September.		October.		November.		December.		Total.	
	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856	1855	1856
Judgment for Plaintiffs……	862	1,156	815	1,083	1,064	1,008	894	1,119	1,123	1,023	947	754	1,159	953	1,101	702	952	691	1,050	792	1,091	736	820	565	11,858	10,582
Judgment for Defendants….	40	75	37	61	57	69	46	89	48	110	57	54	48	111	61	67	50	66	75	72	63	78	53	60	635	912
Nonsuited and struck off….	203	133	138	131	189	128	151	181	157	125	161	94	195	112	203	75	154	73	174	79	327	81	105	69	2,157	1,281
Compromised……………	810	1,036	793	975	1,021	914	747	1,002	939	609	854	610	1,065	803	961	634	821	560	1,022	715	784	713	651	593	10,488	9,164
Undecided… …………	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	……	33	46	33	46
Total……	1,915	2,400	1,783	2,250	2,331	2,119	1,838	2,391	2,267	1,867	2,019	,512	2,467	1,979	2,326	1,478	1,977	1,390	2,321	1,658	2,265	1,608	1,662	1,333	25,171	21,985

MEMORANDUM.

Number of causes heard and decided in 1855 … … … … … … 25,171
Number of do. do. in 1856 … … … … … … 21,985
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G. E. COWER,
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Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

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	ned to Suitors			Graduated digest of Ca		
	Total.			Not above Co.'s Rs. 10.	Above 10 not above Rs. 20.	Above 20 not above Rs. 50.
	5,391	...	...	1,679	352	287
	5,000	4	...	1,689	358	265
	4,622	6	...	1,604	366	246
	5,115	11	...	1,668	389	286
	4,349	9	...	1,305	272	229
	3,729	12	...	1,080	236	176
	4,587	5	...	1,320	331	283
	3,769	8	...	985	244	155
	3,056	2	...	953	247	153
	3,962	11	...	1,124	270	238
	3,759	4	...	1,128	284	153
	2,912	6	...	920	211	147
	50,255	14	...	15,455	3,560	2,618

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ing the	22	23	24	25	26
Net amount carried to the credit of Government.	Amount repaid to Suitors on account of Compromised Cases.	Costs remitted on behalf of parties proved ultimately to be paupers.	Amount paid into Court by Suitors on account of Cases decreed.	Amount paid out of Court to Suitors on account of Cases decreed.	Amount of Fines levied.
4,688 14 ...	987 4 6	... ...	5,740 7 11	6,381 10 ...	... ...
4,487 5 ...	783 5 6	... ...	4,129 3 10	3,910 14 8	2 8 ...
4,090 8 ...	748 10 ...	... ...	5,688 9 6	4,461 3 4	... ...
4,325 5 ...	1,019 3 ...	... ...	4,490 10 1	5,486 5 10	1 ... ...
3,674 10 ...	905 ... 6	... ...	4,247 5 6	4,050 1 1	2 ... ...
3,264 1 ...	665 14 ...	... ...	3,346 11 6	3,487 10 10	... ...
4,068 2 6	761 3 ...	... ...	4,555 14 10	4,389 13 7	... ...
3,243 4 6	703 13 ...	... ...	4,692 7 3	4,575 7 2	... ...
2,535 8 ...	712 4 ...	... ...	3,528 2 5	3,730 6 5	... ...
3,483 3 ...	670 13 ...	... ...	3,199 11 8	3,369 13 6	... ...
3,242 1 6	689 1 ...	... ...	3,710 14 ...	2,991 3 11	... ...
2,569	493 11 ...	... ...	2,838 ... 4	2,956 13 3	... ...
43,671 14 6	9,140 2 6	... ...	50,168 2 10	49,791 7 7	5 8 ...

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uary to December 1855, and from Jan

	July.		August.	
856	1855	1856	1855	1856
754	1,159	953	1,101	702
54	48	111	61	67
94	195	112	203	75
610	1,065	803	961	634
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,512	2,467	1,979	2,326	1,478

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Months.	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	Number of Suits instituted.															
	English.	Native.	Total.	The English cases bear to the Native cases the ratio of	Number of Summonses issued.	Number of second and further Summonses issued.	Number of Subpœnas issued.	Number of Attachments issued.	Number of Warrants issued.	Number of Judge's Warrants issued.	Number of Copies of Judgments issued.	Number of Commitments issued.	Number of Releases issued.	Number of Cases referred to Arbitration.	Number of Warrants to sue and defend filed.	By Barristers.
1856																
January, ..	390	2,068	2,458	1 to 5·3002	5,675	464	3,769	...	928	...	8	...	20	6	208	...
February, ..	364	2,067	2,431	1 to 5·678	5,334	463	3,306	2	799	1	7	...	21	7	199	...
March, ...	316	2,001	2,317	1 to 6·333	5,045	384	3,572	1	734	1	7	...	17	1	157	...
April, ...	330	2,127	2,457	1 to 6·445	5,618	477	3,669	2	770	4	15	...	26	2	183	...
May, ...	274	1,645	1,919	1 to 6·0003	4,517	548	3,300	...	771	5	17	...	22	4	208	...
June, ...	287	1,302	1,589	1 to 4·536	3,477	458	2,574	1	706	1	8	...	16	...	91	...
July, ...	392	1,653	2,045	1 to 4·210	4,560	641	3,099	2	794	2	6	...	29	2	238	...
August, ..	236	1,264	1,500	1 to 5·305	3,309	455	2,334	1	565	...	7	...	20	...	130	...
September, .	261	1,163	1,424	1 to 4·045	3,249	382	2,335	2	620	2	6	...	16	1	116	...
October, ..	219	1,504	1,723	1 to 6·867	3,784	440	2,654	1	642	...	10	...	11	1	106	...
November, .	241	1,425	1,666	1 to 5·091	3,760	398	3,100	9	574	...	6	...	12	...	142	...
December, .	219	1,121	1,340	1 to 5·0101	2,833	401	2,052	1	509	...	11	...	16	2	102	...
Total, ...	3,529	19,340	22,869	1 to 5·480	51,161	5,511	35,764	22	8,412	16	108	...	226	26	1,880	...

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The 17th day of January 1857.

No. 3.

RETURN of graduated digest of Causes instituted from January to December 1856.

Year and Months.	Not above Company's Rupees 10.	Above Rs. 10 not above Rs. 20.	Above Rs. 20 not above Rs. 50.	Above Rs. 50 not above Rs. 100.	Above Rs. 100 not above Rs. 200.	Above Rs. 200 not above Rs. 300.	Above Rs. 300 not above Rs. 400.	Above Rs. 400 not above Rs. 500.	Total.
1856.									
... ...	1,679	352	287	95	34	8	1	2	2,458
.. ..	1,689	358	265	84	25	7	1	2	2,431
... ...	1,604	366	246	71	23	2	4	1	2,317
.. ..	1,668	389	286	77	27	4	6	...	2,457
... ...	1,305	272	229	72	34	5	2	...	1,919
.. ..	1,080	236	176	70	17	6	2	2	1,589
... ...	1,320	331	283	78	25	2	4	2	2,045
.. ..	985	244	155	77	25	8	5	1	1,500
... ...	953	247	153	54	11	3	2	1	1,424
.. ..	1,124	270	238	60	24	4	1	2	1,723
... ...	1,128	284	153	70	25	5	1	...	1,666
.. ..	920	211	147	44	9	7	2	...	1,340
Total	15,455	3,560	2,618	852	279	61	31	13	22,869

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G. E. COWER,
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No. 4.

A STATEMENT of the graduated Digest of Costs of Summonses, from January to December 1856.

Months.	Fees and Costs under 10 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 20 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 50 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 100 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 200 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 300 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 400 Rs.			Fees and Costs under 500 Rs.			Total.		
1856	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.
January........	1,198	0	0	771	12	0	1,327	12	0	961	12	0	689	8	0	273	0	0	52	2	0	117	2	0	5,391	0	0
February	1,181	0	0	791	10	0	1,273	6	0	861	6	0	502	14	0	227	14	0	43	8	0	118	10	0	5,000	4	0
March..........	1,140	2	0	796	6	0	1,214	8	0	720	8	0	440	0	0	68	10	0	184	6	0	57	14	0	4,622	6	0
April..........	1,191	7	0	867	12	0	1,348	12	0	780	8	0	509	0	0	134	6	0	283	14	0	......	..	...	5,115	11	0
May............	999	11	0	605	4	0	1,100	10	0	763	10	0	600	6	0	181	14	0	98	2	0	......	...	...	4,349	9	0
June............	781	2	0	593	2	0	902	6	0	712	4	0	342	6	0	229	4	0	94	12	0	74	8	0	3,729	12	0
July............	969	1	0	776	0	0	1,195	2	0	824	0	0	461	2	0	75	0	0	175	6	0	111	10	0	4,587	5	0
August.........	715	14	0	554	10	0	744	12	0	811	14	0	447	6	0	194	14	0	236	4	0	63	14	0	3,769	8	0
September.....	693	10	0	555	8	0	736	4	0	550	14	0	237	2	0	106	2	0	112	2	0	64	8	0	3,056	2	0
October........	818	6	0	604	15	0	1,120	12	0	635	8	0	473	4	0	133	6	0	45	8	0	131	0	0	3,962	11	0
November......	832	4	0	621	14	0	938	8	0	705	10	0	465	6	0	151	2	0	44	8	0	......	...	...	3,759	4	0
December......	720	2	0	531	10	0	724	6	0	489	4	0	186	10	0	162	2	0	98	4	0	......	...	...	2,912	6	0
Total......	11,240	11	0	8,070	7	0	12,627	2	0	8,817	2	0	5,355	0	0	1,937	10	0	1,468	12	0	739	2	0	50,255	14	0

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 5.

A STATEMENT shewing the number of Causes remaining Undecided on the 31st December 1856.

Number of Causes Postponed.						Remarks.
For want of Service.	For Plaintiffs or Defendants, or for parties Witnesses.	For Attachment.	At the request of Plaintiffs or Defendants, or both parties.	By order of Court.	Total.	
...	7	...	7	32	46	...

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 6.

ABSTRACT Statement of Causes Heard, and how Disposed of, with the Commission and Fees leviable thereon, from January to December 1856.

Months.	Judgment for Plaintiff.	Judgment for Defendant.	Nonsuited.	Struck off.	Compromised.	Undecided.	Total.	Commission and Fees.		
								Rs.	A	P.
1856										
January	1,156	75	116	17	1,036	...	2,400	4,688	14	0
February	1,083	61	118	13	975	...	2,250	4,487	5	0
March	1,008	69	121	7	914	...	2,119	4,090	8	0
April	1,119	89	178	3	1,002	...	2,391	4,325	5	0
May	1,023	110	109	16	609	...	1,867	3,674	10	0
June	754	54	90	4	610	...	1,512	3,264	1	0
July	953	111	105	7	803	...	1,979	4,068	2	6
August	702	67	73	2	634	...	1,478	3,243	4	6
September	691	66	65	8	560	...	1,390	2,535	8	0
October	792	72	64	15	715	...	1,658	3,483	3	0
November	736	78	65	16	713	...	1,608	3,242	1	6
December	565	60	51	18	593	46	1,333	2,569	0	0
Total	10,582	912	1,155	126	9,164	46	21,985	43,671	14	6

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 7.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Commission and Fees realized and credited in the Cash Accounts, from January 1855 to December 1856, prepared in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, and rendered to the Accountant to the Government of Madras—Judicial Department.

Months.	1855									Months.	1856									Total increase of Fees in 1856.			Total decrease of Fees in 1856.			Remarks.
	On account of Fees received on the institution and prosecution of Suits.			On account of Fees received on the issue of Distraint Process.			Total.				On account of Fees received on the institution and prosecution of Suits.			On account of Fees received on the issue of Distraint Process.			Total.									
1855	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	1856	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	
January	4,104	11	0	...	...	...	4,104	11	0	January	4,688	14	0	...	...	...	4,688	14	0	584	3	0	...	...	...	
February	3,376	9	6	...	...	...	3,376	9	6	February	4,487	5	0	...	...	...	4,487	5	0	1,110	11	6	...	...	...	
March	4,364	0	6	...	...	...	4,364	0	6	March	4,090	8	0	...	...	...	4,090	8	0	...	...	...	273	8	6	
April	3,923	7	6	...	...	...	3,923	7	6	April	4,325	5	0	...	...	...	4,325	5	0	401	13	6	...	...	...	
May	4,655	6	0	...	...	...	4,655	6	0	May	3,674	10	0	5	8	0	3,680	2	0	...	...	...	975	4	0	
June	4,213	11	0	...	...	...	4,213	11	0	June	3,264	1	0	...	...	...	3,264	1	0	...	...	...	949	10	0	
July	5,045	14	6	...	...	...	5,045	14	6	July	4,068	2	6	...	...	...	4,068	2	6	...	...	...	977	12	0	
August	4,612	13	0	...	...	...	4,612	13	0	August	3,243	4	6	...	...	...	3,243	4	6	...	...	...	1,369	8	6	
September	4,621	12	6	...	...	...	4,621	12	6	September	2,535	8	0	...	...	...	2,535	8	0	...	...	...	2,086	4	6	
October	4,696	11	0	...	...	...	4,696	11	0	October	3,483	3	0	...	...	...	3,483	3	0	...	...	...	1,213	8	0	
November	4,411	9	0	...	...	...	4,411	9	0	November	3,242	1	6	...	...	...	3,242	1	6	...	...	...	1,169	7	6	
December	3,728	2	6	...	...	...	3,728	2	6	December	2,569	0	0	...	...	...	2,569	0	0	...	...	...	1,159	2	6	
Total	51,754	12	0	...	...	...	51,754	12	0	Total	43,671	14	6	5	8	0	43,677	6	6	2,096	12	0	10,174	1	6	

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The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 8.

ABSTRACT *Statement of Sums Recovered and Paid to Plaintiffs on Account of their Demands, from January to December* 1856.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on hand, Co.'s Rupees...	...	...	...	5,541	0	10	By Cash paid to Plaintiffs for Causes decreed in January 1856.	6,381	10	0			
To Cash received on Causes decreed in January 1856.	5,740	7	11				Do. do. do. February do.	3,910	14	8			
Do. do. do. February do.	4,129	3	10				Do. do. do. March do.	4,461	3	4			
Do. do. do. March do.	5,688	9	6				Do. do. do. April do.	5,486	5	10			
Do. do. do. April do.	4,490	10	1				Do. do. do. May do.	4,050	1	1			
Do. do. do. May do.	4,247	5	6				Do. do. do. June do.	3,487	10	10			
Do. do. do. June do.	3,346	11	6				Do. do. do. July do.	4,389	13	7			
Do. do. do. July do.	4,555	14	10				Do. do. do. August do.	4,575	7	2			
Do. do. do. August do.	4,692	7	3				Do. do. do. September do.	3,730	6	5			
Do. do. do. September do.	3,528	2	5				Do. do. do. October do.	3,369	13	6			
Do. do. do. October do.	3,199	11	8				Do. do. do. November do.	2,991	3	11			
Do. do. do. November do.	3,710	14	0				Do. do. do. December do.	2,956	13	3			
Do. do. do. December do.	2,838	0	4								49,791	7	7
				50,168	2	10	Balance carried to next Account...	...	...	...	5,917	12	1
Total Company's Rupees...	...	...	...	55,709	3	8	Total Company's Rupees...	...	...	...	55,709	3	8

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The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
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No. 9.

ABSTRACT *of the particulars of Demand from January to December* 1856.

Months.	Cloth sold and delivered.	Other goods sold and delivered.	Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.	Wages.	Work and labour.	Work and labour and materials.	For money paid.	For money lent.	For money had and received.	On an account stated.	For use and occupation.	On Judgments.	Guarantee.	Parternship balance.	Other actions in assumpsit.	Trover.	Case.	Trespass.	Assault.	Replevin.	Interpleader.	Recovery of small Tenements.	Ejectments.	Against Executors.	Covenant.	Total.
1856.																										
January	299	459	683	55	38	9	53	187	15	4	193	38	5	4	306	96	...	1	6	...	10	10	6	...	29	2,506
February	292	644	606	53	58	3	34	187	19	1	208	49	7	2	208	85	...	...	3	...	6	8	3	4	6	2,486
March	366	429	529	56	35	5	59	179	22	1	154	45	2	29	355	80	...	3	3	...	6	4	1	...	5	2,368
April	361	582	712	86	53	1	39	116	27	17	173	45	12	...	152	82	...	1	7	...	10	25	...	2	9	2,512
May	274	304	568	56	47	4	49	169	18	6	170	38	10	3	108	83	...	11	2	...	5	13	8	...	16	1,962
June	191	315	459	36	26	3	28	103	3	...	106	29	5	2	242	52	...	3	3	...	6	6	5	...	1	1,624
July	186	580	566	103	49	1	43	137	7	13	161	57	7	2	70	91	...	...	2	...	3	5	6	...	16	2,105
August	156	385	395	33	33	8	41	106	4	31	75	44	4	24	141	50	...	3	1	...	3	4	3	1	5	1,550
September	170	180	410	33	26	1	25	96	6	6	90	48	9	1	304	44	...	5	1	...	7	6	2	5	9	1,484
October	187	483	444	40	46	8	50	147	5	2	88	9	......	2	106	73	...	5	3	...	4	7	10	7	7	1,733
November	172	440	456	42	37	3	42	114	9	2	53	4	......	1	222	51	...	2	3	...	7	9	7	3	1	1,680
December	146	335	351	43	28	4	29	85	8	1	108	23	7	2	113	56	...	...	4	...	2	9	6	...	5	1,365
Total	2,800	5,136	6,179	636	476	50	492	1,626	143	84	1,579	429	68	72	2,327	843	...	34	38	...	69	106	57	22	109	23,375

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 10.

STATEMENT of Causes instituted in the Distraint Department, from January to December, 1856, with the Amount of Rent sued for, the Gross Amount of Costs deposited, and the Amount of Costs credited to Government.

Months.	Compromised before appraisement.	Executed by sale.	Dismissed before appraisement.	Unexecuted.	Compromised after appraisement.	Dismissed after appraisement.	Total number of Cases.	Amount of Rent sued for. Rs.	A	P.	Gross amount of Costs deposited. Rs.	A	P.	Amount of Costs credited to Government. Rs.	A	P.	Amount of Subpœna Fees. Rs.	A	P.	Total amount credited to Government. Rs.	A	P.
1856.																						
January	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
May	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	29	0	6	5	8	0	5	8	0	...	...	...	5	8	0
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	29	0	6	5	8	0	5	8	0	...	...	...	5	8	0

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The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 11.

STATEMENT shewing the Amount of Fines levied from January to December 1856.

Year.	Months.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
1856.	January	...	...	...
„	February	2	8	0
„	March	...	...	...
„	April	1	0	0
„	May	2	0	0
„	June	...	...	...
„	July	...	...	...
„	August	...	...	...
„	September	...	...	...
„	October	...	...	...
„	November	..	...	...
„	December	...	...	...
	Total Company's Rupees	5	8	0

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 12.

STATEMENT shewing the Monthly Salaries of three Judges and of the Establishment.

Monthly Salary of the First Judge. Rs.	A	P.	Second Judge. Rs.	A	P.	Third Judge. Rs.	A	P.	Establishment. Rs.	A	P.	Total. Rs.	A	P.
1,500	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	2,774	8	0	6,274	8	0

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 13.

ABSTRACT Statement of Unrecovered Costs from January to December 1856.

Months.	Pauper Suits.			Costs remitted on behalf of parties proved ultimately to be Paupers.			Costs of Attachment ordered but not taken out by parties.			Fees of second and further Summonses not being taken out by parties.			Costs of Warrants ordered against Witnesses but not called for.			Total.		
1856.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
January	8	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	6	0	...	...	...	21	10	0
February	55	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8	0	...	...	...	68	2	0
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	0	...	...	...	13	2	0
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	8	0	...	...	...	14	8	0
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	12	0	...	...	...	24	12	0
June	2	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	4	0	...	...	...	16	8	0
July	23	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	10	0	...	...	...	46	12	0
August	0	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	6	0	...	...	...	15	14	0
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	4	0	...	...	...	16	4	0
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	8	0	...	...	...	19	8	0
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	12	0	...	...	...	17	12	0
December	0	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	2	0	...	...	...	25	10	0
Total	90	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	210	2	0	...	...	...	300	6	0

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January, 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

No. 14.

STATEMENT shewing the number of Suits instituted in the Madras Court of Small Causes and the amount of Fees realized thereon during the years 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1856, together with the progressive increase and decrease in each year.

Year.	Number of Causes instituted.	Increase of Causes in each year.	Decrease of Causes in each year.	Fees realized.			Increase of Fees in each year.			Decrease of Fees in each year.		
				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1851	23,668	......	......	37,417	7	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
1852	24,392	724	......	43,349	2	3	5,931	11	3	...	...	...
1853	25,192	800	......	46,479	10	0	3,130	7	9	...	...	...
1854	26,483	1,291	......	49,281	10	0	2,802	0	0	...	...	...
1855	26,199	......	284	51,754	12	0	2,473	2	0	...	...	...
1856	22,869	......	3,330	43,682	14	6	...	...	...	8,071	13	6
Total	......	......	3,614	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,071	13	6

Madras Court of Small Causes,
The 17th day of January 1857.

G. E. COWER,
Clerk.

RETURNS

OF

CASES INSTITUTED

IN

THE SUPREME COURT,

(SMALL CAUSE SIDE,)

DURING THE YEAR

1856.

To the SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor, by the direction of the Honorable the Judges, to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying Returns, from No. 1 to No. 6, shewing the dispatch of business in the Supreme Court at Madras, under Act IX of 1850, during the year 1856.

I have &c ,
WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

No. 1.

A RETURN of Cases instituted under Act IX of 1850 in the Supreme Court during the year 1856.

1856.	Of 100 Rupees.	Above 100 Rupees, not above 200 Rupees.	Above 200 Rupees, not above 300 Rupees.	Above 300 Rupees, not above 400 Rupees.	Above 400 Rupees, not above 500 Rupees.	Total of each.	Grand Total.
January	2	17	3	4	6	32	
February	3	19	7	4	...	33	
March	2	15	7	4	6	34	
April	11	17	4	1	1	34	
May	8	19	4	1	4	36	
June	7	12	11	3	5	38	
July	11	18	3	4	4	40	
August	8	12	10	4	4	38	
September	12	19	7	3	3	44	
October	8	17	2	6	3	36	
November	7	22	8	5	4	46	
December	11	9	6	3	2	31	
Total	90	196	72	42	42	....	442

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

No. 2.

A RETURN of the result of such Cases as mentioned in No. 1.

	1856 January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total of each.	Grand Total.
Judgments for Plaintiffs	7	13	15	14	21	13	21	25	17	23	21	14	204	
Judgments for Defendants.	1	...	1	1	3	2	3	2	3	5	...	3	24	
Plaintiffs Nonsuited	...	4	4	3	7	3	1	5	3	2	7	4	43	
Compromised	10	16	12	8	13	12	17	12	16	12	13	6	147	
Struck out	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	
Undecided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	14	19	
Total Number of suits	18	33	32	28	45	30	43	45	42	42	43	41	....	442

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

No. 3.

A RETURN of Pauper Cases instituted under Act IX of 1850 *in the Supreme Court during the year* 1856, *and which Cases are included in the Return No.* 1.

1856	Of 100 Rupees.	Above 100 Rupees, not above 200 Rupees.	Above 200 Rupees, not above 300 Rupees.	Above 300 Rupees, not above 400 Rupees.	Above 400 Rupees, not above 500 Rupees.	Total of each.	Grand Total.
January	...	1	...	...	...	1	
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	
March	...	1	...	...	2	3	
April	...	1	...	...	...	1	
May	...	1	...	...	...	1	
June	...	...	2	1	...	3	
July	...	...	...	...	1	1	
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	
September	...	...	...	...	1	1	
October	...	1	...	...	1	2	
November	...	1	...	1	...	2	
December	..	...	...	...	1	1	
	...	6	2	2	6	....	16

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

No. 4.

A RETURN of the result of such Cases as mentioned in No. 3.

	1856. January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total of each.	Grand Total.
Judgments for Plaintiffs	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	7	
Judgments for Defendants	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	
Plaintiffs Nonsuited	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	
Compromised	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Struck out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Undecided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	1	...	2	2	...	1	3	...	2	1	2	2	....	16

WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

No. 6.

MEMORANDUM.

1. The Maximum value litigated for in any one suit during 1856 is............Rupees	500	0	0
2. The Minimum do. ,,	100	0	0
3. The average value of the Suits instituted during the year is.................. ,,	202	13	7

WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

URSEMENTS OF 1856.

	C. Rs.	A.	P.	C. Rs.	A.	P.
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	2,246	11	11
31st By Cash received	...	...	...	1,118	4	0
				3,361	15	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	3,155	3	11
9th By Cash received	...	...	...	886	0	0
				4,041	3	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,012	15	11
31st By Cash received	...	...	...	986	0	0
				1,998	15	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,002	11	11
30th By Cash received	...	...	...	840	5	0
				1,843	0	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	947	15	11
31st By Cash received	...	...	...	968	0	0
				1,915	15	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	951	14	11
0th By Cash received	...	...	...	1,110	12	0
				2,062	10	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,121	7	11
31st By Cash received	...	...	...	1,070	0	0
				2,191	7	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,145	3	11
9th By Cash received	...	...	...	1,385	14	0
				2,531	1	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,522	8	11
0th By Cash received	...	...	...	1,188	6	0
				2,710	14	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,729	11	11
31st By Cash received	...	...	...	1,098	5	0
				2,828	0	11
1st By Balance in hand brought down	...	...	...	1,863	14	11

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No. 4.

A RETURN of the result of such Cases as mentioned in No. 3.

	1856. January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total of each.	Grand Total.
Judgments for Plaintiffs	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	7	
Judgments for Defendants	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	
Plaintiffs Nonsuited	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	
Compromised	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Struck out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Undecided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	1	...	2	2	...	1	3	...	2	1	2	2	....	16

Supreme Court, Madras,
Prothonotary's Office,
23rd January 1857.

WILLIAM A. SERLE,
Prothonotary.

No. 5.

STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS AND DIS

1856			C. Rs.	A.	P.	C. Rs.	A.	P.	1856
January.....	31st	To Cash paid compromised receipts	206	12	0	206	12	0	January.....
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				3,155	3	11	
						3,361	15	11	
February ...	8th	To Cash paid into the Treasury, being the residue for 1855	2,000	0	0				February ...
	29th	To Cash paid compromised receipts	228	4	0				
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for January last	800	0	0	3,028	4	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,012	15	11	
						4,041	3	11	
March.......	31st	To Cash paid compromised receipts	196	4	0				March.......
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for February last	800	0	0	996	4	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,002	11	11	
						1,998	15	11	
April........	30th	To Cash paid compromised receipts	95	1	0				April........
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for March last	800	0	0	895	1	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				947	15	11	
						1,843	0	11	
May.........	31st	To Cash paid compromised receipts	164	1	0				May.........
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for April last	800	0	0	964	1	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				951	14	11	
						1,915	15	11	
June.........	30th	To Cash paid compromised receipts	141	3	0				June.........
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for May last	800	0	0	941	3	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,121	7	11	
						2,062	10	11	
July	31st	To Cash paid compromised receipts	246	4	0				July.........
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for June last	800	0	0	1,046	4	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,145	3	11	
						2,191	7	11	
August......	30th	To Cash paid compromised receipts	208	9	0				August. ....
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for July last	800	0	0	1,008	9	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,522	8	11	
						2,531	1	11	
September..	30th	To Cash paid compromised receipts	181	3	0				September..
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for August last	800	0	0	981	3	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,729	11	11	
						2,710	14	11	
October.....	31st	To Cash paid compromised receipts	164	2	0				October.....
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for September last	800	0	0	964	2	0	
	,,	To Balance in hand carried down				1,863	14	11	
						2,828	0	11	
November..	30th	To Cash paid compromised receipts	195	13	0				November..
	,,	To Cash paid Establishment for October last	800	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

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From
The 1st Judge of the Madras
Court of Small Causes
No 9.

D/3d Feby
R/25th March 1857

See No 362

No. 478.

Forwards annual report of the working of the Court during the past year. -

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From
The Prothonotary of the
Supreme Court Madras

D/23d Jany
R/25 March 1857

See No 362

No. 479.

Forwards Returns shewing the dispatch of business in the Supreme Court at Madras during the year 1856.

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Judicial Department

No. 362

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 25 March 1857

Read the following letters

From the 1st Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras	} Here enter	3d February /57 No 9)
From the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court	} Do	23d January /57 - 479

1. The first of these letters contains a report of the proceedings of the Court of Small Causes for the year ending 31st Decr 1856.

2. The number of suits instituted during that year was 22,869 or 3330 less than in 1855, and the amount in litigation involved in them was Rupees 3,29,043-13-6 or Rs 55,030-13-10 below that of the previous year. There was however only a slight decrease in the

the

the value of the suits, the average of each being a little more than Rs 14.

3. The aggregate of the actions set down for hearing was 21,985 or 3186 below that of last year. They were disposed of in the manner following, compared with the year before.

	1855	1856
Judgment for Plaintiffs	11,858	10,582
Do for Defendants	635	912
Nonsuited & struck off	2,157	1,281
Compromised	10,488	9,164
Undecided	33	46
	25,171	21 985

4. The Commission and Fees realized during the year, inclusive of Fines, amounted to Rupees 43,677-6-6 being Rs 8077-5-6 below that of the previous year. No reason is assigned for this marked decrease in the receipts of the Court nor for the falling off in the number of suits instituted and of the amount under litigation. The Judges of the Court of Small causes will be requested to afford ~~some~~ any explanation Wh. they may b able to gi on this point. The

5. The expences of the Court, during the year under review, amounted to Rupees 75,294 or Rs 31,616-9-6 more than its income. This deficiency would however have been considerably reduced, had the actions instituted in the Supreme Court, on the Small cause side, been brought in this Court, which could have been done without any increase to its expenses. The fees &c realized in that Court in 1856 amounted to Rupees 10,648-4-"-

6. The second letter recorded above relates to the business performed in the

Supreme

Supreme Court, small cause side, during the same period

7. The number of causes instituted under the Act was 442 or 8 more than last year. The annexed table shews the manner in which they were disposed of in comparison with the previous year.

	1855	1856
Judgment for Plaintiffs	199	204
Do. for Defendants	20	24
Plaintiffs non suited	35	43
Compromised	147	147
Struck out	18	5
Undecided	15	19.
	434	442

Copy to the Judges of the M. C. of S. Causes
Do to the Pro: of the S. Court of Madras } Desp^d 30^th

Ordered that 100 copies of the above reports and accompanying statements be printed for distribution and sale as per margin.

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Do of Court of Small Causes	5 ✓
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Hon'ble Mr Elliott	1
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For office use	10
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Desp^d ~~16th~~ 22nd April.

The distribution of the above Reports was completed on the 22nd Instant.
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