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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation 14th July 1857.

No. 48 Read the following letter from H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Magistrate of Police; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 4th July 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the difficulty in which I am now placed, and respectfully to request that I may be relieved from the obligation of attending at the Town Police Court, when a committable case is pending in my own district.

On Tuesday, the 30th Ultimo, a complicated case of burglary was brought to my office. Fifteen witnesses in attendance, some from the Mount, and others from Poonamallee. The parties were in waiting the whole day, but as I had very heavy work on hand, which kept me till nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 P. M., it was impossible for me to enter upon the case. On Thursday (the 2nd Instant,) I was again occupied until a late hour, and again the case in question was deferred until to-day, when very probably it may again be postponed and too late for trial at the ensuing Sessions, which will commence on Monday next. This is only an example of what occurs frequently, to the great loss and inconvenience of witnesses and all parties concerned. For instance, on former occasions, one case had to stand over for 24 days, another for 16 days, and others for similar periods, solely because the pressure of other business was such, that the Magistrate could not enter upon them sooner.

Under these circumstances, I respectfully submit that it is most desirable for the Magistrate of the 2nd District to have discretionary power as to his attendance at the Town Police Court.

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE,

Magistrate of Police.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 813; dated 13th July 1857.

Under the orders of Government dated 19th January 1857, the Vepery Police Court is to be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and on other days the Magistrate is to assist the Magistrate at the Town Police Court, or to supply, when necessary, the place of the Magistrate of the 3rd District.

Mr. Dalrymple now seeks authority to continue his duties at Vepery on the alternate days, viz., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, instead of proceeding to the Town Police Court, when at the close of an office day he has a committable case on hand, not fully investigated.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, considers this course advisable and gives the authority applied for.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Judge Case No. 25-27
20-1-57

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2nd Secy. Secy.
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