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No. 1. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 5th November 1858, No. 105.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Judges of the Sudder Udalut to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Civil and Session Judge of Nundial, dated the 19th Ultimo, reporting that the present Court House is infested with white-ants, and proposing to give up one half of his own residence for the purposes of the Court.

2. Under the circumstances stated by the Civil and Session Judge, the Judges beg to recommend the proposed arrangement being adopted as a temporary measure, until the new Court House at Nundial is completed.

From L. C. INNES, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Nundial ; to C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut, dated Kurnool, 19th October 1858.

SIR,

1. On my first arrival here and at the date on which I took charge of my office, there was only one house vacant in Kurnool available for a Court House or my own private residence. I engaged it as a Court House, and as it is so constructed that one half may be completely shut off from the other half, and one half is sufficient for the requirements of a Court House, I telegraphed to the Chief Secretary for permission to occupy the remaining half as my private residence, as though the course was objectionable of holding a Court in a private house, I should without such permission have been without any house of my own.

2. The permission I sought was accorded me by Government "until further arrangements could be made."

3. A few days after the opening of the Court however, Doctor Miller left on medical certificate, and as the person who, as I at first understood, was in treaty for the house which Doctor Miller vacated did not engage it, and as it appeared to me to be well suited for a Court House, I made arrangements with the owner regarding the rent and have held the Court in it since the 15th July.

4. I have lately found however that the walls of the lower rooms in which the records are kept are full of white-ants, and several records have been destroyed, though all possible care has been taken to prevent any such accident occurring.

5. No other rooms are available for securing the records in, as of the 2 upper rooms 1 is occupied by Writers and 1 as a private room by the Judge (an accommodation which cannot be dispensed with,) and the lower rooms are too dark, damp and close to admit of the Writers doing their work down below instead of above.

6. The lower rooms are built upon the ground, and as the house is close to the river Hindry, they are, when that river is full, deluged with water to the depth of about a foot above the flooring. There has been unusually little water in the river this year, so that I have not had an opportunity of seeing the floor flooded though I have no reason to doubt the fact as I have heard it on good authority.

7. I therefore thought it desirable a few days ago to apply again to the Chief Secretary for permission to hold the Court in part of my house, and in reply I was directed to make the application in regular official form through the Court of Sudder Udalut.

8. I should explain that the rent of my house is 100 Rupees, and that of the present Court House without the garden 65, and that when the present Court House became vacant I was not

disposed to engage it as a private residence because several Officers have in succession lost their health there, and from its low position, vicinity to the river, and the vegetation in its immediate neighbourhood, there was in my opinion and that of others here sufficient reason to attribute their loss of health to their having lived in it.

9. The same reasons did not oppose my taking it as a Court House, as the Court is only held during the day time from 10 A. M. till 6 P. M.

10. As the estimates are only now in the course of preparation for the new Court and Jail at Nundial, and there appears little prospect of their being completed within 2 years, it is desirable I think to take the best measures to secure the records from the possibility of injury during that interval. My present house is well and substantially constructed, and the half which I propose to give up is in every respect very suitable for the holding of a Court, and there is besides good and ample accommodation for the records ; should the Judges therefore see no objection under the circumstances to the course proposed, I have the honor to request that I may receive sanction for the transfer.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1630; dated 17th November 1858.

On the recommendation of the Court of Sudder Udalut, and as a temporary measure, the Governor in Council permits the Civil and Sessions Judge of Nundial, to appropriate half of the house occupied by him as a private residence to the purposes of his Court. A moiety of the rent, or Rupees (50) fifty per mensem, will be debited to the public account.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

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Fort St George
17th November 1858.

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" Secty General
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