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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th January 1858.

Read the following petition.

No. 28. To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George.

The humble petition of E, Soobareddy, residing in Cavely Talook, in the Zillah of Nellore.

SHEWETH,

That your petitioner, in bringing the following circumstances to the notice of your Lordship in Council, begs that you will take them into your serious consideration, and adopt the necessary measures to place the Civil Court of Nellore in a more efficient footing than it is now.

1st. That since the appointment of Badanahetty Geereeyapah as Sheristadar of the above Court, he has, your petitioner has reasons to believe, amassed a large fortune by way of bribery, amounting to nearly forty or fifty thousand Rupees, within a short period of one year, which fact is beyond the pale of contradiction, and which your petitioner is prepared to prove by unquestionable evidence.

2nd. That your petitioner was the Plaintiff in O. S. No. 1 of 1857, on the file of the Civil Court of the above district in which the said Sheristadar has received from your petitioner the sum of (5,000) five thousand Rupees, promising to get the case decided in his favour, but having failed to do so, your petitioner called upon him for the re-payment of the same, but without effect. This circumstance your petitioner is fully prepared to prove to the satisfaction of your Lordship in Council.

Rupees 36,750.

3rd. That your petitioner is one of the ryots of Nellore, paying a large annual revenue* to the Circar, which fact, together with his respectability and position in society, will, he presumes, be verified, if a reference is made to Mr. Minchin, the Sub-Collector of Nellore.

*Rupees 3,000.

4th. That the said Sheristadar has proved *obnoxious* to the inhabitants of the place *by polluting the streams of Justice*, does not admit of any doubt whatever, and if no notice is taken of his conduct by Government, it is feared that many, if not the whole of the people resorting to the Court, will, either have to desert the country, or abandon their claims altogether.

5th. That Mr. Crozier is a very good gentleman, your petitioner most readily grants, but he is sorry to observe that he places too much confidence in the Sheristadar, and yields too much to his advice, which he respectfully submits leads to consequences highly dangerous to the safety of the people resorting to the Court for justice. That the object of your petitioner in thus prominently bringing to the notice of your Lordship in Council, the mal-practices of the Sheristadar, is to show how justice is administered both on the Civil and Criminal side of the Nellore Court, and to procure an immediate reform, and your petitioner will be completely defeated in this his object, if this petition is set aside by your Lordship in Council, which he trusts, will not be the case.

6th. That the Government are fully aware of the antecedents of the said Geereeyapah, when he was the Sheristadar of the Civil Court of Bellary, which circumstances, among others, affords a strong ground for looking upon him with distrust, and your petitioner ventures to submit that unless an example is made of men of this stamp, the efforts of Government to introduce reforms in the Judicial Departments in the interior will not only prove abortive, but be a bar to the improvement of the moral condition of the people, and more especially the Circar servants.

7th. That your petitioner is, as stated above, prepared to *substantiate* every statement put forth in this petition, but this he will only do when the Sheristadar is suspended, and a Committee appointed to investigate into his misconduct. To enable the Government to accede to this proposition, your petitioner respectfully begs to state, that *he is willing to give security amounting to three or four thousand Rupees*; he therefore, most humbly prays that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to give due consideration to this subject, and forthwith appoint a Committee for the investigation of the charges thus preferred against the said Geereeyapah by suspending him from his duty.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound,
Will ever pray.

Madras,
18th December 1857.

(A true Copy.)

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th January 1858.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 48; dated 11th January 1858.

Ordered that the above petition be referred to the Judge of Nellore, who will dispose of the charges against the Sheristadar, B. Geereeyapah, under Section XII, Regulation XII, 1802, and report the result to Government.

Ordered also that E. Soobareddy be directed to present himself before the Court and substantiate his charges.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Nellore January 27th 1858

My dear Mr Hyde,

I think it better, as so much delay has already occurred, to inform you that the Petitioner Soobareddy referred to in "Minutes of Consultation" of the 11th instant has not returned from Madras whither he proceeded about two months ago; and I would desire as briefly as I can to tell you a few facts with regard to this man. He entered a suit in my Court towards the middle of last year, in a few days Defendants had presented their reply. I had recorded points for the proof of the Bond, the production of Accounts &c. &c. After a few days interval the Defendants Vakeel ascended the Village Moonsiff Soobareddy in public Court of fabricating accounts and after repeated orders for their production I fined the Plaintiff in Rs 100. Still they were not produced for many days and

Besides make our duties <u>extremely</u> harass-
-ing and <u>arduious</u>.

Yours truly

F. W. Crozier.

P.S. The proceedings in the suit before
me being completed I have less hesita-
-tion in telling you the above details.
There are other things against this Reader
than I have mentioned.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Court have had several
petitions particularly for
this. The Quarterly
Sessions by 500 Inhabt
of Nelson.

Situated thus we
are justified in declining
to take it.

And tell the Petrs.
they are at liberty to
move them charges if
they can & have full Power
every facility for doing so

See Pet. 500 & Reports
& Plan same person 16

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Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 11 January 1858

From L Soobuneddy &
Cauldy Talbot in Bellore

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Ordered also that
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To the Civil Judge of Bellore
" C. Sobaroydy - Cauldy
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