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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 10th to 16th September 1859.

No. 43. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th September 1859, No. 69.

1. I have the honor by direction of the Judges of the Sudder Udalut, to reply to the reference made by the Member for Madras in the Legislative Council, and forwarded to them with the Order of Government, dated the 6th Instant, as to the probable annual loss of revenue, which would result from the adoption of the lower rate of stamps for plaints, contained in the new Stamp Bill.

2. The accompanying Table shows the number of suits instituted during the first six months of the current year, and the stamp duties chargeable thereon, according to the existing and proposed rates respectively. The Government will observe that the latter, though lower than the present rate on suits not exceeding a thousand Rupees in value, becomes higher in the case of suits above that amount. Suits for limited sums, however, being by far the most numerous, the result would be a deficiency of stamp-revenue amounting to about Rupees 1,11,000 in six months, or Rupees 2,23,000 annually. This, of course, must only be taken as an approximation to the actual loss, which will depend upon the number of suits instituted in future years, and the litigation of the country may possibly be affected by the new procedure in a manner which cannot at present be foreseen.

Value of the Suits instituted during the first half of 1859.

	Under Rupees 20.	Under Rupees 50.	Under Rupees 100.	Under Rupees 250.	Under Rupees 500.	Under Rupees 1000.	Under Rupees 2500.	Under Rupees 5000.	Under Rupees 10000.	Above Rupees 10000	Total of increase and decrease.
Suits.....	15534	14955	8119	4547	1475	812	283	67	21	12	
Value of Stamps.											
Present rate.....	31068	59820	64952	72752	47200	40600	28300	10050	5250	6000	
Proposed rate.....	7767	7534½	36535½	54564	36137½	40600	33960	16415	10395	11400	
											Rupees.
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5660	6365	5145	5400	22570
Decrease.....	23301	52285½	28416½	18188	11062½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	134253½
										Loss in 6 months...	111683½
										Loss per annum.....	223367

Sudder Udalut, Register's Office, 10th September 1859.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Register.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1859, No. 1242.

Ordered to be communicated to the Member for Madras of the Legislative Council in reply to his letter of the 23rd Ultimo.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Order thereon No. 1242 dated 18 Sept 59.
Ordered to be communicated
to the Member for Madras of
the Legislative Council in re-
ply to his letter of the 23rd Ulto.

The Member for Madras
of the Legislative Council — at Madras. 18 Sept 59.