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No. 19. Read the following letter from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 30th September 1859, No. 21.

Judicial.

1. Your letters Nos. 20 and 26, dated respectively the 6th June and 1st July last, on the subject of Jury-trials in the Supreme Court at Madras, have been laid before me in Council.

2. In the latter communication was enclosed a letter from the Judges of the Supreme Court, under date the 28th June last, transmitting for submission to the Crown, a new Rule, altering Rule X of the Court's Rules by enlarging the aggregate number of the Petty Jury Panel, and also by requiring one-third thereof as a minimum to consist of Natives of India, in order to prevent the possibility of exhausting by peremptory challenges that class of Jurymen upon the empanelling of any Jury.

3. I request that you will inform the Judges that, before submitting the new Rule to Her Majesty, I have requested the Governments of India and Bombay to consult the Judges of the Supreme Courts at Calcutta and Bombay as to the expediency of adopting a similar Rule in the Courts over which they respectively preside.

No. 20. To the Honorable Sir H. DAVISON, Knight, Chief Justice and the Honorable Sir A. BITTLESTON, Knight, Puisne Justice of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 12th November 1859, No. 1542.

We have the honor to forward to you copy of a Despatch, 30th September last, No. 21, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with reference to His Honor the Chief Justice's letter of the 28th June last.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.
(„) P. GRANT.
(„) W. A. MOREHEAD.

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No. 1543 of 1859.

The Hon'ble Sir A. Davison, Kt.
Chief Justice, &
The Hon'ble Sir A. Bittleston, Kt.
Puisne Justice of
H. M's Supreme Court of Judicature,
Madras.

Hon'ble Sirs.

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We have &c.

Fort St. George,
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To

The Hon.ble Judges

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