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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of December, 1859.*

No. 19. Read the following letter from G. F. FULLERTON, Esq., Officiating Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalt; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th November 1859, No. 30.

1. With reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 29th August 1859, I have the honor, by direction of the Judges of the Foujdaree Udalt, to furnish a statement showing the number of District Moonsiffs in the Madras Presidency, on whom Criminal powers have been conferred under Act XII of 1854, and at the same time to submit the opinion of the Judges as to the success which has attended the operation of the system introduced by that Act.

2. There are at present six Moonsiffs exercising Criminal powers in this Presidency, and in the Districts of Nellore and Guntur their exertions appear to have been attended with some success, as a good many cases of assault and trifling thefts have been disposed of by them, which would otherwise have been sent to the Magistrate at a great expense of time and trouble to the prosecutors and witnesses. In the other Districts they have had few or no cases brought before them.

3. The Moonsiffs, as a body, are hard worked, and even with the greatest exertion and industry, are able to do little more than keep down and prevent the accumulation of arrears in their civil duties; and although in some few places it may be expedient, on account of the great distance to the Magistrate's station, to invest them with these powers, the Judges are decidedly opposed to any extension of the system, as the advantages gained, would be more than counterbalanced by the interruption of the Moonsiff's civil duties which must necessarily follow. They would also remark that the necessity for such a measure has been much diminished by the large additions lately made to the Magistracy under Act VII of 1857.

Memorandum of Moonsiffs exercising Criminal powers under Act XII of 1854.

Mungoo Narasinga Row Puntoloo, District Moonsiff of Bauputla,	Zillah Guntur.
Y. Gopaula Kristniah.....	„ Ongole, „ Nellore.
Mr. T. Misquita.....	„ Paramagooty, „ Madura.
Sreenavassa Row.....	„ Sheragungah, „ do.
Mr. S. R. Dawes.....	„ Tanjore, „ Combaconum.
M. Parthasarady Pillay.....	„ Wynaad „ Tellicherry.

(Signed) GEORGE F. FULLERTON,
Officiating Register.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1859, No. 1668.

Ordered to be communicated to the Secretary of State, in reference to paragraph 29 of his Despatch, 14th July last, No. 7.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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extension of the system
introduced by that act.

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