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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
25th August 1860.

No. 189. Read the following letter from Colonel JOHN IMPETT, Joint Magistrate, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Poonamallee, 20th August 1860, No. 59.

1. I have the honor to state that, although it has not as yet been officially communicated to me, it has come to my knowledge that it is the intention of Government to abolish the appointment of Joint Magistrate at this Station.

2. Under these circumstances I should fail in my duty, both to the Government and to the public of this place, were I to omit, respectfully, to represent the serious inconveniences which, in my opinion, will be the result of the proposed arrangement.

3. There are at present a considerable number of European residents at this station who would be loath indeed to find themselves entirely dependent for justice upon a Native Magistrate of a Subordinate Class, and though this might be remedied in part, by the appointment of a Justice of the Peace, the power of such an Officer to assist in the preservation of the harmony and well being of such a station as this, will be very much more limited in extent than those of a Joint Magistrate.

4. The Government would seem to be under the impression that the number of European residents at Tripassore are in excess of those of this place, but the fact is that at the former place there are not 19 or 20 while here we have upwards of 130; and it must be remembered that in addition to this number there are frequently as many as 600 European Troops quartered here, which adds much to the necessity of the retention of a Military Joint Magistrate.

5. I would further beg respectfully to point out, that the number of Cases which appears in the Calendar of the Joint Magistrate are by no means a fair criterion of the amount of the Processes of this Court, for I can answer, at least in my own instance, that for every case so entered there are two which do not appear, owing to the matter in dispute having been amicably arranged, a course of proceeding which I have encouraged by every means in my power.

6. In conclusion, it only remains for me to state that the proposal affects me individually but little, as my tenure of the appointment of Commandant at this Station is not likely to be long, perhaps till the end of the present year, and I trust that, whether Government agree with me or not in the necessity of permanent retention of the appointment, they will be pleased to permit me to continue to hold it during the few months longer which I shall remain in Command of Her Majesty's Depôt at Poonamallee.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1860, No. 1,080.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Prov: of Canada

Judicial 1860 Dept

From
Colonel John Inspector
Joint Magistrate of
Boucherville.

Dy 20th
Rec'd 22nd } August 1860.

No 1381.

Represents the serious inconveniences which will result from the abolition of the appointment of Joint Magistrate at that station & requests to be permitted at least to continue to hold it during the time that he shall remain in command of the Dept at that station.

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a Course of proceeding which I have encouraged by every means in my power.

6. For conclusion, I only request permission that the Inspector at this station may be informed by letter of my intention of the appointment of Commandant at this Station is not likely to be long; perhaps till the end of the present Year, and I trust that whether Government agree with me or not in the necessity of permanent retention of the Appointment they will be pleased to permit me to continue to hold it during the four Months longer which I shall remain in Command