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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 23-24	321	Press Mis.
Dated	16-3-	19 1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 23. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Registrar of the Sadr Court, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th March 1860, No. 26.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government dated the 2nd instant, No. 257, sending for my information a copy of Mr. Smith's "explanation" on the subject of my letter of the 20th ultimo, in which I requested permission to have the *Decisions* of the Court printed at some private Press.

2. I find that letter has been taken as a complaint against the Sadr Court Department of the Government Press; but I am not aware that it conveys any imputation of dilatoriness. I merely stated that if the Decisions could be printed elsewhere, the Court Press might be occupied with the printing of Judicial papers without impediment or interruption.

3. I still think that this would be a very desirable arrangement; and beg to recommend its adoption.

4. Mr. Smith's impression that "all papers are printed directly the manuscripts are received at the Press," is not borne out by the statements kept in this office of the time of sending MSS. to, and receiving printed copies from, the Press.

5. I have taken three months at random, viz., January, April, and October of last year; and find that the average time the Court's Decrees, sent in those months to be printed, were in the Press, was 11 days for every Decree; and that the average time other Judicial papers were in the Press, was 15 days for every paper. Some of the Decrees were 28 days, and some of the Judicial papers 25 days, in the Press.

6. In pointing out these circumstances it is not my wish to say that there has been any avoidable delay in the Press. I have no doubt every manuscript has been set up in type as soon as possible after its receipt. The above figures, however, show that the Press has abundance of work in the shape of Decrees and Judicial papers; and that the effect of having the *monthly numbers* of the Court's Decisions printed elsewhere, would be to reduce the average number of days that MSS. are now in the Press.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1860, No. 321.

In the above letter the Registrar of the Court of Sadr Adálat repeats the request made in his letter of the 20th ultimo, that the Civil and Criminal Decisions of the Judges of the Sadr and Faujdárí Adálat may be printed in private Presses.

2. In his Memorandum of the 24th ultimo, the Superintendent of the Government Press represented "that there had never been a complaint of supposed delay, and the Department is not always, even, kept in full work on the business which the Registrar has been able to send in." Again in paragraph 3 he suggested a mode by which the work now turned out, might be done both more quickly and more economically—and further stated, paragraph 5, that it had frequently been necessary to employ a number of the men engaged for the Sadr Court work in other Departments because the Decisions have not been sent in to be printed.

3. The Government do not under these circumstances feel justified in incurring the expense of having the Judicial Decisions printed at private Presses.

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5. It does not however appear that any representation was made of this delay or any means taken to have it remedied, and Mr. Smith says expressly that there has never been a complaint.

6. The Government consider that the Registrar should keep a strict watch over the papers sent from his Office to the Government Press and at once demand explanation of the Superintendent, if the papers are not printed within a reasonable time, referring the matter to higher authority if the explanation be not satisfactory. If, with this check, the Decisions cannot be punctually printed, the matter may be further considered.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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