

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1557	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th December 1861.*

No. 98. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Madras ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
Saidapet, 10th December 1861, No. 56.

Adverting to the Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 29th November,
on the subject of extended powers to be given to the Subordinate Magistracy of this Presidency,
where desirable, I have the honor to submit my request that the extended powers of a Magis-
trate, under the New Criminal Code, may be conferred on my Deputy Collector Mr. Jordan.

2. Mr. Jordan at the present time exercises the full powers of a Magistrate in the four
principal Taluks of the Madras District, under the authority conveyed in the Government Pro-
ceedings dated 9th September 1859, No. 1,210, and I think it very desirable that he should be
invested with full co-ordinate authority with the Magistrate, in view of the operation of the New
Code of Criminal Procedure.

3. Mr. Jordan's fitness and experience in 1859, were recognized by Government in the
Orders to which I have referred. The subsequent 2½ years, during which he has exercised the
extended powers then conferred on him, will necessarily have increased those qualifications, and
thus the first point for consideration in support of my present recommendation is, I think, esta-
blished; namely, Mr. Jordan's ability to exercise the extended powers with which I desire he
may be invested.

4. The grounds of my application are, mainly, that, as Deputy Collector in charge of the
Treasury, Mr. Jordan is permanently located at the Head Quarters of the District, and is never
liable to change of place; whereas the Collector may at any time be called away, while for a
considerable portion of the year, his revenue duties necessarily take him into the District, and it
is obviously of importance that complainants and others should not be subject to the very serious
inconvenience of having to go long distances in order to the investigation of their cases before
him, when a qualified Officer is on the spot to try and dispose of them; and the same arguments
that suggested the conferring on Mr. Jordan, his present powers, have equal force in suggesting
their extension under the New Criminal Law about to be introduced.

5. The powers of the Magistracy are likely much to increase with the introduction of the
New Code, and the inconvenience to the community would be serious, if there were no Officer,
permanently present at the Head Quarters of the District, competent to take cognizance of all
offences falling within the jurisdiction of the Magistracy. This inconvenience seems so obvious,
as to render needless my enlarging on it, and it is the public inconvenience that I have in view,
rather than the mere relief of the Magistrate, who, it will be remembered, will be exercising his
functions as such in the part of the District where he may be temporarily residing, and who
when present at the Huzar Station, will likewise have his share of the Magisterial work.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1861, No. 1,557.

The Government resolve, under Section 23 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to invest
Mr. J. D. Jordan, Deputy Collector in the Madras District, with the full powers of a Magis-
trate.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order - 17th (December 1861 No. 1557)

The Govt resolve under
Section .23 of the Code
of Criminal Procedure,
to arrest Mr. J. D. Jordan,
Deputy Collector in
the Madras district,
with the full powers of
a Magistrate.

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The Magistrate of Madras }
" Sudder Court }
" Sessions Judge of }
Chingleput }
— Gazette 17th Dec.

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