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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 18th December* 1861.

No. 102. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Registrar of the Sudder Court; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th December 1861, No. 126.

1. I am directed by the Judges to submit for the information of Government copy of a letter from the Civil Judge of Madura in which he points out the unsuitability of the Court House, now approaching completion at Dindigul, for the use of the District Moonsiff.

2. The Judges recommend that, if the building recently occupied as a Regimental Hospital be not required for any other purpose, it may be placed at the disposal of the District Moonsiff of Dindigul.

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From R. R. COTTON, Esq., Civil Judge of Madura; to C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Registrar of the Sudder Court, Fort Saint George, dated 4th November 1861, No. 242.

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Judges the following circumstances.

2. In the year 1856, a new Moonsiff's Court at Dindigul was sanctioned, which is now nearly completed.

3. It appears no raised dais for the Moonsiff was estimated for, and that not only is there no water at hand, but that except within the building, there is no shelter from the rain and sun for suitors and others attending the Court.

4. The District Engineer has forwarded for my countersignature an estimate for a dais; digging a well, and erecting a leaf pandal; the two former being absolutely requisite, I should have no hesitation in recommending being constructed and sunk; but I object to the leaf pandal as affording no real protection from rain or heat, being liable to catch fire, and requiring repair every few months, but as there is no shelter of any sort in the premises, for suitors and witnesses, it is apparent that the present building is altogether unsuited, and insufficient for the purposes for which it was built.

5. At the end of September there were 1393 suits pending in the Dindigul Moonsiff's Court, connected with which, there will be about 50 to 60 individuals daily in attendance as parties, witnesses, objectors, &c.; there are 14 Vakeels, besides these 7 Goomashtahs, 2 Copyists, 1 Ameen, and about 10 Peons always in attendance, making a total of close upon 100 persons.

6. By the plan enclosed, it will be seen, that the present building is altogether inadequate, to contain such a concourse, and that it will be impossible to prevent parties having intercourse with the ministerial servants, and their being interrupted in their duties.

7. The Dindigul Moonsiff is anxious to be permitted to have the premises (Government) lately used as a Regimental Hospital, and *which are now vacant*, and not likely to be again required for Military purposes, the building I am given to understand by him and the District Engineer, consists of a large centre room, well adapted for a Court, and a room on each side, with a good open verandah all round; it is also most conveniently situated for the public, is well supplied with water, and altogether well adapted for a Court House.

8. The District Engineer has informed me, that he has received instructions to prepare Estimates and Plans for a School house at Dindigul, and concurring with me that the present building is unsuited for a Moonsiff's Court, suggests that it would do very well for the School, and that should the Sudder Court agree to the arrangement, it might be offered to Mr. Arbuthnot, who would probably be glad to get a ready built and conveniently situated School house, rather than have to wait an indefinite period, till one could be erected for him.

9. I consider the opportunity a favorable one, to try and get rid of a building quite unsuited for a Moonsiff's Court, like that of Dindigul, and I would therefore request that permission be obtained from Government for the transfer of the Hospital at Dindigul, to the District Moonsiff, and that Mr. Arbuthnot be offered the new District Moonsiff's Court at its

cost price, the Plan and Estimates of which, I enclose for reference, requesting they may be returned to me when no longer required.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
*Registrar.*

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1861, No. 1,559.

The Government conclude that the Regimental Hospital at Dindigul, is one of the vacated buildings made over to the custody of the Police under the Orders of the 19th April 1860, No. 1,477, in the Military Department. The Inspector General of Police will accordingly be requested to place it at the disposal of the Civil Judge of Madura for use as the District Moonsiff's Court.

2. The proposal in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Civil Judge's letter, will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. E. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

*PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read letter from the Sudder Court — Enter 6th Decr. 61 No. 126.

Order — 18th December 1861 No. 1559

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16 Oct 1910

To the Sudder Court.
" Civil Judge of Madura.
" Inspector Genl. of Police.
" Mily. Dept.
" Direct. of Public Instruction.
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Requesting the Inspector General of Police to place the Hospital Building at Dindigul at the disposal of the Civil Judge of Madura for use as the District Moonsiff's Court.

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