

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 214

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Dated 19. 2. 1861

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Judicial Department,
19th February 1861.*

No. 93. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMBER, Esq., Registrar of the Sudder Court, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th February 1861, No. 15.

1. I have the honor to state that the course laid down in the Notification of Government, dated 11th ultimo, respecting the docketting of letters, would entail more work upon my Office than it could perform.

2. I have only one Clerk competent to discharge such a duty properly; and his time is already fully occupied.

3. The system of docketting does not appear to me to be adapted to every Office. It is only useful in those Offices where papers are tied together for circulation.

4. The communications received in all Offices in the interior, are, as far as my experience goes, invariably pasted into books; and for this purpose there is no advantage in having a docket.

5. Even were it likely to prove advantageous to the Courts subordinate to the Sudder Court, the fact that there are 48 of such Courts, to which communications are daily being issued from this Office, would alone render it impracticable for this establishment to meet such a demand upon its time.

6. It also appears to me that it will not always be convenient for Offices of co-ordinate authority to receive their mutual communications docketted.

7. The method of folding letters varies in different Offices; and in some cases almost the only communications passing between two Offices are in the nature of *Circulars*, which are much more conveniently filed in a book than tied up in bundles. These remarks apply to the Offices of the Board of Revenue, and Sudder Court.

8. For the reasons above stated, I think it would be better to make the rule in question binding only in the case of letters addressed by public Officers to the authorities to whom they are subordinate.

9. Under any circumstances, I trust the Government will exempt this establishment from the operation of the rule.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1861, No. 214.

Before passing orders on the above communication the Government wish to be furnished with a return showing for each day of the past month, the number of letters, Extracts from Proceedings, &c., despatched from the Sudder Court, to which the late order regarding docketting would apply. The letters, &c., sent to superior, co-ordinate and subordinate authorities, as well as Circulars being separately exhibited.

2. The Government observe that the letter before them commenting upon the Notification of 11th ultimo—and that not as it applies to the correspondence of the Sudder Court only but as to its general bearing—appears to have been written by the Registrar on his own behalf and to convey his own opinion only. It may have been written in communication with the Judges and under their directions, but there is nothing in it to show that this is the case. This is not the course usually pursued in respect to Notifications issued under Orders of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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from the Registrar of the
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Order thereon 19 February 1861, No. 211.

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