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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 6th August 1861.

No. 42. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th July 1861, No. 799.

As Captain Marter has altered his mind and has accepted an appointment in the Judge Advocate's Department, I request that some other gentleman may be appointed to act for Captain Owen in this District with as little delay as possible. The work of the Senior Assistant's Office is now much in arrears, owing to the time that has elapsed since Captain Owen's departure, and Mr. Longley, the Principal Assistant Agent, has as much to do in his own Department as he can well manage, and will at any rate be quite unable to do more than transact the current Magisterial business of the Senior Assistant's Office, and the arrears and all the Civil work of that Office will, therefore, be utterly neglected. I fear that no Civilian will be available for the Acting appointment of Senior Assistant, and I therefore beg to recommend for it a young gentleman, Lieutenant Smith, 12th Regiment N. I., doing duty with the 38th Regiment N. I., and son of the Superintending Surgeon of the Northern Division. He has passed in Hindoostanee, and is now studying Teloogoo to qualify himself for either a Civil or Police appointment. He is a very intelligent, hard working, pains-taking man and seems to get on particularly well with Natives. This last qualification I consider particularly essential to any person accepting the appointment of Senior Assistant Agent in this District, his whole duties being in the jungles far away from other Europeans. The Officer holding the appointment is hereafter likely to be still more removed from all the society of his countrymen, as I propose his location to be at Jeypore the Capital of the Jeypore Zemindary, and at least 100 miles from Vizianagrum the nearest station. If the Government should see fit to appoint Mr. Smith, he will be instantly available, as he is now at Vizagapatam. I propose to keep him at work under my own eye for two or three months, and then to send him first out to the Senior Assistant's Taluq of Nursapatam to look into Police matters there, and eventually locate him at Joypore, giving him Civil jurisdiction over the whole of that Zemindari.

2. Mr. Smith is perfectly prepared to rough it, and knows what he has to undertake. I expect the Taluqs of Jeypore above the ghats will not be entered by the new Police much before February next, by that time Mr. Smith will, I am confident, be well up in the work that will be demanded of him.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1861, No. 987.

It is observed that, on the date of this letter, Captain G. C. Finlay was appointed to act as Senior Assistant Agent, Vizagapatam, during Captain Owen's absence. He will now be directed to join without delay.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartlodge.

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J. D. L.

The Agent, ~~Gaspé~~ Carleton. } Sept^r. 7.
Captain G. C. Finlay. }
12 Regt. N.S. — doing duty with the 2d. N.S. Battn