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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd July 1862.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from J. RATLIFE, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge, Bellary ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th June 1862, No. 75.

1. On taking charge of this Court on the 26th April last, I found the very large number of "32" Session cases awaiting trial, 8 more having been committed during the brief succeeding interval prior to adjournment—and the total, on re-opening Court, on 16th current, amounting to no less than "sixty-eight," with an addition of eight (Criminal side) *appeals*.

2. With this enormous amount of Criminal business in arrears, and, with the *inferential* certainty, of a large *prospective accumulation* of fresh committals, whilst *it* was in course of disposal—my position, as regarded attention to business on the *Civil* side of my Court, became an obviously difficult one, that difficulty being *very considerably* increased, by the pending transfer to my Court of the presently existing and prospective business of that of the Principal Sudder Ameen : the former embracing, *inter alia*, eleven *original suits*.

3. Under these circumstances, and considering that every prisoner, actually awaiting trial in Jail, at the time of the Courts re-opening, had a right to *be* tried, with as little delay as conveniently practicable, and that consequently a *continuous* Session would be needful until the Jail was so far delivered—I, at once, telegraphed the facts to the Higher Court, soliciting its recommendation that the abolition of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at this Station should be deferred for some months.

4. Unable to obtain it, however, I am fain to submit the case to Government direct, as one urgently calling for special intervention.

5. Personally, it is a matter of no moment soever. I can but perform a day's duty, daily, whatever its nature, and that, of course, I am prepared, and glad, to do : but, it is certain that very much of *public* inconvenience, and vexatious delaying, *must* be involved by my being left single-handed.

6. Under these circumstances, therefore, I would very respectfully solicit that the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at this Station be kept open till the close of the year, or at any rate for some months, for the performance of *Civil* business *only* ; as well, to proceed with, and work off, its own arrears, as, to take up, and dispose of, as many of the appeals on my file, as may be practicable.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1862, No. 1,034.

Under the circumstances represented by the Civil Judge of Bellary, the Governor in Council resolves to direct that the abolition of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at that Station, be postponed until the 1st October next.

2. The Civil Judge will report monthly, through the Sudder Court, on the state of the file in both Courts.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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letter from the Civil & Session
Judge of Bellary.

(Here enter 20th June 1862 No. 75.)

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Providing that the
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at the College be postponed
until the 7th October next.