

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1293

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th August 1862.*

No. 111. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 9th July 1862, No. 23.

1. Your letter dated 27th March (No. 5) 1862, explaining the cause of the delay in the decision of suits in the District Courts, and the measures which you have proposed to the Government of India for the disposal of the arrears in the Courts of some of the Moonsiffs of your Presidency, has been considered by me in Council.

2. The accumulation of suits in some of the Moonsiff's Courts amounts, as you observe, to a denial of justice to the parties applying to the Courts in question; and it is absolutely necessary that some steps should be taken, without delay, for affording relief to the Officers whose files are so heavily burdened.

3. The principal measures which you have proposed for the consideration of the Government of India, with a view to the immediate relief of the Courts, and the permanent improvement of the administration of Civil Justice in your Presidency, are the establishment of Small Cause Courts in certain of the Zillahs, and the increase generally throughout the Presidency of the salaries of the District Moonsiffs. As these are under the consideration of the Governor General in Council, I can at present offer no opinion on them, but I propose to write to the Government of India, inviting their early attention to the subject.

4. Since the foregoing paragraphs were written, I have received the Proceedings, in the Judicial Department, of the Government of India for the month of March last, from which it appears that your proposal for the establishment of Small Cause Courts in the Districts named in your letter has been sanctioned.

5. I must observe, however, that this rapid extension of Small Cause Courts involves a great change in the judicial administration of the country, by the substitution of Courts from whose decision there is no appeal for the Courts of the Moonsiffs, whose decisions may all be brought by appeal before superior tribunals. This may be unobjectionable, but the introduction of the system should be closely watched, and care be taken in the selection of the classes of cases over which the Small Cause Courts are to exercise jurisdiction.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1862, No. 1,293.

Communicated to the Sudder Court, in reference to Proceedings, 3rd March last, No. 354.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

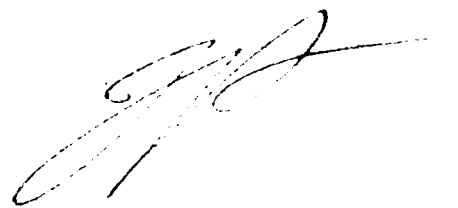
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Communications to the
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Board of Directors relative to
the establishment of a small
Banyan in the interior.

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