

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
10th September 1862.*

No. 78. 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, 25th July 1862, No. 25.

1. My attention has been directed to a letter (No. 59 of your *Proceedings* for the month of February last) from the "Clerk of the Council of Fort Saint George for making Laws and Regulations" to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, transmitting "copies of a Bill for the Protection of Native Passengers," for insertion in the local Gazettes of certain Collectors under your Government.

2. From this proceeding it would appear that the "Council for making Laws and Regulations" at Madras is a body distinct from the Council composed of the Governor and his ordinary Councillors, instead of (as was intended by the Indian Councils Act) the same Council with additional members for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

3. It was never intended that the Ministerial Officer in attendance upon the Council, at its meetings for making Laws and Regulations, should carry on a correspondence with the Secretary to Government, entrusted with the Home Department of business, but that he should be the subordinate of such Secretary, in the capacity of Under Secretary, and conduct his duties under the superintendence and control of his official superior.

4. The error into which you have fallen has been, to a great extent, avoided at the other Presidencies by the appointment of an Under Secretary for the Legislative work of the Council. I am desirous that the same plan should be adopted at your Presidency, and accordingly request that an Under Secretary may be appointed in the Legislative Department of your Council, and that the designation of Clerk of the Council, which heretofore has never been employed in the Secretariat of any of the Governments in India, may be discontinued.

5. I conclude that you will appoint Mr. Mayne to the office in question, and in that case you will be careful to report his appointment for the sanction of the Home Government, as required by the provisions of Sec. 4 of the Act 24 and 25 Vict., c. 54.

6. On the subject of the appointment of the Ministerial Officers in the Legislative Department of the Government, as well as that of the Standing Orders of the several Councils, I have addressed the Government of India, who will, no doubt, communicate my views and instructions to you at an early date.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1862, No. 1,479.

Resolved accordingly that Mr. J. D. Mayne be appointed Deputy Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George in the Legislative Department, and that his appointment under date the 14th January last as Clerk to the Council of the Government of Fort Saint George for making Laws and Regulations, be cancelled.

2. Mr. Mayne's appointment will be reported for the sanction of the Home Government according to the instructions of the Secretary of State in para. 5 of his Despatch.

3. Mr. Mayne will receive the same salary as at present, viz., Rupees (1,000) one thousand per mensem. This salary and the monthly allowance of Rupees (300) three hundred for his establishment sanctioned by the Government of India, will be included in the Abstracts of the Chief Secretary's Departments.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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