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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
30th September 1862.*

No. 291. Read the following letter from CHARLES COLLETT, Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge of Chittoor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd September 1862.

I have the honor that on the 1st of June 1860, when the Court of a Principal Sudder Amin was substituted for a Sub-Court, the charge of the Jail was transferred to this Court. The Session Judge, Mr. Harris, then in a letter to the Sudder Court, dated 7th idem, stated the business of this Court did not allow of the servants being employed in performing the duties connected with the Jail, and requested that the Sheristadar, Head Writer and Principal Sudder Amin's Court, might continue to be employed for that purpose. The Sudder Court allowed.

On the 30th June the Principal Sudder Amin's Court Establishment was dismissed and no one was left to perform the work hitherto done by the Sheristadar, Head Writer and Nazir. I represented this to the Inspector General of Jails, pointing out that the business of my Court was greatly increased by the abolition, and that I was more than ever incapable of undertaking this extra business. On the 30th July 1862, replied that the work might be in part performed by the new Jail Writer, pointed out 20 Rupees per month, but admitted that the business of the Cash chest (about 1,200 Rupees per mensem passes through it), and the intricate business herewith, and also the preparation of the Budget could not be entrusted to the Jail Writer.

3. On the 13th August 1862, I took the opportunity in replying to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 28th April 1862, No. 670, to state that the establishment of this Court, unlike that of a Sub-Court, was never entertained with a view to the discharge of any duties connected with the Jail; that so far from any decrease being possible in consequence of the revision of the Jail Establishment, it was not practicable, without interfering seriously with the legitimate and greatly increased business of the Court, for the servants to undertake any of the duties lately performed by the Sub-Court Sheristadar, Head Writer and Nazir. I submitted that an extra Writer on a salary of Rupees 50 per mensem was needed to perform these duties.

4. On the 6th September 1862, the High Court replied as follows:—

"With reference to your letter, dated the 13th ultimo, I am directed to state that the Judges fully concur with you in opinion that the work of the Jail as described by you, should not in the slightest degree, be allowed to interfere with the discharge of the Judicial duties properly belonging to the establishment of the Civil and Session Court; but they are not the medium for a communication to Government in matters arising out of a difference between an Officer in charge of a Jail and the Inspector of Prisons."

5. Since then the Court of the Sudder Amin has been abolished, and this has further added to the original jurisdiction of this Court. The original Suits pending, instead of being according to the average about 4, are now 46 in number. An increase of original jurisdiction adds greatly to the miscellaneous business, by way of interlocutory motions in Suits pending, and motions arising out of the execution of decrees in Suits decided. Further, the Civil records of the abolished Courts of the Principal Sudder Amin and the Sudder Amin are extensive, and the buildings of this Court are insufficient to afford room for them; this also adds greatly to the labor of the Court Servants, as the records remain where they hitherto were at some distance from this Court House.

6. I am apprehensive that I shall shortly find it impracticable to continue to carry on the regular business of the Court without some increase of establishment; but be that as it may, I would beg now very respectfully to submit to Government that the Jail duties, indicated by the Inspector General of Jails, (and which are very far from being slight,) cannot be performed by the establishment of this Court without seriously interrupting the regular business of the Court, and I would therefore suggest that a Writer on Rupees 50 per mensem be appointed to this Court to discharge those and other duties connected with the Jail. In the mean time the pay of the Jail Writer recently sanctioned might be reduced from 20 Rupees to 10 Rupees per mensem.

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