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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th October 1862.*

No. 49. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Civil Judge of Chicacole; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th September 1862, No. 396.

Para. 1. In obedience to the Orders of Government recorded in paras. 4 and 5 of Proceedings of Government dated 4th September 1862, No. 1,448 relative to the proposed alterations in the Judicial arrangements in these parts, I have the honor to report as follows :

2. As regards any immediate necessity for establishing a Small Cause Court in the new Vizagapatam Zillah, I cannot do better than quote the Acting Agent's opinion in which I entirely concur :

" In my opinion, the said Court may safely be dispensed with. It was no part of the Committee's scheme, and I learn that it is not likely to be popular in the District. I beg you will mention that I consider that the change from the drowsiness of the present system in the Agency Courts to the sharp, bustling and conclusive operation of the tribunal referred to would fall too suddenly on the people. Let there be a decent interval." The wants of the public will be well supplied if the proposed Moonsiff's Court at Vizagapatam be always presided over by a 1st class Moonsiff.

3. As stated by Government in para. 5 of their Proceedings, there is a net increase of cost of 1,183½ Rupees to be provided for and it remains for the Agents to report what further reductions can be made in their establishments. I need hardly say that the establishment of this Court is of the usual strength and will admit of no reduction.

4. From my knowledge of the Vizagapatam District, I am of opinion that the Collector will not in future require a Sub Collector and Head Assistant, besides an Assistant Agent. There is only one Government Tālūq in this District, yielding a revenue of less than 2 lacs, and a Sub Collector is not required to superintend one Tahsildar, the miscellaneous revenue work, entailed by Salt and Stamps and the Treasury, devolves on two Deputy Collectors and there is no Moturfa; consequently, I believe the Collector with a Head Assistant would suffice and then the proposed increased cost of the Judicial establishment should be met by the amount saved by the abolition of the Sub Collector's Office.

5. No doubt if the Jeypore country does not prove very feverish the Collector as Agent will be often drawn there by the attractive character of his duties in establishing good order in a hitherto neglected country and may plead that he must have an Officer of experience, that is a Sub Collector, to occupy his post in the low country during his wanderings among the Agency tracts. This is a matter for the consideration of Government, if sufficient postal arrangements are made and roads opened up, I do not think that any injury can arise either to Government or to the public because what is of every day occurrence in larger Districts, the Collector for short periods is 80 or 100 miles distant from his Head Quarters which in future should be Vizianagram.

6. Should my proposed reduction not be approved, the Acting Agent of Vizagapatam can be required to make some more reductions in the "enormous Sub Judicial Establishment, costing" as he says in para. 1 of his letter to Government dated the 3rd June 1862, "more than 1,000 Rupees a month," for the Government will observe that 480 Rupees is the sum, when the Committee met, the Acting Agent could consent to reduce.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1862, No. 1,644.

Referred to the Agent in Vizagapatam for his opinion on the proposals in paras. 4, 5, and 6.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge

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The Agent in Vi-
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"Lewis Sledge
of Chicacole.

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The Civil Judge of
Chicago
To the Chief Justice
of the Supreme Court
Fort St. George

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Dated 19th 11/1862
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No 396

No 1972+

Recommending with
reference to paras 4 & 5
of Pro. of 4th Sept 1862
No 1448 that the Civil
Judge establish a small Court
in the new village
at the capital may
be dispensed with
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29 Sep
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With an Order