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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

15th October 1862.

No. 127. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd October 1862, No. 16.

1. I am directed to state that, on receipt of the Order of Government, dated 3rd June 1862, No. 864, returns were called for by the late Sudder Court, exhibiting the number of cases tried by the Magistracy under the instructions of that Court, dated 26th April last, which required cases committable to the Principal Sudder Ameens, to be referred to the nearest Magistrate for trial during the period of the adjournment of the lower Courts.

Zillah.	No. of Magistrates with full powers.	No. of Principal Sudder Ameens tried by the Magistracy during the adjournment.
Bellary...	4	10
Cadient...	4	6
Chittoor...	3	5
Coimbatore...	3	5
Cuddapah...	3	3
Cuddalore...	3	3
Guntur...	3	3
Madura...	1	6
Mangalore...	1	11
Masulipatam...	2	3
Negapatam...	1	...
Nellore...	2	...
Nundin...	3	...
Rajahmundry...	2	19
Salem...	1	2
Tanjore...	...	...
Tellicherry...	2	...
Tinnevely...	1	1
Trichinopoly...	2	1
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2. These returns show that, except in the case of Rajahmundry, no material addition to the work of the Magistracy resulted from the rule in question, while, in the letter addressed by the Magistrate of that District to Government, the rule was merely referred to as one among other reasons why it was desirable that a Head Assistant Magistrate, of whose services he had been previously deprived, should be speedily appointed.

3. Under these circumstances it appears to the Chief Justice and Judges that, looking to the advantages of an early trial, which are secured to the accused, it would be expedient to retain the rule; but should the Government attach importance to relief from these cases being afforded to the Magistracy, the Chief Justice and Judges will modify the rule, and direct that cases triable by Principal Sudder Ameens, when arising during the adjournment, shall be committed for trial on the re-opening of the Court, unless the offence charged be unbailable, in which case they consider that no postponement of the trial should take place.

No. 128.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1862, No. 1,696.

Under the information afforded by the High Court in the above letter, the Government will not disturb the Order of 26th April last, until further experience shall have been had of its working.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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To The Chief Justice
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