

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>943</i>	Press
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Dated	<i>19.6.1862</i>	~~10~~

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

19th June 1862.

No. 120. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th June 1862, No. 99.

1. In reply to the Order of Government, No. 851, dated the 28th May 1862, in the Judicial Department, I have the honor to report that besides the Salt Deputy Collector Ram Rao, I have two other Deputy Collectors in the District, one in charge of the Treasury and the Magisterial duties of the Town of Madura, having the powers of a Magistrate of the 1st class; this Deputy exercises very little Magisterial authority, as all cases beyond the jurisdiction of the Sub Magistrate of the 2nd class in the Town are committed to the Subordinate Court, all appeals from the decisions of the Town Sub Magistrate come to me and not to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Town, as he has not been vested with appellate authority under Section 412 of the Criminal Procedure Code and I do not wish him to have more Magisterial powers, as he is fully occupied in the Account Department.

2. The other Deputy Collector and Magistrate is in full Magisterial charge of the Madura, Tirumangalam and Mélur Talooks, and has appellate authority, he has also Revenue charge of the Madura and Mélur Talooks, his charge fully occupies him; it was the charge of the Head Assistant Magistrate and Collector, whilst the Magisterial and Revenue charges of the Sivagangá and Rámnád Zamindaries were performed by the Deputy Collector Mr. Hayes.

3. On Mr. Hayes' suspension the Salt Deputy Collector took his duties and performed them satisfactorily till the introduction of the Penal Code, since which time most of the Magisterial duties in those Zamindaries have devolved on me, in consequence of the alterations effected in the Magisterial powers by the Criminal Procedure Code.

4. The absence of a Magistrate, having full powers from Rámnád causes great inconvenience to parties, who have to come great distances to me to appeal, I therefore was induced to make the request contained in my letter, No. 85, dated 20th May.

5. If the Government are still disinclined to give the Salt Deputy full Magisterial powers, I beg an European Magistrate, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, may be sent to Rámnád as requested in my letter No. 312, dated 29th October 1861.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1862, No. 943.

A Head Assistant will be appointed to the Madura District, as soon as an Officer is available.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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