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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 13*th July* 1863.

No. 138. Read the following letter from HENRY POLE, Esq., Justice of the Peace; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Jaffna, 7th July 1863.

I have the honor to enclose a copy record of further proceedings taken by me in the matter of the forged Will of the late Mr. Hugh Maclean of Patchellapalley.

You will see that this brings the evidence of the witnesses (who have been directed to proceed to Madras forthwith) up to the 5th November 1856, the day previous to the date of the forged Will.

I cannot suppose for one moment that any intelligent Jury on hearing the evidence of the two witnesses sent from this place, would hesitate a moment to pronounce the alleged Will a forgery, and the evidence already secured by the Judicial authorities in Madras against the accused prisoner Thotah Vurdappah Chetty *will together* place the fact of his being the person who forged the Will of the late Hugh Maclean beyond the possibility of doubt.

I shall forward by the said witnesses Thomas Gordon and Henry Latham Maddock, Esquires, under seal of the District Court here to your address the following documents and books, namely:

1st. The original record of the depositions taken by *me*, they will be filed at the end of the Justice of the Peace proceedings of this District (see Proceeding, No. 14 and marked A, taken in consequence of one Eliathamby Tambahulle *alias* William Ladd having applied to the District Court here for letters of Administration, with an attested copy of the forged Will annexed, to issue to him as the Attorney of the said prisoner Thotah Vurdappah Chetty. It might be interesting to the Judicial authorities in Madras to read these previous proceedings taken here and to know that even with the imperfect evidence then before the Justice of the Peace, that the alleged Will was held by him to be a forged document.

2ndly. The testamentary case of the District Court, No. 12,144 and marked B. By these proceedings it will be seen that the District Judge on reading the said proceedings of the Justice of the Peace (the said District Judge and Justice of the Peace being the same person) cancelled the letters of Administration which he had previously ordered to issue to the said Ladd.

3rdly. The books and diaries of the two witnesses (under their seals) which are also referred to in their depositions and which they will have to produce on the trial, should the Judicial advisers of the Crown consider it necessary for them to do so. These books are marked C, D, and E.

I anxiously hope that the witnesses will arrive at their destination in good time for the Supreme Court—they start from Point Pedro direct to Madras on the 8th instant.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1863, No. 1,133.

Copy of this letter, with its enclosure, and the sealed packet received with them, will be forwarded to the Government Solicitor.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMootry.

dated 11th July.

No. 1133 — 13 July, 1863.

Copy of this letter, with its enclosure, with the sealed packet received with them, will be forwarded to the Govt. Solicitor.

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The Govt. Solicitor — With copy of the same and a sealed packet. Sheets dated 13 July 1863

Dated 13th July 1863

No. 1133

Sir

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Commissioners of Patents, a Petition of Frederick Richard Pratt of Bedford Square in the County of Middlesex Esquire praying that Letters Patent may be granted to him for certain Improvements in the Construction of Ships and Vessels of War and other Vessels and in the Machinery and Apparatus to be employed therein which Petition has been referred by their Lordships to the Commissioners of Patents for their report thereon.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
C. Pelham Clinton

To the Secretary
of the Commissioners of Patents
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Enclosure in No. 1133 dated 13th July 1863

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