

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th August 1863.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, c. n., Magistrate of the Madras District; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 22nd July 1863, No. 46.

With reference to the correspondence noted marginally, I have the honor to report that the attempts made in this District to carry out the suggestion, contained in the letter of the Inspector General of Police, dated 9th November 1860, No. 1,085, and approved by the Government in their Order, No. 1,537, dated 23rd November 1860, have not proved successful.

2. The suggestion was that a certain day of the week might be appointed for a Session of Petty Justices (Village Moonsiffs) on which they might dispose of cases within their jurisdiction.

3. The result of endeavouring to get Moonsiffs of particular circles of villages, to meet in turn at each of these villages, has led to Moonsiffs delaying to dispose of cases and frequently to their detaining parties against whom charges are made, in custody until the day of meeting; thus doing away with one of the chief objects of the appointment of Moonsiffs, the speedy decision of petty cases.

4. Further, the Moonsiffs consider it a hardship to be obliged to leave their own villages to attend at the weekly Sessions, and as they are unpaid Officers, this objection in the present condition of native society is not surprising.

5. I would therefore propose to issue a Circular Order to the Moonsiffs of this District, desiring them not to delay the disposal of cases brought before them until the day of Sessions, but to inquire and dispose of cases as soon as the parties are brought before them. As this will practically put an end to the meeting of the Moonsiffs or Petty Justices, I have refrained from issuing this Circular until I obtain the orders of Government on the subject. Captain Cloete, the Superintendent of Police, concurs with me in the opinion, that such a Circular is necessary.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1863, No. 1,246.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council has no objection to the issue of the Circular which the Magistrate of the Madras District proposes to issue to the Village Moonsiffs under his jurisdiction.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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