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No. 209. Read the following letter from J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., Judge of the Court of Small Causes of Madura; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 18th November 1863, No. 61.

I have the honor to enclose a correspondence that has passed between the Civil Judge and myself relative to the accommodation required for the Small Cause Court, and to request the opinion of the Government as to whether the Civil Judge was right in depriving the Court of its Court house after it had been especially made over to the Small Cause Court by the order of Government.

2. On the first establishment of these Courts the Government in paragraph 4 of this Order, dated 10th June 1862, No. 893, called upon the Civil Judge to report "what accommodation was available for the new Courts both at head-quarters and the out-stations," and the Civil Judge in paragraph 1 of his letter of the 18th June 1862, replied "that the portion of the old Palace lately occupied by the Sub-Judge was available." Upon this the Government were pleased on the 30th June 1862, No. 1018, to issue the following order—"the Governor in Council approves of "the arrangement proposed by the Civil Judge of Madura for making over to the Small Cause "Court about to be established that portion of the Palace which has been hitherto occupied by "the Subordinate Court, &c., &c." Accordingly the Court was held there up to March 1863, when I went on circuit to Dindigul and afterwards to Ramnad, and the Additional Principal Sudder Ameen went into my quarters, as I fully understood at the time, for and during my absence only.

3. When the Court was about to leave Ramnad, I wrote to the Civil Judge the letter herewith submitted as a mere matter of courtesy, instead of taking possession of the building on my arrival, which I conceive I had a perfect right to as having been assigned to the Court by Government; but the Civil Judge instead of restoring me the building seems to claim it for the Principal Sudder Ameen.

4. As regards the accommodation proposed by the Civil Judge in his letter herewith submitted, I would beg to inform the Government, that the room alluded to as "that on the north-eastern corner of the Palace" is quite inadequate to the wants of a Small Cause Court. It is a room by itself, standing outside the body of the Palace with three little windows and quite unfitted for an European to remain in; it has no sufficient place for the establishment, none for the Vakeels, and no accommodation for the parties of whom of course there are a great number daily in attendance, and who would have to wait in the sun outside.

5. The old Zillah School is not very much better, at all events in its present form it is an old Native building in the midst of the town surrounded by weavers and lace-makers' houses, consisting of two stories, built in the form of several domes, open to the sun, wind; and rain on the north, and unsuitable for a Court on account of the great echo and the consequent difficulty of hearing distinctly. However it could be made available; but it would require upwards of 1000 Rupees to put in decent order. I made the following rough estimate which would give the Government some idea of what it wants.

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For the upstair.	
Constructing a bench for the Judge, erecting a punkah and putting up a cloth ceiling	150
Making large tatties for the north side to prevent the glare, &c	150
Chunaming the floors, portioning the building, and raising walls for the establishment	200
For terracing a decayed room for records and otherwise preparing it	100
Downstairs for the use of the Vakeels and parties.	
Making and Chunaming a floor	100
Repairing and plastering pillars and walls	100
Repairing steps	10
For raising walls and placing doors and windows and frames for the same to keep out people during the night	250
Sundries	40
	1100

6. At present, as there is no other place in any way suitable, I am holding Court at the Tamkum, having given up my dining room for a Court room, and having pitched my own tents and one I borrowed from the Collector for the Vakeels and the establishment. This is not very convenient either to the public or to the establishment, but it is not so bad as it would be if the month was April or May instead of November.

7. I request therefore the Government will be pleased to take the circumstances of the case into consideration and favor me with an order at their earliest convenience.

From J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., Judge of the Court of Small Causes of Madura; to R. R. COTTON, Esq., Civil Judge of Madura, dated Ramnad, 30th October 1863, No. 55.

I have the honor to inform you that I intend closing the Small Cause Court at Ramnad in the course of a week or ten days and returning to Madura, and to request you will be good enough to inform me if there is any objection to my resuming my old quarters in Tirumal Naick's Palace which I occupied before proceeding on circuit. I presume the Principal Sudder Ameen will be able to find accommodation in the place where the former Additional Principal Sudder Ameen held his Court when there were three Judges in the station.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. D. GOLDINGHAM,
Judge.

From R. R. COTTON, Esq., Civil Judge of Madura; to J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., Judge of the Court of Small Causes Madura, Ramnad, dated Madura, 2nd November 1863, No. 237.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting to be informed, whether there is any objection to your resuming your old quarters in Tirumal Naick's Palace, which you occupied before proceeding on circuit, and in reply to inform you, that the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court was made over to you, *because there was then no Principal Sudder Ameen;* but as one has since been appointed, and the quarters in question belong to the Sub-Criminal Court and have always been held by the Sub-Judge or Principal Sudder Ameen, I do not consider I should be justified in turning out the Principal Sudder Ameen. You are at perfect liberty to use the room on the north-east corner of the Palace for your Court; but I should think the building just vacated by the Zillah School would be a more preferable and convenient place for you to hold your Court.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1863, No. 1824.

The Governor in Council directs that the Civil Judge will make over to the Small Cause Court that part of the Palace which was occupied by the Court before it went on circuit.

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

Extd. T. McMoutry.

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Read the following letter from the Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Madura.

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Order thereon 25 November 1863 No 1824.

The Governor in Council directs that the Civil Judge will make over to the Small Cause Court that part of the Palace which was occupied by the Court before it went on circuit.

The Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court

To the Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Madura

— Civil Judge of Madura.

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