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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 233. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 3rd February 1863, No. 18.

1. I am directed to state in reply to the Order of Government, dated the 24th ultimo, that the Judges have advisedly abstained from appointing Mr. Ballard a District Moonsiff of the first grade, on account of the very unsatisfactory character of his decisions in the capacity of Acting Principal Sudder Ameen. These decisions evince a levity of style, an apparent inability to realize the solemn nature of a Judge's functions, and a want of proper industry in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the facts of each case and of the real questions in issue; thus showing that he needs those high qualifications, the possessors of which alone are, under the first paragraph of the Order of Government, dated 26th June 1862, eligible for promotion to the first grade of District Moonsiffs.

2. The recommendations made by the Judges of the late Sudder Court, on the occasion of persons being appointed to act in the office of Principal Sudder Ameen, were based upon the opinions of the Civil Judges; but the practice now followed by the High Court, in selecting fit persons for the office of District Moonsiff of the first grade, is to examine the judgments passed by the nominees of the Civil Judges.

No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1863, No. 319.

Under the opinion expressed by the Honorable the Judges of the High Court, of the unsatisfactory character of Mr. Ballard's decisions, when Acting as Principal Sudder Ameen; the Governor in Council must decline, for the present, to re-appoint Mr. Ballard to the office of Principal Sudder Ameen.

2. It will be for Mr. Ballard, by careful attention to his duties, to remove the unfavorable impression which the Honorable the Judges have been led to form, as to the character of his work.

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

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