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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 774 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 20.5.1863. ~~41~~ .

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No. 158. Read the following Petition :—

To

The Honorable the Governor in Council, of Fort Saint George,
&c., &c., &c.,
The humble Petition of the undersigned and others residing at Trichinopoly.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

With due respect and submission, your Petitioners beg to be excused for the trouble they give by this petition.

1. A town Moonsiff, on a monthly salary of Rupees 40, is established at Trichinopoly, to hear and decide Civil suits for Rupees under 10; and they are, accordingly, heard and determined without expense, delay, or inconvenience.

2. Your Petitioners presented a petition to Mr. McDonell, the then Collector of Trichinopoly stating that it will be most beneficial and convenient to the people to empower the town Moonsiff at Trichinopoly, to take cognizance of all Civil suits for personal property valued under Rupees 20, and to extend his jurisdiction over the surrounding villages, as one at Tanjore, who hears and determines also suits against persons residing in the villages surrounding the town of Tanjore, (that is, about sixty villages) and requesting him to recommend this to the Government. Mr. Pelly required the Collector's opinion as to how many town Moonsiffs may be established in this District. The Collector has, on the said petition and also as an answer to the above question, reported to Mr. Pelly, recommending to empower the town Moonsiff at Trichinopoly to take cognizance of all Civil suits against persons residing in villages surrounding the town of Trichinopoly, within two miles.

3. As it is the object of the Government to take measures which will prove beneficial and convenient to the people, your Petitioners humbly beg permission to state that the Government will be pleased to invest the town Moonsiff at Trichinopoly, with the special jurisdiction under Act 13 of 1862, (a Bill for investing certain Courts in the Presidency of Fort Saint George, either wholly or in part, with the jurisdiction exercised by Courts of Small Causes established under Act XLII of 1860) and to empower him to take cognizance of Small Causes, arising in the surrounding villages and in the town of Trichinopoly; this being for the benefit and convenience of the people.

(Signed) CHINNASAMY, Pillay,
(,,) RAMASAMY, Pillay,
and several Grain and Cloth Merchants of Trichinopoly.

TRICHINOPOLY,
21st March 1863.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, dated 20th May 1863, No. 774.

The authors of this petition are inhabitants of Trichinopoly. They pray that the jurisdiction of the Moonsiff of that town may be extended over some of the adjacent villages, and that suits for personal property, not exceeding 20 Rupees in value, may be brought within his cognizance.

2. The town Moonsiff in question receives a salary of Rupees 40 a month, and it has already been proposed by Mr. McDonell that twelve of the villages adjoining Trichinopoly should be added to his charge. The petty suits of these villages are now often carried before the regular Courts, owing to the incompetence of the Moonsiff to exercise the powers vested in them. Their transfer to the town Moonsiff would, therefore, relieve the higher tribunals, while, at the same time, it would ensure the disposal of the suits by a properly qualified Officer. It is also to be observed that the Moonsiff is already sufficiently paid, and that the arrangement proposed will not involve any additional

Vide letter from Mr. Pelly, paragraph 46, in Proceedings No. 353, 5th March 1863.

expense. Upon these considerations the Government authorize the extension of the town Moonsiff's jurisdiction, so as to include the twelve villages referred to by Mr. McDonell.

3. As regards the second request of the Petitioners, the Acting Magistrate will inform them, that the jurisdiction of a town or village Moonsiff, in respect of the property cognizable by him, cannot be raised above the limit of 10 Rupees, fixed in Regulation IV of 1816 without the sanction of a special enactment, for which there seems to be no present necessity.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

To
The Honorable the Governor
in Council of Fort St George.

The humble petition of the
undersigned and others
residing at Trichinopoly

Humbly sheweth

With due respect and submission
your petitioners beg to be excused for the trouble
they give by this petition.

1. A Town Moonsiff on a monthly
salary of Rupees 100 is established at Trichi-
nopoly to manage petty Civil suits for
Rupees under Rupees 10 and they are accordingly
heard and determined without expence
delay or inconvenience.

2. Your petitioners presented
a petition to Mr Mcdonell the then
Collector of Trichinopoly stating that
it will be most beneficial and Convenient
to the people to empower the Town Moonsiff
of Trichinopoly to take Cognizance
of all Civil suits for personal property
valued under Rupees 20 and to extend
his jurisdiction over the surrounding villages
as one at Sanjore who hears and
determines also suits against persons resi-

ding in the villages surrounding the town
of Tanjore, (that is, about sixty villages) and
requesting him to recommend this to the
Government. Mr. Petty required the Collectors
opinion as to how many Town Moonsiffs
may be established in this District. The
Collector has on the said petition and also
a few answers to the above questions, reported
to Mr. Petty, recommending to Government
the Town Moonsiff at Trichinopoly to
take Cognizance of all Civil Suits against
persons residing in villages surrounding
the town of Trichinopoly within two miles.
As it is the object of the Government
to take measures conducive to the Comfort
and Convenience of the people,
Your Petitioners humbly beg permission
to state that the Government will be pleased to request the Town Moonsiff at Trichinopoly with Special Jurisdiction under Act 12 of 1862, (a Bill for erecting certain Courts in the Presidency of Fort St. George, either wholly or in part with the jurisdiction exercised by Courts of Small Causes established under Act XLII of 1860) and to empower him to take Cognizance of Small Causes, arising in the surrounding villages and in the town of Trichinopoly, this being for the benefit and convenience

Dated 21st March 1863.

Your petitioners humbly beg leave to submit that they are duly bound to pay all

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

{ 21 March 63 }

Read the following letter from Chinnasamy & several other merchants of Trichinopoly

Order No 774 of 20th May 1863

The petitioners of this petition are inhabitants of Trichinopoly. They pray that the jurisdiction of the Principal Sudder Moonsiff of that town may be extended over some of the adjacent villages, & that suits for personal property, not exceeding 20 Rs in value, may be brought within his cognizance.

2 The town Principal Sudder Moonsiff receives a salary of Rs. 40 a month,

as recommended by the late collector to Mr. Pelly & as is done in the District of Tanjore

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From Chinnasamy Pillay, Ramasamy Pillay & several grain & cloth merchants of Trichinopoly

Dated 21st March 1863
Rec'd 27th March 1863
No. 1062

Pray that the Town Moonsiff of Trichinopoly may, for the benefit of the people be invested with the Small Cause Court Special Jurisdiction under act 13 of 1862 to take cognizance of suits within 20 Rs at present jurisdiction may be extended to

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and it has already been proposed by Mr McDonell that 12 of the villages adjoining Trichinopoly should be ~~put~~ added to his charge. The petty suits of these villages are now often carried before the regular Courts, owing to the incompetence of the Munsifs to Exercise the powers vested in them. Their transfer to the Zillah Munsif would, therefore, relieve the higher tribunal, while, at the same time, it would ensure the disposal of the suits by a properly qualified officer. It is also to be observed that the Munsif is already sufficiently paid, & that the arrangement proposed will not involve any additional Expense. Upon these consideration, the Govt authorize the Extension of the Zillah Munsif's jurisdiction, so as to include the 12 villages referred to by Mr McDonell.

vide letter from Mr Petty, para 6 in Pro: 20 353, 5 March 63.

3 As regards the second request of the Petitioners, the A.S.M. will inform them, that the jurisdiction of a Zillah or Village Munsif, in respect of the property cognizable by him, cannot be raised above the limit of 10 Rs, fixed in Reg. VII of 1816 without the sanction of a special Enactment, for which there seems to be no present necessity.

To the Magte of Trichinopoly
" Civil & Sessions Judge of do

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 21 May/63

The jurisdiction of the Town of Moonsiff of Trichinopoly extended so as to include twelve villages adjoining that Town.—

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