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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 26th August 1864.

No. 177. Read the following letter from Major E. A. B. TRAVERS, Assistant Adjutant General; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 17th August 1864, No. 476.

The office of Hindu and Mahomedan Law Officers of the High Court having been abolished under Act XI of 1864, and the Acting Registrar, Appellate Side of that Court, having intimated in the accompanying copy of a letter, dated 4th May last, that no reference regarding Hindu and Mahomedan Law can be entertained, I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief to request that Government will inform this Department how questions on points of Hindu and Mahomedan Law, in connection with claims of heirs to pension and legality of marriages in various castes, are in future to be referred for decision.

2. A case is now waiting an early decision on a point of law.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19*th August* 1864.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut. Col.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

MEMORANDUM.

In returning the Adjutant General's dockets, No. 986 and 990, dated 31st March and 1st April 1864 respectively, together with copies of the Pundit's opinion upon the questions therein submitted, the Acting Registrar has the honor to inform the Adjutant General, that the office of the Hindu and Mahomedan Law Officers of the High Court have been abolished under Act XI. of 1864. No further references of this description can therefore be entertained.

2. In the present instances, of course, the opinion is that of the Pundit—the Judges are in no way responsible for its correctness.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, 4*th May* 1464.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Registrar, Appellate Side.

To the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. A. B. TRAVERS, Major,
Assistant Adjutant General.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1864, No. 1283.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be informed through the Military Department, that references on points of Hindu and Mahomedan Law may in future be made to Government in this Department, and that thereupon the papers will be submitted for the opinion of the Advocate General, or Government Pleader, as the case may require.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department,

Exd. R. H. Lee.

№ 1283 – 26 August 1864.

A.C. the Commander in Chief will be informed thro' the Military Department, that references on points of Hindoo and Mahomedan Law may in future be made to Government in this Department, and that thereupon the papers will be submitted for the opinion of the Advocate General, or Government Pleader, as the case may require, ~~which upon being received, will be communicated to the Adjutant General's Department~~

Letter Military Dept. – Disp. 30/8/64