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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th October 1864.

No. 108. Read the following letter from C. R. PELLY, Esq., Acting Civil Judge of Madura; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 22nd September 1864, No. 282.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, dated 6th instant, No. 1330, directing me, with reference to the additional bureaus applied for in my letter of the 20th August, No. 245, to report whether some portion of the records may not be destroyed, and in reply to state, that the instructions conveyed in the Circular letter of the late Sudder Court, dated 11th May 1855, relative to the destruction of records, have been acted on; the Civil records for 40 years, viz., from 1802 to 1841, as far as has been authorized, have been destroyed, and those for 1842-43 are now under examination, in view to the same course being adopted as regards them.

2. The only Session records now in the Court are those received subsequent to September 1843.

3. You are aware that, in sanctioning the destruction of Civil records, a reservation has been made as regards Judgments, Decrees, Bonds, and documentary evidence generally, and these occupy no less than 30 bureaus; while the remaining 57 in the Civil record-room are filled with the Civil records of this Court from 1842, those of the four District Moonsiff's Courts, the Hindoo Sudder Ameen's Court up to 1853, and that of the Moofty Sudder Ameen up to 1862; and though there are 87 bureaus in the Civil record-room, a large quantity of records is still lying about, and the destruction of the remainder of those for 1842-43 will only clear about one bureau, or one and a half.

4. The remaining 13 bureaus are disposed of, as set forth in the accompanying list.

5. I beg to observe that the additional bureaus I have applied for will hardly meet present requirements, and an addition of two, if not three, per annum will be requisite, unless some modification is made in the existing rule, which limits the destruction of the records to 20 years.

No. 109. To the Honorable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, Knight, Chief Justice of Her Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 14th October 1864, No. 1496.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit to you the papers noted in the margin, and to request your attention to the large quantity of records appertaining to the Madura Zillah Court, which is so great, that, although the standing rule on the subject of the destruction of Court records has been apparently observed, the bureaus and almirahs at present in the Court House, no fewer than 100 in number, have been found to be insufficient. The Civil Judge has applied for eight more bureaus, and has intimated that, unless some modification in the rule referred to is made, two or three additional bureaus will be annually required. Under these circumstances, His Excellency in Council has desired me to inquire whether anything can be done to reduce the mass of records in the Madura Court House.

Proceedings, 6th September 1864, No. 1330—copy enclosed.
Letter from the Civil Judge of Madura, dated 22nd September, No. 282—copy annexed, and enclosure forwarded in original.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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No: 1495.

The Hon'ble Sir Colley Harman Scotland, K.C.S.I.,
Chief Justice of
H.M.'s High Court of Judicature.

Hon'ble Sir—

I am directed by H.E. the Governor in Council to transmit to you the papers noted in the margin, & to request your attention to the quantity of records appertaining to the Madura Tillah Courts, so excessive that, altho' the standing rules on the subject of the destruction of Court records has been apparently observed, the bureaus & almirahs at present in the Court Houses, now fewer than 100 in number, have been found to be insufficient. The Civil Judge has applied for eight more bureaus, & has intimated that, unless

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Fort du Lac George
14 October 1860

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Judicial 1864 Department

No. 1496.

To
The Honble
The Chief Justice & Hon'ble
Associate Judges of
the Supreme Court
Judicature

Dated 14th October 1864.

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