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No. 254. Read the following letter from E. W. BIRD, Esq., Civil Judge of Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Madras, dated Tanjore, 22nd October 1864, No. 1064.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough, for the reasons I am about to state, to obtain the authority of Government for the modification of that part of the Government Notification of the 15th March last, which conferred on the Principal Sudder Ameen of Tanjore, and on the Judge of the Court of Small Causes of this Zillah, "exclusive special jurisdiction" within certain limits, in the towns of Tanjore and Combaconum respectively.

2. I found, when on an official tour of duty lately at Combaconum, that Mr. Kindersley, the Judge there, was desirous he should be relieved of the heavy work thrown on his Court by the jurisdiction conferred on him in these petty cases by the Notification in question. The suits under 50 Rupees' value within the limits of his "exclusive special jurisdiction" amount, he informed me, to fully one-third of the number of Small Causes within the entire area of the "local" boundaries assigned to his Court. The time occupied in the disposal of these petty cases would be more profitably occupied in helping this Court to dispose of the appeal file, and in deciding the many original Civil suits which are pending before this officer. The District Moonsiff of Combaconum on the other hand, whose Court can never be dispensed with, has a light file, and is quite able and willing, besides his present work, to take up and decide the large number of petty cases which but for the Notification in question, would have fallen to his jurisdiction under (Madras) Act IV of 1863. I must add that the file of Civil cases thus thrown now on Mr. Kindersley is enhanced in Combaconum by the recent abolition by Government, on the High Court's recommendation, of the town Moonsiff's Court at that place.

3. The same reasons apply generally for relieving the Principal Sudder Ameen of Tanjore of his "exclusive special jurisdiction" in the Fort and its environs. This officer also is anxious that the change should be made; and the fact that he has Criminal jurisdiction as well is an additional reason for removing from him duties, which, the District Moonsiff of the place, whose file is light, may, preferably on public grounds, be called on to perform.

4. Should the Government be pleased to accede to the above, I would request the publication of the subjoined Notification in the *Fort Saint George Gazette.*

NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Governor in Council has been pleased, in modification of the Notification of Government of the 15th March last, to cancel that part thereof which conferred upon the Principal Sudder Ameen of Tanjore, and on the Court of Small Causes of the same Zillah, exclusive special jurisdiction within the towns of Tanjore and Combaconum respectively, within the limits therein specified.

No. 255. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1864, No. 1576.

Under the circumstances represented by the Civil Judge, the Governor in Council approves of the proposal to relieve the Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Combaconum, and the Principal Sudder Ameen at Tanjore, of the exclusive special jurisdiction at present vested in them, and directs the publication of the Notification submitted by Mr. Bird.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Judge of Tanjore.

Rnd. R. H. Lee.

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Under the circumstances represented by the Civil Judge, the Governor in Council approves of the proposal to relieve the Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Adjudications, and the Principal Sudder Ameen at Tanjore of the Exclusive Special Jurisdiction at present vested in them, and directs the publication of the Notification enclosed by the Civil.—

To The Civil Judge of Tanjore
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