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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd March 1864.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from J. URQUHART, Esq., Coroner of Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd December 1863.

I have the honor to state that at an Inquest held before me at the lines of the 4th Regiment N. I. at Washermanspettah on the 2nd instant, and by adjournment at the hospital of the 4th Regiment N. I. at Big Parcherry, Black Town, on the 11th instant, touching the death of Mahomed Khan, the Jury after returning as their verdict, "Deceased died from the effects of opium taken by himself, he being an infant under the age of discretion, and not knowing opium to be poison," made the following presentment, which I beg to submit for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council:—

"The Jury are of opinion that the sale of poisons should be regulated by law, and that some restriction should be put on such sale.

"From the evidence in this case, it appears that any amount of opium can be bought openly in the bazaar by any one. The Jury beg that the Coroner will be so good as to bring this matter to the notice of Government as soon as possible."

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1864, No. 291.

It is observed that in the original draft of the Madras Police Act, No. XIII of 1856, two Sections were entered restricting the right to sell poisonous drugs to persons licensed by the Commissioner of Police, which Sections, however, were struck out of the Bill during its passage through the Legislative Council.

2. The Governor in Council considers it very desirable that the sale of such drugs should be restricted by law, and he accordingly directs that the letter be transferred to the Legislative Department, in order that the expediency of introducing a Bill for this purpose into the Council for making Laws and Regulations may be considered.

(True Extract.)

To the Coroner of Madras.

" Commissioner of Police, Madras.

" Legislative Department.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

26 Feb / 64

My dear Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the
Harris forwarding a statement of the funds
of the fund for the 1st of March 1864.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the
6 March 1864.
I have in my reply dated 23rd inst. forwarded to you
the statement of the funds relating to the subject of
the fund for the 1st of March 1864.
The statement is in the form of a statement
under preparation.
The statement is sent to you.

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