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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 53. Read the following letter from F. S. CHILD, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge of Cuddapah; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddapah, 19th February 1864, No. 122.

I have the honor to forward a petition from the Peons of my Court, and request you will be so good as to lay the case before His Excellency the Governor in Council for his favorable consideration.

2. Prices of all the necessaries of life have been increasing of late years in so great a ratio that what was sufficient pay three years back, and comparative wealth ten years ago, is now positive poverty. Second sort rice seldom or never is so cheap as seven measures the Rupee, or cholum ten; the tax on firewood has increased the price of that necessary to double or more, and all articles of clothing are of a prohibitive price; as to the latter, though very possibly it may not remain always at its present enhanced rate, yet there will be no chance of its ever becoming as cheap as before.

3. How the lower paid officials live at all with prices ruling as they do now, and have done for some time back, is to me a matter of great surprise; and a reference to the *Fort Saint George Gazette* will show that prices of all kinds of grain are at Cuddapah invariably as high or higher than in any other District; not now especially, but as a general rule. Of course the observations I have made apply not only to my Peons, the petitioners, but to those of the Principal Sudder Ameer, and to all the lower paid servants of the Court. The Sweeper's case is a very bad one; he has to open the Court and keep it clean, and his pay is what is simply starvation allowance of 3½ Rupees; the Masalchy getting 4, which is not the pay of an ordinary day laborer at the present rates.

To F. S. CHILD, Esq.,

Civil and Sessions Judge of Cuddapah.

The humble petition of the undermentioned
Attenders, &c., attached to this Court.

HONORED SIR,

We beg most respectfully to state that there were 15 Attenders or Peons formerly attached to this Court, i. e., 4 Daloyets on 7 Rupees each; 10 Peons on 5½ Rupees each, and 1 Head Messenger on 10 Rupees a month; that to the misfortune of the petitioners, under the late order of Government the number of Attenders was reduced to 5 to be attached to this Court, in addition to the smaller salaries allowed, that is, 1 Head Messenger on 10½ Rupees; 1 Attender on 7 Rupees, and the other 3 Attenders on 6 Rupees each a month; while the business of this Court, formerly done by 15 Attenders, devolved on only 5 Attenders; whereas the salaries of those Attenders of the Collector's office have been fixed to 10, 8 and 7 Rupees each, not reducing the number of Attenders, and those of Jail Peons have been raised to 7 Rupees each, whose salary was 5½ Rupees formerly, and also those of District Moonsiff's Court Peons were increased much above their former salaries.

2. This being time of famine days, the price of each grain having raised to an enormously high rate, we most humbly solicit that your honor will be pleased to bring our poor case to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council at Madras, recommending us for an increase of salaries, thus rendering us to be able to maintain our large poor families during this dreadful season.

(Signed) S. SOORIANARAYANAH, Moochee,
and seven others.

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ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1864, No. 296.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to entertain the recommendation mentioned in the foregoing letter, the salaries of the Peons employed in the Courts having been settled so recently as the 6th August 1861.

(True Extract.)

To the Civil Judge of Cuddapah.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Chief Secretary.

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From the Civil Service Judge
of Huddersfield

To the Chief Secretary
to Government
St. St. George

Dated 9th 27 February 1864
Recd 22nd

No 122 A-311

Enclosure 1

With his recommendation
forwarding a Petition from the

Peers of his Lordship and requesting
an increase to their salary to
be the same as before the 1st of 1861

by the Government Council
for his Lordship's consideration

With an order 2

No 296 - 2^d March 1864

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the recommendation mentioned in the foregoing
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the Courts having been settled so recently as
the 6th August 1861.

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To the Civil Judge of Huddersfield decd 28/3

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