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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
9th March 1864.*

No. 134. Read the following letter from E. FANE, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Lincolnshire, 30th January 1864.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th of November 1863, informing me that the reason why the Government of Madras had thought fit to transfer me to the office of Sea Custom Collector of Madras, was my deficiency in the qualifications requisite for the efficient discharge of the duties of Governor's Agent in Vizagapatam especially in the Judicial Department.

2. The Government having lately appointed to Vizagapatam a Civil and Sessions Judge, and having reduced the pay of the Agent, evidently consider that under the old system the double duties that were expected of the Agent could not be performed.

3. I respectfully submit therefore that it would have been but justice to me to have given me the option of remaining on, even on the reduced salary, but with no Judicial labors.

4. It was certainly no easy matter for the Agent, travelling about his District as was required of him for six months in the year, to perform the work of a Civil Judge who is stationary; but as no fault was hitherto found with me either by the Supreme Civil Court at Madras, or by any Governor, and being aware also that I did, during my three years in Vizagapatam, as much or more Judicial work than my predecessors, I must confess I was surprized at the reasons assigned for my removal by the present Government.

5. I feel sure, however, that on my return to Madras in April next, I shall be able to prove to the Government that if fault were due any where, it was to the system that prevailed of expecting too much from the Agent, and not to me individually.

6. The office of Sea Custom Collector and its duties will be perfectly new to me, and consequently most difficult to discharge with satisfaction to myself or the Government, and as neither the present Government nor any previous Government have ever said aught but that which was in praise of my Revenue qualifications, I now beg that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to appoint me to the Collectorate of Madras, which, I hear, is likely to be vacant in April, and thereby re-assure me that I have not altogether lost the good opinion of a Government that I have served, as I thought well, for upwards of twenty years.

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ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1864, No. 339.

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(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From
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Collector of the
Customs Marine
on board, L. A. L. L. L.

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Requesting, in con-
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rendered by him, to be
appointed to the Col-
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which he held in
1862 to be ordered
in April 1862

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