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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th April 1864.*

No. 131. Read the following letter from L. U. STEELE, Esq., Senior Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd March 1864, No. 14.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government and the Order thereon, No. 359, Judicial Department, dated 14th March instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, that the practice of affirming and swearing the Bailiffs of the Court of Small Causes by C. Runganada Shastri, 3rd Judge, in the way adverted to by the Advocate General in his letter to Government, dated 22nd February last, has been discontinued.

2. I think it only fair towards C. Runganada Shastri to state that, in affirming and swearing the Bailiffs in the way referred to, he only carried out the practice he had found established when he became connected with the Court; and though I do not approve of that practice, and never acted in conformity to it myself, I cannot agree with the statement made by the Advocate General, namely, that it was *illegal*, inasmuch as the Judges of the High Court affirmed the conviction of the Bailiff, on whose trial the question arose, and held that there was no illegality in the practice. I may also state that I have reason to know that the same practice is carried out in the Courts of the Assistant Barristers in Ireland, Courts of a similar constitution to the Madras Court of Small Causes.

No. 132.

ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1864, No. 508.

To be recorded.
(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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I understand that a large mass
of records has been deleted with
Madison Court of Small Causes, a
Court which ought to have hardly
any records at all. The Judge
might be requested to report how
the case stands - what records
should be retained & what
destroyed. JP.

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