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Read the following papers:—

No. 176. From G. E. COWER, Esq., Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th May 1864.

I shall feel obliged if you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council my respectful application for an increase of salary, in consequence of the accession of labor and responsibility which will devolve upon me, by reason of the extended jurisdiction of the Small Cause Court.

2. I am informed that the remuneration of the 2nd Judges at Calcutta and Bombay has been increased; in the case of the latter by Rupees 400 per month.

3. If this has been done in consequence of increased labor and responsibility, I submit that a similar reasoning holds good at Madras: and if it has been done on the personal grounds of long and valuable services, I feel sanguine that a like amount of consideration will be extended to me; and on this point, I venture to express a hope that His Excellency has had no reason to alter the good opinion which he entertained of me some months since, when he was pleased in recognition of my services to place at my disposal the Small Cause Court Judgeship of Negapatam, the first occasion I believe in this Presidency of such an appointment being offered to any other than a member of the Covenanted Civil Service.

4. The distribution of the work of the Court now rests with the 1st Judge, and I have asked that gentleman to say whether or not my labors will be increased by the arrangements he may think fit to make.

5. I entered the service of Government nearly 17 years ago, having given up for that purpose the pursuit of a lucrative profession. When I became connected with the Small Cause Court, the gentleman who then occupied the chief seat in the Court was not a legal man, and the hope of in time succeeding to his office was by no means extravagant, and offered an inducement to a professional man to enter the service.

6. The recent Act distinctly provides that the 1st Judge is to be a Barrister. It moreover enlarges his control over the other Judges, and to a certain extent diminishes their independence, placing them in a position inferior to that occupied by them previously. I by no means desire it to be understood that I take exception to existing arrangements, which apart from their personal bearing upon me are no doubt desirable.

7. I merely allude to the subject in order that it may be seen how far the recent legislation operates to the prejudice of my position, and prospects in the service.

8. In case it may not be considered desirable, that the office which I hold, should not be placed on a better footing as regards fixed salary, I venture to hope that the Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to recommend the grant to me of such personal allowance as will place me on an equality with my brother Judges in the other Presidencies.

No. 177. From L. U. STEELE, Esq., 1st Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th May 1864, No. 26.

Mr. Cower has referred to me in support of his application to His Excellency the Governor in Council for an increase of salary. I think I can safely say that Mr. Cower's zeal and efficiency as a Judge of the Court of Small Causes have given satisfaction to the public and, in my opinion, entitle him to favorable consideration. He has earnestly co-operated with me in the disposal of the business of the Court, and has endeavoured at all times to secure for it the confidence of the suitors.

2. By the new arrangement, more important duties will necessarily devolve on him from time to time; and in disposing of the business which the increased jurisdiction will entail, the

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amount of work allotted to Mr. Cower will in all probability be heavier than that which he has hitherto been called on to perform. This will be true of the quality of the work in any case, and of the *quantum* if it should not be deemed necessary by His Excellency to increase the number of the Judges at any future time.

No. 178.

ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1864, No. 730.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to recommend that any increase should be made to the salary attached to the office of 2nd Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Madras.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To G. E. Cower, Esq., 2nd Judge of the Court of
Small Causes, Madras.

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