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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 31st May 1864.

No. 276. Read the following letter from P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th May 1864, No. 37.

The Judges of the High Court have lately had their attention directed to the class of Officers designated Town Moonsiffs, and, after consideration of the reports on the subject sent up by the several Civil Judges, they have instructed me to recommend the abolition of two of those judicatories to which salaries are attached, viz., one at Tanjore and one at Combaconum.

2. The Civil Judge, Mr. Bird, has expressed much dissatisfaction with their work, and advocates its transfer to the Small Cause Courts lately vested with exclusive special jurisdiction in those towns. The Collector on the other hand wishes to retain the Town Moonsiffs, but principally on the supposition that their work would fall on the District Moonsiffs. This objection no longer applies, but in any case Mr. Bird, a very careful Judge well acquainted with the District and its language, as the chief judicial authority of the District, is in a better position than the Collector to decide whether the additional work could be performed by the Courts upon which it would devolve.

3. The letters of the Civil Judge and Collector are enclosed with a rough abstract of the reports from the several Zillahs, but it is requested that they may be returned when the matter has been disposed of.

No. 276A. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1864, No. 786A.

His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed in the foregoing letter, and directs that the Courts of the Town Moonsiffs at Combaconum and Tanjore be closed from the 1st July next.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 277. To the Honorable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, Knight, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 31st May 1864, No. 787.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Acting Registrar's letter of the 27th instant, No. 37, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs with the Honorable the Judges in considering it expedient that the Town Moonsiffs' Courts at Combaconum and Tanjore should be closed.

2. The necessary orders will accordingly be issued for the closing of those Courts from the 1st July next.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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Dated 31 May 1677

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