

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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| G.O. No. <i>992</i> | Press<br><del>Mis.</del> |
| <i>48-49</i>        |                          |
| Dated <i>5-7</i>    | <i>1864</i>              |

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General Abstract Stat. 1.  
 No 1 (Punchay 15)

|                                      | 1859. | 1860. | 1861 | 1862 | 1863 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January—   | 51    | 63    | 49   | 69   | 58   |
| Instituted during the year—          | 73    | 62    | 88   | 95   | 122  |
| Total.                               | 124   | 125   | 137  | 164  | 180  |
| Decided on merits—                   | 25    | 36    | 28   | 43   | 59   |
| Dismissed on default—                | 11    | 10    | 7    | 1    | 22   |
| Adjusted or withdrawn—               | 25    | 29    | 25   | 36   | 33   |
| Otherwise disposed of—               | "     | 1     | 8    | 19   | 19   |
| Total.                               | 61    | 76    | 68   | 106  | 133  |
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December— | 63    | 49    | 69   | 53   | 47   |

No 2 Village Hoonisiff.

|                                    | 1859.  | 1860.  | 1861   | 1862.  | 1863.  |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January— | 5060   | 6550   | 7557   | 20523  | 15341  |
| Instituted during the year—        | 27,114 | 30,515 | 61,520 | 49,824 | 12,910 |
| Total.                             | 32,174 | 37,065 | 69,077 | 70,347 | 58,251 |
| Decided on merits—                 | 9354   | 11,050 | 17,945 | 20,876 | 16,946 |
| Dismissed on default—              | 3,502  | 4,159  | 6,518  | 9,685  | 8,213  |
| Adjusted or withdrawn—             | 10,977 | 13,309 | 21,706 | 21,045 | 15,399 |
| Otherwise disposed of—             | 1,791  | 990    | 2,385  | 3,100  | 3,190  |
| Total.                             | 25,624 | 29,508 | 48,554 | 54,710 | 43,748 |

|                                    |      |      |       |       |        |
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| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January— | 6550 | 7557 | 20523 | 15341 | 11,503 |
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# District Noonsig.

|                                  | 1859.   | 1860    | 1861    | 1862    | 1863    |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan'y— | 56,546  | 78,013  | 58,171  | 140,146 | 109,345 |
| Instituted during the year       | 125,124 | 88,793  | 205,741 | 112,860 | 75,823  |
| Re. ded—                         | 1,031   | 769     | 772     | 592     | 447     |
| Rec. by transfer—                | 1,855   | 10,227  | 4,083   | 18,405  | 18,315  |
| Total.                           | 184,856 | 177,802 | 69,067  | 272,00  |         |

|                          |         |         |         |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Decided on merits—       | 12,065  | 18,620  | 58,072  | 61,555  | 61,555  |
| Dismissed on default—    | 6,166   | 8,915   | 9,768   | 16,065  | 13,620  |
| Adjusted or withdrawn—   | 50,586  | 18,330  | 19,241  | 51,591  | 33,799  |
| (Otherwise) disposed of— | 7,026   | 13,466  | 11,810  | 30,447  | 21,783  |
| Total.                   | 106,843 | 119,331 | 128,921 | 162,658 | 130,757 |

|                                     |        |        |         |         |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 78,013 | 58,171 | 140,146 | 109,345 | 73,173 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|

## No. 1. Sudder Appointments.

|                                    | 1859. | 1860  | 1861  | 1862  | 1863 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January— | 1,058 | 2,160 | 1,546 | 3,357 | "    |
| Instituted during the year         | 2,644 | 2,015 | 3,788 | 1,359 | "    |
| Re. ded—                           | 119   | 55    | 73    | 70    | "    |
| Received by transfer—              | 976   | 267   | 1,445 | 502   | "    |
| Total.                             | 4,797 | 4,497 | 6,852 | 5,288 | "    |

|                          |       |       |       |       |   |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| Decided on merits—       | 1,140 | 1,400 | 1,805 | 1,246 | " |
| Dismissed on default—    | 225   | 401   | 435   | 466   | " |
| Adjusted or withdrawn—   | 1,037 | 964   | 973   | 695   | " |
| (Otherwise) disposed of— | 235   | 186   | 282   | 2,881 | " |
| Total.                   | 2,637 | 2,951 | 3,495 | 5,288 | " |

|                                     |       |       |       |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---|---|
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 2,160 | 1,546 | 3,357 | " | " |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---|---|

## No. 5. Principal Sudder. Ame.

|                                    | 1859. | 1860. | 1861 | 1862. | 1863  |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Dep. ling 1 <sup>st</sup> January— | 314   | 1,182 | 282  | 1,102 | 262   |
| Instituted during the year         | 426   | 18    | 230  | 11    | 170   |
| Re. ded—                           | 7     | 25    | 5    | 25    | 12    |
| Rec. by transfer—                  | 20    | 2,551 | 262  | 2,150 | 581   |
| Total.                             | 767   | 3,779 | 779  | 4,593 | 1,325 |

|                                     |     |       |     |       |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Decided for Plaintiff or Appellant  | 127 | 707   | 257 | 1,121 | 114 |
| Decided for Defendant or Respondent | 75  | 1,300 | 75  | 1,424 | 110 |
| Remanded—                           | 39  | 86    | 92  | 12    | 83  |
| Dismissed on default—               | 18  | 84    | 6   | 94    | 25  |
| Adjusted or withdrawn—              | 119 | 107   | 121 | 126   | 184 |
| Otherwise disposed of—              | 153 | 191   | 58  | 393   | 58  |
| Total.                              | 492 | 2,732 | 517 | 3,244 | 645 |

|                                     |     |       |     |       |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 275 | 1,047 | 262 | 1,349 | 680 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|

## No. 6. Judges of the Court of Small Causes.

|                                      | 1859. | 1860 | 1861 | 1862. | 1863   |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January—   | "     | "    | "    | "     | 1,139  |
| Instituted during the year           | "     | "    | "    | 7,084 | 10,033 |
| Received by transfer—                | "     | "    | "    | "     | "      |
| Total.                               | "     | "    | "    | 7,084 | 11,172 |
| Decided for Plaintiff—               | "     | "    | "    | 2,598 | 6,103  |
| Decided for Defendant—               | "     | "    | "    | 4,18  | 894    |
| Dismissed on default—                | "     | "    | "    | 401   | 1,005  |
| Adjusted or withdrawn—               | "     | "    | "    | 2,22  | 2,764  |
| Total.                               | "     | "    | "    | 7,084 | 10,766 |
| Dep. ling 31 <sup>st</sup> December— | "     | "    | "    | "     | 706    |

## No. 7 Subordinate Judges.

|                                     | 1859     |        | 1860     |        | 1861     |        | 1862     |        | 1863     |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                     | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal |
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January   | 177      | 817    | 691      | 906    | 652      | 1006   | 1060     | 1237   |          |        |
| Instituted during the year          | 709      | 54     | 680      |        | 1275     | 15     | 893      | 26     | 230      |        |
| Decided                             | 11       | 5      | 12       |        | 16       |        |          |        |          |        |
| Received by transfer                | 271      | 965    | 219      | 1211   | 161      | 791    | 287      | 111    | 18       | 19     |
| Total                               | 1171     | 1861   | 1602     | 2208   | 2105     | 1861   | 2251     | 876    | 702      |        |
| Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant  | 263      | 206    | 350      | 229    | 461      | 275    | 608      | 100    | 287      | 18     |
| Decreed for Defendant or Respondent | 61       | 367    | 118      | 449    | 73       | 587    | 140      | 368    | 22       | 72     |
| Remanded                            |          | 103    |          |        |          | 55     |          | 25     |          |        |
| Dismissed on default                | 45       | 12     | 51       | 34     | 11       | 43     | 203      | 27     | 31       |        |
| Adjusted or withdrawn               | 290      | 53     | 330      | 11     | 350      | 11     | 130      | 16     | 16       |        |
| Otherwise disposed of               | 114      | 139    | 100      | 395    | 120      | 126    | 182      | 220    | 310      | 58     |
| Total                               | 773      | 880    | 949      | 1182   | 1045     | 1127   | 1863     | 750    | 702      |        |
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 698      | 961    | 650      | 1026   | 1060     | 437    | 391      | 113    |          |        |

## No. 8 Civil Judges.

|                                     | 1859     |        | 1860     |        | 1861     |        | 1862     |        | 1863     |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                     | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal |
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January   | 229      | 4679   | 370      | 1790   | 317      | 4488   | 345      | 4363   | 434      | 3989   |
| Instituted during the year          | 407      | 5528   | 310      | 6180   | 354      | 7144   | 157      | 5726   | 155      | 5677   |
| Decided                             | 5        | 26     | 10       | 34     | 4        | 19     | 5        | 14     | 15       | 16     |
| Received by transfer                | 2174     | 303    | 3403     | 661    | 2543     | 111    | 7632     | 112    | 8127     | 320    |
| Total                               |          |        |          |        | 268      | 12062  | 8489     | 10515  | 9031     | 10902  |
| Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant  | 18       | 812    | 51       | 848    | 63       | 944    | 87       | 863    | 117      | 812    |
| Decreed for Defendant or Respondent | 20       | 939    | 54       | 1106   | 17       | 1708   | 64       | 1649   | 88       | 1333   |
| Remanded                            |          | 263    |          | 123    |          | 125    |          | 133    |          | 118    |
| Dismissed on default                | 14       | 65     | 10       | 78     | 10       | 151    | 17       | 149    | 30       | 132    |
| Adjusted or withdrawn               | 50       | 168    | 69       | 158    | 78       | 175    | 106      | 160    | 110      | 153    |
| Otherwise disposed of               | 2335     | 3199   | 3592     | 4564   | 2725     | 1596   | 7781     | 3572   | 8153     | 3699   |
| Total                               | 2442     | 5746   | 3779     | 7177   |          |        |          |        | 106      | 8528   |
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 370      | 1790   | 317      | 4488   | 345      | 4363   | 434      | 3980   | 503      | 3758   |

## No. 9 B. High Court. Appellate Judge.

|                                     | 1859     |        | 1860     |        | 1861     |        | 1862     |        | 1863     |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                     | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal |
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January   |          |        | 70       | 21     | 347      | 23     | 770      | 76     | 552      |        |
| Admitted during the year            | 31       | 203    | 33       | 855    | 67       | 869    | 58       | 642    | 76       | 526    |
| Total                               | 17       | 257    | 60       | 930    | 88       | 1161   | 101      | 1110   | 152      | 1056   |
| Dismissed on default                | 2        |        |          |        | 17       |        | 104      | 6      | 57       |        |
| Adjusted or withdrawn               |          |        | 1        | 1      | 1        | 16     |          |        |          |        |
| Confirmed                           | 13       | 14     | 19       | 171    | 15       | 513    | 27       | 626    | 55       | 690    |
| Reversed                            |          | 10     | 9        | 17     | 2        | 10     |          | 6      | 11       |        |
| Remanded                            | 6        | 80     | 8        | 87     | 4        | 88     | 6        | 108    | 11       | 119    |
| Otherwise disposed of               | 4        | 11     |          | 53     |          | 5      | 1        | 4      | 9        | 15     |
| Total                               | 25       | 182    | 39       | 338    | 25       | 691    | 45       | 860    | 89       | 826    |
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 22       | 75     | 21       | 592    | 63       | 770    | 76       | 552    | 63       | 257    |

## No. 10. Aggregate of Original Jurisdiction.

|                                     | 1859     |        | 1860     |        | 1861     |        | 1862     |        | 1863     |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                     | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal | Original | Appeal |
| Depending 1 <sup>st</sup> January   | 63735    | 88132  | 68855    | 166180 | 129175   |        |          |        |          |        |
| Instituted during the year          | 163269   | 137834 | 282976   | 307813 | 157780   |        |          |        |          |        |
| Total                               | 227001   | 225966 | 351831   | 364993 | 286905   |        |          |        |          |        |
| Decided on merits                   | 51118    | 62011  | 78872    | 1413   | 87155    |        |          |        |          |        |
| Dismissed on default                | 9986     | 13553  | 16801    | 26962  | 23012    |        |          |        |          |        |
| Adjusted or withdrawn               | 63081    | 63152  | 72557    | 76390  | 2608     |        |          |        |          |        |
| Otherwise disposed of               | 11654    | 18393  | 17418    | 15103  | 33791    |        |          |        |          |        |
| Depending 31 <sup>st</sup> December | 88132    | 68855  | 166180   |        | 99136    |        |          |        |          |        |
| Decided by European Judges          | 3232     | 1708   | 3968     | 15563  | 14679    |        |          |        |          |        |
| Do by Native Judges                 | 135579   | 152307 | 181615   | 1199   | 176957   |        |          |        |          |        |
| Do by Panchayats                    | 61       | 76     | 68       | 106    | 133      |        |          |        |          |        |
| Total Decided                       | 138872   | 157111 | 185651   | 1568   | 146769   |        |          |        |          |        |

No 11. Aggregate of Appellate jurisdiction.

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134, 118, 115, 288, 145, 102, 182, 314, 16, 53, 87, 23, 66, 487, 547, 494, 572, 121, 515, 107, 173, 93, 980, 87, 6

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# No. 12. Description of Original Suits.

|                                                                                          | 1859.    | 1860.    | 1861.    | 1862.    | 1863.    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Connected with land, rent and }<br>(Otherwise connected with land - <sup>residue</sup> ) | 1,676    | 2,882    | 5,388    | 3,549    | 10,000   |
| Harbours or other fixed property                                                         | 3763     | 2,868    | 1,981    | 3,813    | 3,845    |
| Connected with debts, wages &c.                                                          | 1,35,000 | 1,05,179 | 2,43,673 | 1,51,780 | 1,11,837 |
| No. — cases, religious &c. —                                                             | 524      | 178      | 449      | 380      | 421      |
| No. — Indian sugar, silk &c. —                                                           | 2,282    | 2,734    | 5,735    | 2,143    |          |

Total. 1,56,815 1,21,915 2,73,236 1,73,225

## No. 13. Result of Original Suits.

In favor of Plaintiffs. In favor of Defendants.

69,039. 18,116.

## No. 14. Average duration of suits.

|                                                                                  | 1859.  | 1860.   | 1861.   | 1862.   | 1863.  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Year. Mo. Day. Year. Month. Day. Year. Mo. Day. Year. Mo. Day. Year. Month. Day. |        |         |         |         |        |
| The late Sudder Court and the High Court                                         | 3 10 " | 6 21 "  | 4 20 "  | 9 2 "   | 8 1 "  |
| Civil Judges                                                                     | 1 8 12 | 1 4 11  | 1 16    | 1 4 2   | 1 3 5  |
| Subordinate Judges                                                               | 1 1 2  | 1 4 16  | 1 2 9   | 1 3 1   | 9 13   |
| Judges of the Court of Small Causes                                              |        |         |         | 17 "    | 19 "   |
| Principal Sudder Ameer.                                                          | 9 19 " | 10 23 " | 10 20 " | 10 24 " | 9 25 " |
| Sudder Ameer.                                                                    | 10 2 " | 9 1 "   | 8 18 "  | 8 21 "  | " "    |
| District Magistrate                                                              | 7 "    | 7 11 "  | 6 "     |         |        |

# No 15 Total value of Suits Depending

1859. 1860 1861 1862. 1863.

Before the High Court — 2,66,1122 722,555 16,43,722 21,73,202 24,61,192  
 Do other Courts. Original. 2,14,58,221 148,15,664 142,85,591 154,86,761 120,18,282  
 Do Do Appeal. 11,67,970 15,57,562 16,03,052 14,73,548 14,76,546

Total. 2,31,92,613 170,95,781 17,53,236 191,33,548 159,56,321

High Court of  
 Judicature, Madras,  
 11<sup>th</sup> 4 2, 1861

Attorney  
 At & Registrar  
 Appellate Side

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1864. No 43.

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Memo

Re Statement it is shown that  
besides 52 suits that were pending on the 31<sup>st</sup>.  
December 1862- 335 ... of cases. 132  
were disposed of on merits at the settlement of  
Issues and 53 on Final Disposal: 8 were dismissed  
for default and 8 were withdrawn with leave to  
bring fresh suits and 110 were orally thus leaving  
76 suits pending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1863.

There were also during the year 56 Cases  
disposed of out of those remaining on the file of the  
H. L. Supreme Court.

And there was one appeal from the  
decision of a single Judge which on hearing was  
confirmed.

Alfred Matthew

High Court Master  
Registrar's office  
May 1864.)

Registrar

1/11/97

In a letter from the  
S. P. Hutchins Esquire of the  
High Court of Judicature at Madras  
dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 1864  
No 43.

14<sup>th</sup> June 1864  
S. P. Hutchins Esquire  
High Court of Judicature at Madras

High Court of  
Judicature, Madras,  
14<sup>th</sup> June 1864.

S. P. Hutchins Esquire

N<sup>o</sup> 43  
From  
S. P. Hutchins Esquire,  
Acting Registrar of the High  
Court of Judicature at Madras  
To  
The Hon. S. P. Arbuthnot,  
Chief Secretary to Government.  
Honorable Sir,

1. I have the honor, by desire  
of the Chief Justice and Judges of the  
High Court, to transmit, for the purpose  
of being laid before the Government,  
the accompanying Report and State-  
ments, in illustration of the Admin-  
istration of Civil Justice in the  
Courts of this Presidency, during the  
year 1863.

2. The Report on the Adminis-  
tration of Criminal Justice cannot  
be furnished until the statistics  
are received from the Inspector General  
of the Mysore Police.

I have the honor to be,  
Honorable Sir,  
Your Most Obedient Servant.

S. P. Hutchins  
Acting Registrar  
Appellate side.

Dec: 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1863 Chicago

Dec: 12 \*

Dec 22 1864 Apt 15

From  
The Hon. Secy of the  
of the High Court of  
and certain of the  
Appellate  
to the Chief Secretary  
of Government

dated 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1864

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1864

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The Hon Secy of the  
of the High Court of  
and certain of the  
Appellate

a Report and state  
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of the Administration  
of Civil Justice in the  
Courts of this Prov.  
during during the  
year 1863

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No 992. 5 July 1864.  
The 'Statement' received with  
this letter will be printed  
for distribution as usual.