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## Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,*
*12th September* 1865.

No. 134. Read the following letter from G. E. COWER, Esq., 2nd Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 24th August 1865.

I have the honor to enclose a Memorial to the Secretary of State for India, which I respectfully request may be forwarded.

2. After the expression of opinion contained in the Order of Government, dated 10th April last, No. 363, I feel that it would be unseemly in me to press for a recommendation of my claim. If, however, the Government of Madras is satisfied with the way in which I have discharged my duties, and as to the correctness of the statements contained in the Memorial, I would to that extent solicit a favorable report.

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No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1865, No. 1302.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter, be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. T. O'Connor.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES WOOD, Baronet, G. C. B.,
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,*
*&c. &c. &c.*

The humble Memorial of GEORGE EVELYN COWER, Esq.,
Attorney-at-Law of Her Majesty's Superior Courts at Dublin and Madras, and Second Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist entered the Uncovenanted Service of Her Majesty's Government at Madras, as a Law Officer, on the 19th October 1847, and that, during a period of nearly 18 years, his services have, he believes, been such as to merit the approbation of Government.

2. That in the year 1849, your Memorialist, while in charge of the office of Coroner at Madras, succeeded, with the co-operation of T. G. Clarke, Esq., Police Magistrate, in discovering the existence of gross irregularity and corruption among the subordinates of the office—in consequence of which discovery, the Coroner's Interpreter, together with an accomplice, was brought to trial, convicted, and punished with heavy fine and imprisonment; and your Memorialist believes that, mainly through his exertions on that occasion, the Coroner's office was remodelled upon its present footing.

3. That, in the month of December 1850, your Memorialist was appointed Chief Clerk of the Court of Small Causes at Madras, and organized the office as it now exists; and, in proof that the latter has been formed with every regard to economy and efficiency, it may be mentioned that while the number of cases instituted in the Calcutta and Madras Courts, for several years after their institution, was almost equal, the expense of the latter establishment was about one-half that of the former—a result which your Memorialist believes himself to be justified in attributing to his personal exertions and constant supervision.

4. That your Memorialist was consulted by the Madras Law Commission, in the year 1859 as to the general working and construction of the Small Cause Courts, and that the gentlemen who sat on the Commission, with one exception, adopted your Memorialist's views, as will appear from their Report, to which your Memorialist's suggestions are appended *in extenso*.

5. That, in the month of July 1862, your Memorialist was consulted by the late Honorable Mr. Morehead, then first Member of Council, as to the Rules, Forms and Procedure required for the Courts of Small Causes which were about to be established in the Mofussil, and that, by desire of the gentleman abovenamed, your Memorialist communicated his suggestions, at considerable length, to the Honorable H. D. Phillips, at present Member of Council, but then a Judge of the Sudr Court—who after-

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G. E. Cower Esqre
2d Judge of the Court
of Small Causes - Madras

Dated 24th } August 1865 -
Recd 25th }

1 Enclosure in triplicate

Re 1804

Forwards for transmission to the Secretary of State a Memorial praying to be placed upon the same scale of salary as Judges of a similar Grade in Calcutta and Bombay -

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Secretariat
24 August 65

I am directed to forward
herewith the Memorial of
the Hon'ble George Evelyn
Cower
Judge of the Court of Small Causes
Madras
who requests that
he may be placed upon the same
scale of salary as Judges of a similar
Grade in Calcutta and Bombay

G. E. Cower

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# MEMORIAL

OF

## GEORGE EVELYN COWER, Esq.,

SECOND JUDGE OF THE MADRAS
COURT OF SMALL CAUSES,

*Praying to be placed upon the same scale of salary as Judges of a similar Grade in Calcutta and Bombay.*

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