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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1317 Press Mis.

(158-159)

Dated 14- 9- 19=1865

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No. 158. Read the following Abstract of Petition from the Inhabitants of Trichinopoly, dated 3rd August 1865.

State that from the time that Mr. Harris came to this place as Civil Judge, the several Sheristadars of the Civil Court, having all the authority in their hands, acquired large sums of money by receiving bribes from parties; that now a boy, 25 years old, being appointed by the Civil Judge as Sheristadar he has brought his own relations to the Court as Gumastahs, and so on; and that lately he received bribes of Rupees 100, 150, 200, and so on, from the candidates for the Vakeel post examination, and appointed 44 Vakeels in opposition to the orders of the High Court.

Pray that as their complaints to the High Court in this matter have not been attended to, Government will pay attention to this and render them justice.

No. 159. To the Honorable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, KNIGHT, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 14th September 1865, No. 1317.

I am directed to forward to you the enclosed Petition, No. 1769 of 1865, from persons at Trichinopoly, complaining of the conduct of the Civil Judge, in appointing a very youthful Sheristadar and an unnecessarily large number of Vakeels in his Court, and stating that the Sheristadar has introduced several of his relatives into offices of the Court, and to request that you will be good enough to cause inquiry to be made into the truth of the statements, and to favor the Government with your opinion and that of your Honorable Colleagues on the matter.

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

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From The Inhabitants
of Trichinopoly.

Dated 3 August 1865.
Rec'd 5 Aug.
Read 7 Aug.

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court as Gumastas and so on and that lately has received bribes of Rs 100, 150, 200 & so on from the candidates for the vakil past examination, and appointed as vakils in opposition to the orders of the High Court. Pray that as their complaints to the High Court in this matter, have not been attended to, Government will pray attention to this and render them justice.

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State that from the time that Mr Harris came to this place, as Civil Judge, the several Serastadars of the Civil Court, having all the authority in their hands acquired large sums of money by receiving bribes from parties, that now a boy 25 years old being appointed by the Civil Judge as Serastadar, - he has brought his own relations to the Court

1769.

Ordered that this petition be transferred to the Honble the Judges of the High Court with a request that they will enquire into the statements made in it (Returned 7 Aug with letter) C.H.W.

FROM CIRCULATION.

of Burnaul, fearing that the Government would recover the same for the amount due to Government upon the said Decree passed by the Privy Council. Prays for enquiry into the case and for order to resume the estate decreed in his favor by the above suit.

No 1769 of 1865 dated 23rd August 1865.
Rec'd 5th ditto.

From the Inhabitants of Trichinopoly

State that from the time that Mr Harris came to this place as Civil Judge, the several Serastadars of the Civil Court, having all the authority in their hands acquired large sums of money by receiving bribes from parties, that now a boy 25 years old being appointed by the Civil Judge as Serastadar, he has brought his own relations to the Court as Gumastas and so on and

Last Record is:- The Magistrate:- The Collector on former occasions have called on Collectors to explain reasons of their Government Pleaders not having been found sufficient in number - Their Reports and Orders on the same (Rep. 5th Dec. 1865 & 10th Jan. 1866) Vide Proceedings of Government dated 5th Jan. 1866 No 44

1769.

For Orders.

Would it be well to call for the Petitioners from the High Court & the High Court with a request that they will enquire into the statements made in it? The statements that Vakils are appointed contrary to the rules in force must be investigated if proof is true.

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and that lately he received bribes of Rs 100, 150, 200, and so on from the candidates for the stated past examination and appointed 44 students in opposition to the orders of the High Court.

I pray that as their complaints to the High Court in this matter have not been attended to, Government will pay attention to this and render them justice.

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No 1317.

To

The Honorable the Chief Justice
& the Hon'ble Court of Judicature
Madras.

Honorable Sir.

I am directed to forward to you the enclosed petition No 1769 of 1905 from persons at Tuticorin, complaining of the conduct of the Civil Judge in appointing as many as 44 students of Vakeels in his Court, & stating that the Sheristadar has introduced several of his relatives into offices of the Court.

I am to request that you will be good enough to enquire into the truth of the statements and favour the Government with your opinion, & that of your Honorable Colleagues on the matter.

I have &c.

14 Sept 05

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To

The Honorable
The Chief Justice of the
High Court of Judicature
Madras

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Dated 14th September 186

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