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No. 224. From J. G. THOMPSON, Esq., Officiating Civil and Session Judge of Mangalore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 8th April 1864, No. *v. q.*

1. I have the honor to submit a petition* from the Ministerial Servants of this Court, praying for an increase to their salaries.

* Dated 7th April 1864.

2. Their case is, in my opinion, rather understated than otherwise, and if I could have sent on the petition when it came in, I think I could have made this clear. But I thought it best to apply to the Revenue Department for a return of the exports in 1843 and 1863, and ever since I learned that these were not procurable, I have been prevented by Session work from attending to this matter. But I am now giving over charge of the Court, and think it best to send on the petition with a few words, because a recommendation from a stranger may not have so much weight as one from a person who has been some years upon the spot.

3. I will only request attention to the great difference between the corresponding salaries of the Court and Cutcherry, and observe that so long as this exists we can hardly hope to get any of the best men into the Courts.

4. I hope the Government will see fit to grant a permanent increase to the salaries of the Court establishment, and if not that they will at least grant a temporary increase during the continuance of the present scarcity. I have seen in the Papers that the Bombay Government have granted one.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR W. DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor in Council of Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned Servants of the Civil and Session Court of Mangalore, under date the 7th April 1864.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialists, impelled by sheer necessity venture to intrude upon your Excellency's valuable time with this address, humbly representing the distressing circumstances under which they labor, with the ardent hopes of obtaining redress from your liberal Government.

2. The salaries of the establishment to which your Memorialists belong were fixed so far back as in 1813, and they humbly conceive that they were so fixed on calculation based upon the prosperity of the country and the necessary expenses of living at that period. Since that time however, such material changes have taken place in the state of society in general, and in the price of provisions, that the salaries of your Memorialists, especially those of the lower grades, are scarcely sufficient for the purchase of the common necessaries of life. They beg to subjoin a table shewing the difference of prices of provisions between 1813 and the present time.

Provisions.	Weight or measure.	Prices Current in 1843.			Prices Current in 1863 and 1864.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Rice...	per Garce.....	205	8	0	450	6	4
Gram (green)...	„	157	11	9	428	4	0
Ditto. (black)...	„	158	14	6	344	7	10
Horse-gram...	„	188	11	8	233	7	6
Ragi...	„	75	6	8	219	9	7
Cocoanuts...	per 1000.....	18	0	0	32	10	1
Chillies...	per Khandy...	18	0	0	90	3	4
Salt...	per Garce.....	127	14	7	206	5	3
Cotton...	per Khandy...	37	8	0	431	8	6

3. Of late the Government have been pleased to revise the establishments of all the other Departments of the Public service and allot to them adequate salaries; but unfortunately for your Memorialists they have not been allowed a share in the liberality shewn to all the other servants of Her Majesty's Government. Handsome salaries have been allowed to the various establishments under the Collectors, and to the officials in the Department of Public Works, and the pay of the Tahsildars and Moonsiffs has been doubled. A comparison of the salaries allowed to the English as well as Vernacular Clerks attached to the Collector's Office, (exclusive of the liberal allowance granted to them while on circuit), and those which your Excellency's Memorialists receive at present, would clearly shew that your Memorialists' case is entitled to the favorable consideration of Government.

Establishment of the late Provincial Court, as it stood before 1843.		Establishment of the present Civil and Session Court which was established in lieu of the Provincial Court.		Establishment of the Collector's Office.				Remarks.
				As it stood before.		As revised in 1860.		
Office.	Pay.	Office.	Pay	Office.	Pay.	Office.	Pay.	
				* Head Serishtadar... ...	280			* The duties of this Officer are now mostly conducted by two Deputy Collectors, on Rs. 250 each in this District.
Serishtadar.....	100	Serishtadar ...	100	Naib Serishtadar	175	Serishtadar ...	200	
Assistant do.....	50	Nazir... ...	45					
Civil Record-keeper... ...	35	Civil Record-keeper.....	35	Record-keeper...	35	Record-keeper.	40	
Circuit Serishtadar...	80	Criminal do..	30	Moonshee... ..	50	Clerk... ...	65	
Do.... ...	80							
		Jewabnevis ...	28	Do..... ...	30	Ditto ...	50	
		Goomastah ...	24-8			Ditto ...	35	
(The other servants are omitted.)		Ditto ...	21	(The particulars of the other offices cannot be given, as they consisted of various Departments, such as the Sea Custom, Salt, &c., which are now quite distinct from the Revenue Department, so they are omitted.		Ditto ...	30	
		Ditto ...	17-8			Ditto ...	25	
		Ditto ...	17-8			Ditto ...	25	
		Ditto ...	16			Ditto ...	20	
		Ditto ...	10-8			Ditto ...	20	
		Ditto ...	10			Ditto ...	20	
		Ditto ...	10			Ditto ...	15	
		Shroff... ...	10			Shroff... ...	35	
						Ditto ...	25	
						Ditto ...	15	
		English Writer...	70			English Clerk.	100	
English Writer..	100					Ditto ...	50	
Ditto ...	100	Ditto ...	35			Translator. ...	70	
Translator... ...	70	Translator ...	50					
Ditto ...	70							
Writer...	40	Writer... ...	24-8			Writer... ...	45	
Ditto ...	40	Ditto ...	21			Ditto ...	35	
Ditto ...	35	Ditto ...	17-8			Ditto ...	30	
		Ditto ...	14			Ditto ...	25	
(Other Writers omitted.)		Moochi... ...	7			Moochee... ...	15	
		Head Messenger... ...	10-8			Duffadar... ...	14	
		Messenger ...	7			Deloyats on Rupees. ...	7	
		4 Peons on Rupees. ..	6			Peons onRs...	6	
		Massaljie.....	4			Massaljie. ...	5	

4. Your Excellency's Memorialists, however, remained contented under a hope that in process of time the improvement of their condition would be taken into consideration by Government, in like manner as that of the servants of the other Departments whose present position they have had to envy; but the trying circumstances and pinching wants to which they are now reduced by the unexpected changes in the resources of the country, without the slightest hope of relief, have blighted contentment and exhausted patience, and they are therefore compelled to have recourse to your liberal Government for help and amelioration of their condition. Your Memorialists particularly dwell upon the increasing dearness of the provisions in this part of the country

caused by the increase of population* and consequent greatness of consumption, the great increase in the exportation of rice to foreign countries, particularly to Beypoor and Karwar in North Canara, at which places the demands for it are pressing in consequence of the construction of immense works, the decrease in the import of provisions, the reduction in the produce of the country, caused by the prohibition of the Kumeri cultivation and other natural causes, the discontinuance of the receipt of several kinds of provisions from above the Ghauts by reason of coffee plantation resorted to by the inhabitants residing there, and other people arriving there from abroad, as the most lucrative of all other produce. In connection with this subject the price of firewood used for fuel has also been considerably increased by the imposition of tax thereon.

* Census.

	For 1843	For 1863
Population ...	600,910	788,042

5. Thus, the cost of living for a man on the receipt of a scanty pay with a small family, consisting of his parents, wife, and four children, just to support the thread of life, amounts, as shewn below, to Rupees 37 per month.

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.		
		Rs.	A.	P.
Rice...	Muras... 4	15	0	0
Cocoanuts...	 60	2	0	0
Oil...	Maund... 1	4	0	0
Ghee...	Kutties... 2	2	8	0
Vegetables and sundry other articles...	....	6	8	0
Clothing...	....	5	0	0
House rent...	....	2	0	0
	Total..	37	0	0

6. Your Memorialists sanguinely trust that the above circumstances will satisfy your Excellency that the salaries of your Memorialists are quite insufficient to meet their exigencies on the present occasion in respect to the purchase of the bare necessaries of life, much less to afford means of providing themselves with clothing the price of which has been considerably increased. Your Memorialists cannot but imagine that your Excellency is well aware that they are not at liberty to better their circumstances by engaging in trade, or any other lucrative profession, while employed in the public service: the Orders of your Government strictly prohibiting such interference and engagement.

7. Your Memorialists understand that the Government of Bombay taking into consideration the hard case of their servants who labored under the same distressful difficulties as your Memorialists complain of, have been pleased to increase their salaries at the recommendation of their immediate superiors. Your Memorialists, therefore, humbly beg to represent that they are equally entitled to the same boon on the part of the Madras Government.

8. Your Memorialists, therefore, earnestly crave that your Excellency in Council, on consideration of the extreme dearness of the necessaries of life, and the great expenses of living at the present critical period, and of the inequality of your Memorialists' salaries to those allowed to similar servants in all the other Departments of the public service, will be graciously pleased to bestow a reasonable increase on your Memorialists' present scanty salaries, and thereby ameliorate the distress under which they labor.

9. For this act of philanthrophy and liberality, your Memorialists shall, as in duty bound, pray for the weal of Her Majesty's Government.

(Signed) G. PACHERO,
Serishtadar,
and 20 others.

No. 225. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 7th May 1864, No. 49.

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government, an original letter* from the Principal Sudder Ameen of Cochin, forwarding a Memorial from certain Government servants at that place.

* Dated 12th ultimo, requested to be returned.

From E. CULLION, Esq., Principal Sudder Ameen and Joint Magistrate of Cochin, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Malabar; dated Cochin, 12th April 1864, No. 48.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor in Council by certain Government servants at this place, dated the 12th April 1864.

2. I do not know whether it is my duty to offer any remark on the subject of this Memorial, but I may venture to observe that the Statements contained in this Memorial is substantially correct. Everything has increased greatly in price within the last few years in Cochin, and to my own knowledge the Memorialists are in a state of great poverty.

3. Captain Castor, the Master Attendant, informs me, that, although his establishment, generally, has been recently revised, the position of the two East Indian Clerks who have signed the Memorial has not been in any way improved, and that he is well aware they are scarcely able to subsist on their present small salaries.

3. May I beg, if no objection exists, you will have the goodness to forward the Memorial to its address.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned East Indian Servants on the Establishments of the Principal Sudder Ameen, and of the Master Attendant at Cochin.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your humble Memorialists, with due deference and submission, beg leave briefly to bring the following circumstances to the notice of your Excellency in Council, in humble hopes of receiving your Excellency's favorable consideration.

2. That the English Establishment of this Court was sanctioned by Government, on the 25th of July 1843, on the same scale as that of the late Cochin Auxiliary Court (which latter Court was instituted in 1838). That at present the above Establishments consist of the,

Principal Sudder Ameen's Court.

	Rs.	
1 Head Writer.....	50	Per Mensem.
1 Second do.	35	
1 Third do.	25	
1 Book-binder.....	7	

Master Attendant's Department.

	Rs.	
Head Writer	25	per Mensem
Asst. do.	15	

3. That Cochin was formerly a quiet town with very few European settlers, and a port unfrequented by British vessels; the necessaries of life being sold at a very cheap rate; that of late this place, through the enterprize of British Merchants, has risen considerably, and become one next to the Presidency town only; that vessels in great numbers, and of all nations, now frequent this port; that the flourishing state of trade and want of laborers have induced many persons from the neighbouring States of Travancore and China to resort to this town, and the place has thereby completely changed its character, from being a cheap it is now become a most expensive place to reside in; that grain and other necessaries of life are now selling at famine prices, treble than for what they were to be had some years back; that your humble Memorialists, being men of large families, find it very difficult to maintain themselves and their families, without involving themselves irrecoverably in debt, in this time of scarcity, with the same salaries which they used to draw when the place was very cheap.

4. That your humble Memorialists take the liberty to state, that owing to the high price of living, the Mercantile Firms here have all increased the salaries of the Clerks in their Establishments, being conscious that the Clerks could not maintain themselves on their former emoluments.

5. That under the above distressed circumstances, your humble Memorialists most humbly and earnestly pray your Excellency in Council will be pleased to take their hard case into your most favorable consideration and pass such Orders that your Excellency may deem expedient and proper to meet their distressed condition. For which act of justice and benevolence your humble Memorialists shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

COCHIN,
12th April 1864.

(Signed) P. E. ISAAC,
(„) T. PEDRO, and other Servants on the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court and Joint Magistrate's Office, and Servants on the Master Attendant's Office.

No. 226. From H. D. COOKE, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge of Calicut, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 21st October 1864, No. 372.

1 Memorial from the Officers and Servants of this Court.
1 Do. do. from the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at Calicut accompanied by a letter to my address from the said Officer.

I have the honor to lay before Government the original papers noted in the margin.

2. I can testify to the facts set forth in these Memorials, and consider the Memorialists' case to be one deserving the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

To

H. D. COOKE, Esq.,

Civil and Sessions Judge of Calicut.

The humble Memorial of the Officers and Servants forming the Establishment of the Civil and Sessions Court of Calicut.

RESPECTFULLY PRAYETH,

That your honor will be pleased to submit this Memorial to Government with your favorable support, so that the relief they seek may be obtained.

1. Your Memorialists' salaries vary from Rupees 100 to 3½ per mensem, and they were fixed so long ago as 1843 when the necessaries of life were cheap, and the means of obtaining a livelihood of easy attainment.

2. Now, the case is otherwise; the prices of the necessaries of life are, at present, more than treble, and your Memorialists are therefore subjected to inconveniences best known to themselves, and which could not have been anticipated when the rates of salaries were fixed in 1843.

3. The hardships they now suffer under arose from the fact that these enhanced prices have not met with corresponding increases to their salaries.

4. Ther e-organization of certain Revenue and Judicial Departments with augmentation of salaries tells unmistakeably that Government are not altogether uninformed of the subject they now bring to notice. Those engaged in trade; and Mercantile pursuits are able to meet the evil by raising their profits and rates of trade; but your Memorialists have no such resources, they being remunerated by fixed salaries and precluded from trading.

5. If their case then has not met with the same consideration as the cases of their brethren in other offices, they are convinced it is because they have hitherto refrained from bringing to notice the hardships under which they at present suffer.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that their present salaries may be increased with reference to the existing state of things, as also in proportion to the works which the changes of the laws in force have imposed, and your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray

(Signed) ———— *Serishtadar.*

CALICUT, *21st October* 1865. and 39 others.

To

JOHN D'SILVA, Esq.,

Principal Sudder Ameen of Calicut,

The humble Memorial of the undersigned Officers and Servants on the Establishment of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court, Zillah of Calicut.

SHEWETH,

That the great hardship which your Memorialists have been suffering since the last few years on account of the inadequacy of their salaries to meet the enhanced prices of the necessaries of life having now become quite unbearable, they are constrained to lay their grievances before you, in the humble and confident hope, that you will deign to give them your support by kindly forwarding this their Memorial to the higher authority, accompanied by your favorable recommendation, in view to their grievances being redressed.

2. That it is a well-known fact that the price of every necessary of life in Malabar has since the last 12 years gradually risen, and is now more than quadrupled, so much so, that those whose incomes have not undergone corresponding changes to keep pace with the times have indeed found it a matter of no small difficulty to live thereupon. That your Memorialists are in a like manner struggling with their present sorry pittances. These salaries date from the year 1843, or upwards of 21 years, when the Provincial, Zillah, and Auxiliary Courts were abolished, and Civil, Subordinate, and Principal Sudder Ameen's Courts substituted in their places. They date from a period when the necessaries of life were extremely cheap; when there was no Income Tax; when property was not so highly priced; when, in short, the circumstances of the country were widely different from what they are at present.

3. That in the year 1843, and for nearly 10 or 12 years subsequently thereto, the rent of a small comfortable house did not exceed Rupees 3 per month; now the same house has to be paid a rent of Rupees 12 per mensem; the price of a Moora of rice containing 25 McLeod seers, did not on average cost more than 1 or 1¼ Rupee; whereas at present it is sold for more than four times that amount, and all the other provisions have likewise proportionately risen in prices. That this single fact, your Memorialists conceive, is of itself sufficient to convince the Government of the enormous dearness of the country, and to suggest to them the necessity of augmenting the salaries of their servants.

4. That your Memorialists have reason to believe that this state of things is not altogether unknown to Government; inasmuch as they find that the salaries which are now being sanctioned to every newly organized establishment are regulated according to the existing condition of the country; that therefore your Memorialists deem it unnecessary to dwell further on this point.

5. That the establishments in the Revenue Department have undergone a thorough revision, whereby those employed therein have been allowed liberal salaries.

That in the Judicial Department the pay of the District Moonsiffs and of their establishments have been likewise increased.

That the pay of your Memorialists alone remains *statu quo*, without any alteration or change for the better.

6. That the impression that their case would also, ere long, have met with the same consideration at the hands of Government, led your Memorialists to remain silent all this time; but as their hardships are daily increasing, they have no other alternative but to appeal to the sympathy and benevolence of a liberal Government for an increase to their salaries, as have been allowed in the other Presidencies and to some of the other Departments in the Madras Presidency itself, in the fervent hope that an indulgent ear will be lent to their prayer and their grievances redressed. For which act of justice your Memorialists shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

CALICUT, 11*th October* 1864.

(Signed) T. JOHN,
Acting Serishtadar.
and 30 others.

From J. D'SILVA, Esq., Principal Sudder Ameen of Calicut, to H. D. COOKE, Esq., Civil and Sessions Judge of Calicut; dated Calicut, 18th October 1864, No. 131.

I have the honor to submit a Memorial from the Officers and Servants on the Establishment of this Court to my address, requesting me to lay before Government their grievances consequent upon the inadequacy of their present salaries to meet the exorbitant prices of the necessaries of life.

2. The hardship which the Memorialists have been suffering since a long time is so very evident, and is so well known to yourself, that it would be superfluous on my part to say more than that I regard their case as one fully deserving of the benignant consideration of Government, and that I feel confident you will not hesitate to forward the Memorial on to the higher authority, backed by your valuable recommendation.

No. 227. From M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Mangalore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 23rd November 1864, No. M. 9.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the accompanying representation from the servants of this Court respecting the insufficiency of their pay, and petition that it may be raised. A similar petition was forwarded in April last by Mr. Thompson, but has not, I understand, been favored with a reply. As, however, public servants who consider their case is hard are entitled to make it known in the higher quarters, where the remedy resides, I have complied with their request to forward this petition also.

2. I think their case is hard, and that they have cause to style themselves, "hardworking and ill-paid." Their former petition recited two principal hardships; first, which is quite true, that all the ordinary necessaries of life have within the last few years in every item without exception doubled, and in many trebled in price; secondly, that whereas salaries in the Revenue Department and salaries of the District Moonsiffs have been liberally raised, no such boon has been extended to their Department.

3. Intelligence, efficiency, honesty, and incorruptibility are, it may be presumed, no less needful in the higher Appellate Court of a District than in the Departments judicially subordinate. With insufficient salaries, a narrower sphere, and fewer chances of promotion, the Civil Courts cannot expect to attract a due proportion of the best men; and servants already in them, though as much exposed to temptation, and with as much opportunity, must work as hard and keep themselves as free from suspicion as their better-paid brethren in the Cutcherry.

4. Such an inequality is naturally more keenly felt under the pressure of an unexampled rise of prices, still increasing and not likely to diminish, and causes a feeling in an important Department, which, I venture to think, deserves some attention.

To M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Civil Judge of Mangalore.

HONORED SIR,

We, the undersigned servants of the Court, most respectfully beg to represent that with reference to the distressful circumstances under which we have been laboring from the dearness of all sorts of provisions and the insufficiency of our salaries, which are very small in comparison

with those of the servants of other Departments of equal and even inferior importance to our own, we presented a petition to your predecessor, Mr. Thompson, requesting that he might be pleased to recommend an increase to our pay. Mr. Thompson on a full consideration of our hardships, was kind enough to forward* our petition to Government with a favorable recommendation urging the necessity of our request being complied with; but to our great misfortune, we have failed in obtaining any redress as yet. The prices of things have since increased to a still greater extent, as your own experience of this District for the last eight months may no doubt have convinced your honor.

* Letter to Government, dated 8th April 1863.

2. We are a class of hardworking subordinates, whose only prospects of bettering their condition now entirely depend on the hope of gradually obtaining some trivial promotion whenever vacancies may occur in the higher appointments in the Judicial Department. Several of us have passed the examinations prescribed by Government for different offices; but from the fact of our services having been confined to the Judicial line, we are refused entrance in any other Departments of the public service, on the ground that we cannot be preferred to the men actually serving therein.

3. Being Government servants, we are prohibited from adding to our income by engaging in trade, &c., and are wholly dependant upon our scanty pay for our livelihood, unlike the Vakeels, who, besides receiving extensive gratifications for their labor, amounting in the case of the majority of them to hundreds of Rupees per mensem, are also at full liberty to increase their fortune by any other legitimate means. The salaries of the employés in almost *all branches of the public service,* including the District Moonsiffs, have of late been liberally increased, except those of the unfortunate servants on the establishment immediately attached to the Court, and we humbly trust that your honor will grant that we are equally entitled to a similar bounty on the part of Government.

4. Learning that the office of Udpi Moonsiff would be vacated, we had been entertaining eager hopes that at least some of us would be fortunate to obtain some promotions in the arrangements to be made to fill up the vacancy, but finding that your honor has resolved to appoint a Vakeel for the said post of Moonsiff, we have been disappointed in this hope also, and seeing no other means of obtaining any relief to our wants, we feel compelled to crave your honor to bring the fact of the smallness of our salaries, and the enormous increase in the prices of the necessaries of life, once more to the notice of the Government; and we sanguinely hope that if your honor now press the subject on the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council, something would be done to ameliorate the condition of your hardworking and ill-paid servants.

For which act of benevolence, we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

MANGALORE, 17*th November* 1864. (Signed) G. PACHERO,
Serishtadar.
and 26 others.

No. 228. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 12th December 1864, No. 108.

As directed in the Government Order of the 15th October 1864, No. 1499, Judicial Department, I have the honor to forward a Comparative Statement shewing the relative cost of the several necessaries of life, both for Europeans and Natives, on the Neilgherry Hills, and at the Town of Coimbatore, from which it will appear that the expenses of living on the Hills are far greater than in the low country.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the relative cost of the several necessaries of life both for Europeans and Natives on the Neilgherry Hills and at the town of Coimbatore.

		Prices on the Neilgherry Hills.	Prices at the town of Coimbatore.	Difference in the quantity. Increase.	Difference in the quantity. Decrease.	
Rice. 1st sort, per Rupee.	Madras Measures.	4	6	2	...	
Rice. 2nd „ do. ...	Do.	4½	6½	2	...	
Dholl..... ... do. ...	Do.	4½	6½	2	...	
Tamarind... ... do. ...	Maund.....	1¾	1	¼	...	
Salt..... ... . do. ...	Madras Measures..	6	12	6	...	
Pepper... .. ... do. ...	Pollums.....	14	28	14	...	
Coriander seed. do. ...	Madras Measures	10	20	10	...	
Cummin seed... do. ...	Do.	1½	1 5/16	...	5/16	
Dill seed..... do. ...	Do.	4	4¼	¼	...	
Onions... ... ... do. ...	Do.	10	40	30	...	
Garlic..... do. ...	Do.	6	4 4/16	...	1 0/16	
Chillies... ... ... do. ...	Do.	6	8	2	...	
Ghee..... ..... do. ...	Do.	1 1/16	¾	1/16	...	
Lamp oil... ... do. ...	Do.	1¼	2	¾	...	
Gingely oil. ... do. ...	Do.	1	1⅞	7/8		
Plantain leaves. do. ...	Number...	120	200	80	...	
Vegetable... ... do. ...	A Basket contained 24 Madras Measures. ...	½d	1	⅔ds	...	
Firewood..... ... do. ...	Maund.....	6	8	2	...	
Beef..... ..... do. ...	Pounds.....	3	0	...	...	Is not generally sold at Coimbatore.
Mutton..... ... do. ...	Do.	4	5 6/16	1 6/16	...	
Loaves .... do. ...	Number.....	6	12	6	...	
Butter.... ..... do. ...	Pounds...	1	2	1	..	
Eggs..... do. ...	Number.....	48	64	16	...	
Fowls..... ..... do. ...	Do.	2	2	...	...	
Chickens..... ... do. ...	Do.	5	5	..	...	
Mustard..... do. ...	Madras Measures.	6	5	...	1	
Ooloondoo..... do. ...	Do.	4½	8	3½	...	
Puchapier.... ... do. ...	Do.	5	7½	2½	...	
Bengal gram.... do. ...	Do.	4	5	1	...	
Horse gram..... do. ...	Do.	8	15	7	...	
Tobacco..... ... do. ...	Pollums...	5	15	10	...	
Betel leaves. ... do. ...	Bundles...	18	48	30	...	
Areca nuts..... do. ...	Pollums...	22	20	...	2	
Cigars..... do. ...	Bundles...	5	8	3	...	
		Rupees	Rupees.			
House rent for Natives. per month.	Minimum....	5	0			Houses are not to be generally had on the Hills.
	Maximum.... ...	8	10			
Servant wages... per month.	Minimum.....	7	7			
	Maximum... ...	...	10			
House rent for Europeans. per month.	Minimum.....	30	50			
	Maximum.... ...	250	100			
Washerman's wages. For Europeans.	Minimum.	10	Minimum ½			
	Maximum...	25	Maximum.			
For Natives.	Minimum.....	½	7			
	Maximum	2				
Toty. For Natives..... per month.	Minimum...	¼	6			
Toty. For Europeans.. per month.	Maximum...	1				
		6	Monthly pay			
Barber.....	For each shaving.					
	Minimum... ...	2 As.	½ Rupee.			
	Maximum... ...	4 „	6 „			

COIMBATORE,
10*th December* 1864.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

No. 229. From R. G. CLARKE, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Tranquebar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tranquebar, 30th January 1865, No. 90.

Having been requested to forward to you the accompanying Memorial from the Serishtadars attached to several District Courts in this Presidency, I have the honor to solicit the favor of your submitting the same for the favorable consideration of the Governor in Council.

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir W. DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor in Council Fort Saint George.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialists are the Serishtadars of the Civil Courts in the Districts of Tranquebar, Trichinopoly, Cuddalore, Tanjore, Madura, Salem, Ootacamund and Tinnevelly, attached to this Presidency.

2. That your Memorialists have to perform the onerous duties of revising and checking the several Monthly, Quarterly, and Annual Reports submitted by the several subordinate Courts; examining and certifying to the correctness of numerous stamps, and registering Summary and Regular Appeals, posting them for hearing, and preparing them for decisions, reporting upon Urzees, &c., keeping Cash Accounts, and preparing Budget and other Estimates for the whole Zillah. In short they perform almost all the duties conducted by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court whose salary is Rupees 700.

3. That notwithstanding the usefulness and importance of the office, the remuneration assigned to your Memorialists, viz., Rupees 100 is, they respectfully submit, altogether inadequate and not in keeping with the responsibility attaching to the office, and that it will bear but a disadvantageous comparison with the allowances fixed for officers of other Departments of the Service of an equal grade.

4. That in the Madras Court of Small Causes where the jurisdiction is limited to suits of a personal nature of the value of Rupees 500, and the procedure is "Summary," the Chief Ministerial Officer is paid 650 Rupees; and that the Head Officer in the Mofussil Small Cause Courts, whose periodical returns are revised by your Memorialists, receive Rupees 100 per mensem.

5. That your Memorialists would also beg respectfully to refer your Excellency in Council to the scale of salaries fixed for the Uncovenanted Assistants, Managers, High Court Translators and other Ministerial Officers at the Presidency. The subjoined statement will show how much the salaries assigned to Ministerial Officers of other Departments are in excess of those allowed for the Judicial.

	Rs.
Government Public Department.	
1st Uncovenanted Assistant...	500
2nd do. do.	300
Translator to Government...	250
Government Revenue Department.	
Registrar...	300
Government Public Works Department.	
1st Assistant...	300
2nd do.	200
High Court.	
Head Translator...	210
Manager...	220
Madras Small Cause Court.	
Head Clerk.	650
Assistant do.	250

Board of Revenue.

	Rs.
1st Uncovenanted Assistant...	500
2nd do. do.	300
Registrar...	300
Head Serishtadar	800
Head Accountant	250
Collectors' Hoozur Serishtadar.	250

6. That your Memorialists beg to disclaim all intention of depreciating the usefulness of officers of other Departments of the service, or to insinuate that they are more than adequately remunerated for their labor. But your Memorialists have drawn this comparison, simply with at view to show how disproportionately low is the scale of remuneration allowed for the Judicial Department, which your Memorialists beg leave to remark yields to none in point of importance or general utility.

7. That your Memorialists until lately were drawing the same pay as that of the 3rd Class Moonsiff, and have been allowed the privilege enjoyed by Moonsiffs of five days' leave as per Orders of Government, dated 4th August 1857, No. 949, Judicial Department, on the ground that the duties of Court Serishtadars were not less arduous than those of the Moonsiffs, and as the allowances of these officers have been lately raised to a scale* proportioned to their rank, as well as those of their establishments, and notwithstanding that propositions for augmenting the salaries of other public servants have been carried out in several Departments, the case of your Memorialists has entirely been lost sight of by the Government.

* District Moonsiffs.

	Rs.	As.	P.
1st Class...	300	0	0
2nd do.	250	0	0
3rd do.	200	0	0

8. Your Memorialists beg respectfully to suggest that they may be advantageously employed in signing and issuing Summonses, Warrants, and other Writs of Execution which now occupy a considerable portion of the valuable time of the Civil Judges. Your Memorialists are informed that a proposition, dated 16th July 1859, to this effect was submitted† by Mr. Beauchamp, late Civil Judge of Combaconum, whose extensive experience and thorough acquaintance with the Judicial Department entitle his opinion to much respect and consideration.

† To the Judicial Commissioner.

9. As being intimately connected with themselves, your Memorialists respectfully beg to draw your Excellency's attention to the establishments attached to Civil Courts, who are most inadequately paid for the heavy duties they have to perform. Their case also demands the special consideration of Government at the present crisis when the price of provisions has increased four-fold, causing much distress and privation to them and their families.

10. That your Memorialists having thus laid their grievance before your Excellency, humbly and respectfully trust that your Excellency in Council will give their case that consideration which their onerous duties and high and responsible position demand, and your Memorialists trust that it will not be exceeding the bounds of legitimate expectation if your Memorialists suggest that they may reasonably ask to be placed on the same footing as Moonsiffs of the lowest grade, the position till lately occupied by them.

And your Memorialists shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

(Signed) A. BANATHECUM PILLAY,
and eight others.

The Memorial of the Serishtadars of the several Zillah Courts in the Southern Division of this Presidency so fairly sets forth the important and responsible duties performed by them, and proposes so reasonable a re-adjustment of their salaries, that I trust the Government will not tdecline to take their prayer into favorable consideration. All those who are acquainted with

the internal arrangements and working of a Court will allow that the conduct and character of a Court Serishtadar give the tone to that of all the Subordinate Ministerial officers, so much so that it may be said "*ex uno disce omnes.*" There can be little doubt too that his influence among the native community is so great, that, if inclined to dishonesty, he may have hourly temptations to corruption; and now that the price of the merest necessaries of life is increased so largely, the temptation becomes proportionately greater. The Court Serishtadars were formerly on a par with the District Moonsiff of the 3rd Class, and there is no reason why they should now fall to a lower position. They should be remunerated by a salary of at last Rupees 200 per mensem if not more. At the same time, I would further recommend an increase of salary to all the Sub-Ministerial Court servants as has already been allowed in other Departments.

(Signed) R. G. CLARKE,
Civil and Session Judge.

TRANQUEBAR, *23rd December* 1864.

The Civil and Session Judge of Trichinopoly is of opinion also that the salary of the Serishtadar of a Civil and Session Court should be at least equal to that of a District Moonsiff of the lowest grade.

(Signed) T. I. P. HARRIS,
Civil and Session Judge.

TRICHINOPOLY, *22nd November* 1864.

I fully concur in the opinion expressed by Messrs. Harris, Clarke, Goldie, and Bird, that the pay of the Chief Ministerial servant of the Civil and Sessions Court should be increased.

(Signed) G. H. ELLIS,
Civil and Session Judge.

CUDDALORE, *26th December* 1864.

The Civil and Session Judge of Tanjore has read the Memorial of the Serishtadars of this, and neighbouring Civil Courts, and considers there are cogent grounds for their application for increased pay. The duties of these officers are heavy and responsible, but the disproportion between their pay and that of the lowest grade of District Moonsiffs now, is so great that it is hopeless to expect a Serishtadar who has thoroughly learnt his work will consent to remain in his post. He naturally aspires to become a District Moonsiff, and thereby the Civil Court losing his services on his promotion incurs a serious loss.

2. The Civil Judge trusts this Memorial may be successful, and that the entire Ministerial establishments of the Civil and Principal Sudder Ameen's Courts may ere long be placed on a better footing as regards the emoluments of office.

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,
Civil and Session Judge.

TANJORE,
CIVIL AND SESSIONS COURT,
12th November 1864.

I fully concur with the sentiments recorded by the other Judges with reference to the present inadequate salary received by the Serishtadars of the Civil and Sessions Court, and, I sincerely trust that their Memorial may receive the best attention of the Government. I hope, that the same opportunity may be taken advantage of, for revising the rates of pay of the whole of the Court establishment. A comparison will show, that from the Serishtadar down to the Sweeper all receive a lower rate of remuneration than their brother officials in other public offices. What the many and onerous duties devolving upon Serishtadars are, is so clearly shown in the Memorial that it is needless to advert to the subject here.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Acting Civil and Session Judge.

SALEM,
CIVIL AND SESSIONS COURT,
25th January 1865.

Having read the Memorial signed of some of the Serishtadars attached to the Courts in the Southern Zillahs, I have no hesitation in saying, that I fully concur with my brother Judges in thinking that Court Serishtadars are most inadequately remunerated for the onerous and responsible duties they are expected to perform, and I sincerely trust Government will give the Memorial their best attention.

(Signed) A. W. PHILLIPS,
Acting Civil Judge.

OOTACAMUND,
20th January 1865.

Considering the important duties which are performed by a Serishtadar of a Civil Court, particularly in keeping the accounts of the Court and checking the statements received from the Lower Courts, and seeing that the Civil business is carried on correctly, I think that the pay of these officers is below what it ought to be.

(Signed) H. GOLDIE.
Civil Judge.

TINNEVELY,
3rd December 1864.

No. 230. From A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Civil Judge of Ootacamund, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 8th February 1865.

At the request of the Serishtadar attached to the Chingleput Court, whose signature was not obtained to the Memorial forwarded by the other Serishtadars, I beg to submit the enclosed.

2. I have already stated how fully I concurred with the other Judges in thinking that the pay of these officers should be considerably increased.

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir W. T. DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of P. A. DEVARAMBA Mudaliar.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist is the Serishtadar of the Civil Court in the District of Chingleput attached to this Presidency.

2. That your Memorialist has to perform the onerous duties of revising and checking the several Monthly, Quarterly, and Annual Reports, submitted by the several subordinate Courts; examining and certifying to the correctness of numerous stamps, and registering summary and regular Appeals; posting them for hearing, and preparing them for decisions, reporting upon Urzies, &c., keeping cash accounts, and preparing Budget and other estimates for the whole Zillah. In short he performs almost all the duties conducted by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court whose salary is Rupees 700.

3. That notwithstanding the usefulness and importance of the office, the remuneration assigned to your Memorialist, viz., Rupees 100 is, he respectfully submits, altogether inadequate and not in keeping with the responsibility attaching to the office, and that it will bear but a disadvantageous comparison with the allowances fixed for officers of other Departments of the service of an equal grade.

4. That in the Madras Court of Small Causes, where the jurisdiction is limited to suits of a personal nature of the value of Rupees 500, and the procedure is "summary," the Chief Ministerial Officer is paid 650 Rupees, and that the Head Officer in the Mofussil Small Cause Courts receives Rupees 100 per mensem.

5. That your Memorialist would also beg respectfully to refer your Excellency in Council to the scale of salaries fixed for the Uncovenanted Assistants, Managers, High Court Translators and other Ministerial Officers at the Presidency. The subjoined Statement will show how much the salaries assigned to Ministerial Officers of other Departments are in excess of those allowed for the Judicial.

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2nd Do. do.	300
Translator to Government	250
Government Revenue Department.	
Registrar	300
Government Public Works Department.	
1st Assistant	300
2nd Do.	200
High Court.	
Interpreters	250
Head Translator	210
Manager	220
Madras Small Cause Court.	
Head Clerk	650
Assistant Do.	250
Board of Revenue.	
1st Uncovenanted Assistant	500
2nd Do. do.	300
Registrar	300
Head Serishtadar	800
Head Accountant	250
Collector's Hoozur Serishtadar	250
Sub-Collector's do.	150

6. That your Memorialist begs to disclaim all intention of depreciating the usefulness of officers of other Departments of the service, or to insinuate that they are more than adequately remunerated for their labor. But your Memorialist has drawn this comparison, simply with a view to show how disproportionately low is the scale of remuneration allowed for the Judicial Department, which, your Memorialist begs leave to remark, yields to none in point of importance or general utility.

7. That your Memorialist until lately was drawing the same pay as that of the 3rd Class Moonsiffs, and has been allowed the privilege enjoyed by Moonsiffs of 5 days' leave, as per Orders of Government, dated 4th August 1857, No. 949, Judicial Department, on the ground that the duties of Court Serishtadars were not less arduous than those of the Moonsiffs, and as the allowances of these Officers have been lately raised to a scale* proportioned to their rank, as well as those of their establishments, and notwithstanding that propositions for augmenting the salaries of other Public servants have been carried out in several Departments, the case of your Memorialist has entirely been lost sight of by the Government.

District Munsiff's.	Rs.
1st Class	300
2nd Do.	250
3rd Do.	200

8. Your Memorialist begs respectfully to suggest that he may be advantageously employed in signing and issuing Summonses, Warrants and other Writs of Execution which now occupy a considerable portion of the valuable time of the Civil Judges. Your Memorialist is informed that a proposition, dated 16th July 1859, to this effect, was submitted by Mr. Beauchamp, late Civil Judge of Combaconum, whose extensive experience and thorough acquaintance with the Judicial Department, entitle his opinion to much respect and consideration.

9. As being intimately connected with himself, your Memorialist respectfully begs to draw your Excellency's attention to the establishment attached to the Civil Court, who are most inadequately paid for the heavy duties they have to perform. Their case also demands the special consideration of Government at the present crisis, when the price of provisions has increased four-fold causing much distress and privation to them and their families.

10. That your Memorialist having thus laid his grievance before your Excellency, humbly and respectfully trusts that your Excellency in Council will give his case that consideration which his onerous duties and high and responsible position demand, and your Memorialist trusts that it will not be exceeding the bounds of legitimate expectation if your Memorialist suggests that he may reasonably ask to be placed on the same footing as Moonsiffs of the lowest grade, the position till lately occupied by him.

And your Memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

CHINGLEPUT, 28*th January* 1865.

(Signed) P. A. DEVARAMBEN.

At the beginning of 1864, I forwarded to Government, with a strong recommendation, a somewhat similar Memorial from the officers of the Civil and Session Court of Mangalore. I still consider that we shall soon cease to have efficient and trustworthy officers about the Courts unless their pay and position are considerably raised. I therefore hope that this Memorial will meet with favorable consideration from the Government.

CHINGLEPUT,
CIVIL AND SESSION COURT,
28*th January* 1865.

(Signed) J. G. THOMPSON,
Acting Civil Judge.

No. 231. From A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Ootacamund, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 27th February 1865.

I beg to bring to your notice the urgent necessity there appears to be for the appointment, at Ootacamund, of a properly qualified Vakeel for the protection of the interests of Government, in suits brought by or against it.

2. I had this morning a visit from Major Farewell, Executive Engineer in chargo of the Neilgherry Range, who had been directed by the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, to prosecute a certain Contractor on a bond, but who, on applying to the Government Vakeel attached to the Court was so wholly unable to make him understand the state of the case, or nature of the bond, in order to drawing up plaint, that he (Major Farewell) was obliged in despair to come to me for advice as to how he was to proceed.

3. The case is an important one, and as similar ones are likely frequently to occur with the many public works now in progress, I trust Government will take the matter into consideration without delay.

4. It devolves, in ordinary cases, on the Civil Judge, after conferring with the Collector, to select and recommend a Government Pleader, but I know of no one worth having, who would take the appointment at the present salary, and I would beg that Government will view this as an exceptional case.

Referred to the Collector of Coimbatore for his opinion, as to the necessity of increasing the salary of the Government Vakeel at Ootacamund. Mr. Grant will state if he thinks an increase necessary, what salary should be given, and what would be the prospect of obtaining the services of a competent Vakeel on the salary he may propose.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18*th March* 1865.

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

No. 232. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Erode, 31st March 1865, No. 39.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 18th instant, I beg to inform you that I think Rupees 70 per mensem is the lowest rate of pay at which the services of a person, competent to fill the office of Government Vakeel at Ootacamund, can be procured. To discharge his duties with efficiency, the Government Vakeel should possess a good knowledge of English, Tamil, Canarese, and Hindoostani, in addition to a practical acquaintance with the usual judicial functions of his office. The Government Vakeels in the low country, although their salaries are very low, have, in addition to the emoluments derived from their private practice, the chance of clearing from 20 to 40 and 50 Rupees on the Criminal prosecutions conducted by them at the monthly Sessions. The Government Vakeel at Ooty, if a sharp man, may perhaps make a good sum by his private practice on the Civil side of the Court (as to the amount of Civil work I am not well informed), but his fees on account of Criminal prosecutions will only about cover his house-rent. My letter of the 10th December 1864, No. 108, will have shown that living at Ootacamund is much more expensive for both Europeans and Natives than in the low country. Most of the Native Ministerial servants are endeavouring to leave the Hills to better themselves in the low country in appointments with lower salaries, where loss of pay will be compensated for by a warm climate, cheap provisions, and the society of their families. At the rate of Rupees 70 per mensem, I do not think that there would be much trouble in securing the services of a competent Government Vakeel.

No. 233. From J. R. KINDERSLEY, Esq., Civil and Session Judge, Rajahmundry, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Rajahmundry, 9th September 1865, No. 235.

I have the honor to represent that the Messenger of the Civil Court at Rajahmundry, whose monthly pay is Rupees 7, and the four peons, who receive each Rupees 6, have more than once solicited that they might be placed on the same pay as the peons of the Collector's office, who receive Rupees 7 or 8, according to their grade.

2. The aggregate increase solicited is Rupees 5 per mensem, and having regard to the great increase in the price of grain in this District, it seems to me to be a reasonable request.

Statement of the Servants and others pay in the Collector's Establishment and in the Zillah District Moonsiff's and Principal Sudder Ameen's Courts.

No.	Appointments.	Salary per month. RS.	A.	P.	Total. RS.	A.	P.
	COLLECTORATE.						
	Sheristadar and Vernacular Correspondence Department.						
1	Sheristadar...	250	0	0			
1	Translator	70	0	0			
1	Vernacular Head Clerk	65	0	0			
1	2nd do.	50	0	0			
1	3rd do.	35	0	0			
1	4th do.	30	0	0			
2	5th and 6th do. on Rupees 25 each ...	50	0	0			
3	7th, 8th, & 9th do. on " 20 " ...	60	0	0			
4	10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th do. do. 15 " ...	60	0	0			
1	Record-keeper.	40	0	0			
					710	0	0
	English Correspondence and General Account Department.						
1	Head Clerk.	100	0	0			
1	2nd do.	50	0	0			
1	3rd do.	45	0	0			
1	4th do.	35	0	0			
1	5th do.	30	0	0			
1	6th do.	25	0	0			
2	7th & 8th do. at 15 Rupees each.	20	0	0			
1	Record-keeper..	30	0	0			
1	English Accountant	40	0	0			
1	2nd do.	70	0	0			
1	3rd do.	45	0	0			
1	4th do.	35	0	0			
1	5th do.	30	0	0			
1	6th do.	25	0	0			
2	7th & 8th do. at 15 Rupees each.	20	0	0			
1	Vernacular Accountant...	30	0	0			
1	2nd do.	45	0	0			
1	3rd do.	35	0	0			
2	4th & 5th do. at 20 Rupees each	30	0	0			
4	6th, 7th, 8th, & 9th do. at 15 " "	40	0	0			
		60	0	0			
					840	0	0
	Treasury and Stamp Department.						
1	Cash-keeper...	100	0	0			
1	Accountant...	25	0	0			
1	Do.	20	0	0			
1	Head Shroff...	15	0	0			
1	2nd do.	35	0	0			
1	3rd do.	25	0	0			
1	Gollah...	15	0	0			
1	Do.	10	0	0			
2	Do. at 7 Rupees each...	8	0	0			
		14	0	0			
					267	0	0
	Printing Department.						
1	Head Compositor	50	0	0			
1	2nd do.	30	0	0			
1	3rd do.	20	0	0			
1	4th do.	15	0	0			
1	5th do.	12	0	0			
1	6th do.	10	0	0			
1	Pressman...	12	0	0			
1	2nd do....	8	0	0			
1	Ballman...	7	0	0			
1	Do.	6	0	0			
2	Apprentices, at 7 Rupees each...	14	0	0			
					184	0	0

Statement of the Servants and others pay in the Collector's Establishment, &c.—(*Continued.*)

No.	Appointments.	Salary per month. RS.	A.	P.	Total. RS.	A.	P.
	Office Servants.						
1	Moochee	15	0	0			
1	Do.	12	0	0			
1	Do.	10	0	0			
1	Duffadar	14	0	0			
10	Deloyets, at 7 Rupees each	70	0	0			
8	Do. at 6 " "	48	0	0			
2	Attenders, at 10 " "	20	0	0			
6	Do. at 8 " "	48	0	0			
8	Do. at 7 " "	56	0	0			
2	Masaljees, at 5 " "	10	0	0			
2	Sweepers, at 5 " "	10	0	0			
					313	0	0
	Sub-Collector's Department.						
1	Sheristadar...	150	0	0			
1	Vernacular Clerk	35	0	0			
1	English do.	35	0	0			
1	Vernacular do.	30	0	0			
1	Do. do.	20	0	0			
2	Do. do. at 15 Rupees each.	30	0	0			
					300	0	0
	Office Servants.						
1	Moochee	10	0	0			
1	Duffadar	10	0	0			
2	Deloyets, at 7 Rupees each.	14	0	0			
6	Do. at 6 " "	36	0	0			
1	Attender	8	0	0			
1	Masaljee	5	0	0			
1	Sweeper	5	0	0			
					88	0	0
	Head Assistant Collector's Department.						
1	Head Clerk	45	0	0			
1	2nd do.	25	0	0			
2	3rd & 4th do. at 15 Rupees each	30	0	0			
1	Moochee	8	0	0			
1	Deloyet.	7	0	0			
4	Do. at 6 Rupees each	24	0	0			
1	Masaljee and Sweeper	5	0	0			
					144	0	0
	1st Class Deputy Collector's Department.						
1	Head Clerk	30	0	0			
2	2nd and 3rd do. at 15 Rupees each.	30	0	0			
1	4th do.	7	0	0			
1	Attender.	6	0	0			
3	Deloyets, at 6 Rupees each.	18	0	0			
1	Masaljee and Sweeper	5	0	0			
					102	0	0
	Tahsildar's Department.						
1	Tahsildar	150	0	0			
1	Sheristadar.	45	0	0			
1	Head Goomastah	20	0	0			
1	Goomastah	20	0	0			
2	Do. at 15 Rupees each	30	0	0			
4	Do. at 12 " "	48	0	0			
1	Inspector	20	0	0			
1	2nd do.	17	0	0			
1	3rd do.	14	0	0			

Statement of the Servants and others pay in the Collector's Establishment, &c.,—(*Continued.*)

No.	Appointments.	Salary per month. RS.	A.	P.	Total. RS.	A.	P.
	Tahsildar's Department.—(Continued.)						
1	Shroff...	15	0	0			
1	Dufterbund	7	0	0			
1	Duffadar.	8	0	0			
21	Peons, at 6 Rupees each.	126	0	0			
1	Masaljee...	5	0	0			
1	Sweeper...	5	0	0			
					530	0	0
	CIVIL COURT.						
	Sheristadar's Department.						
1	Sheristadar	100	0	0			
1	Translator	50	0	0			
1	Nazir...	45	0	0			
1	Civil Record-keeper	35	0	0			
1	Criminal do.	30	0	0			
1	Jevabneviss	28	0	0			
1	Head Goomastah...	24	8	0			
1	Goomastah...	21	0	0			
2	Do. at 17½ Rupees each...	35	0	0			
1	Do.	16	0	0			
1	Do.	10	8	0			
2	Do. at 10 Rupees each	20	0	0			
1	Shroff	10	0	0			
					425	0	0
	English Department.						
1	Head English Writer...	70	0	0			
1	Writer...	35	0	0			
1	Do.	24	8	0			
1	Do.	21	0	0			
1	Moochee...	17	8	0			
1	Government Vakeel...	7	0	0			
1	Head Messenger...	21	0	0			
1	Deputy do.	10	8	0			
4	Attenders, at 7 Rupees each...	7	0	0			
1	Masaljee...	28	0	0			
1	Sweeper...	4	0	0			
		3	8	0			
					249	0	0
	Moonsiff's Court.						
1	3rd Class Moonsiff	200	0	0			
1	Head Goomastah...	20	0	0			
1	Goomastah...	14	0	0			
2	Do. at 11 Rupees each	22	0	0			
5	Do. at 10 ,, ,, ...	50	0	0			
2	Peons, at 5 Rupees each.	10	0	0			
1	Masaljee...	4	0	0			
					320	0	0
	Jail Establishment.						
1	Jailer.	50	0	0			
1	Deputy do.	20	0	0			
1	Writer	20	0	0			
1	Head Warder	8	0	0			
18	Warders, at 7 Rupees each	126	0	0			
1	Executioner...	5	4	0			
					229	4	0

Statement of the Servants and others pay in the Collector's Establishment, &c.,—(*Concluded.*)

No.	Appointments.	Salary per month. RS.	A.	P.	Total. Rs.	A.	P.
	Principal Sudder Ameen's Court.						
1	Principal Sudder Ameen	500	0	0			
1	Sheristadar	90	0	0			
1	Nazir	45	0	0			
1	Civil Record-keeper	35	0	0			
1	Criminal do.	30	0	0			
1	Head Writer	70	0	0			
1	English Writer..	35	0	0			
1	Do.	21	8	0			
1	Do.	21	0	0			
1	Do.	17	8	0			
1	Jevabneviss.	28	0	0			
1	Head Goomastah...	24	8	0			
1	Goomastah	17	8	0			
2	Do. at 14 Rupees each	28	0	0			
2	Do. at Rupees 10-8-0 each	21	0	0			
1	Do.	10	0	0			
1	Shroff...	10	0	0			
1	Moochee	7	0	0			
1	Head Messenger...	10	8	0			
1	Messenger	7	0	0			
4	Peons, at 6 Rupees each...	24	0	0			
1	Masaljee...	4	0	0			
1	Sweeper...	3	8	0			
					1,063	0	0

No. 94.

Forwarded to the Under Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, with reference to Memorandum, No. 235, of the 2nd instant. The information called for in paragraph 3 will be supplied hereafter.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
3rd June 1865.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
Chief Asst. Civil Paymaster in charge.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1865, No. 1353.

The papers above recorded contain applications from the Serishtadars of certain Civil and Sessions Courts in the Southern Districts, and from the Court servants generally in the Courts at Ootacamund, Tranquebar, Calicut, and Cochin, for an increase to their salaries, the applications being based partly on the increased prices of the necessaries of life, and partly on the improvement which, within the last few years, has been made in the salaries of public servants employed in the Collector's Cutcherries and in other offices in the Revenue Department. Among the applications is one for an increase to the salary of the Government Vakeel at Ootacamund.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the position of the Ministerial servants employed in the Courts in this Presidency calls for some improvement. The

Comparative Statement recorded among the papers now under consideration shows, that while the chief Ministerial Officer in a Zillah Court receives a salary lower by an hundred and fifty per cent. than the salary assigned to the chief Ministerial Officer in each Collector's office, the salary of the lowest paid clerk in the Court is lower by 50 per cent. than the salary of the lowest paid clerk in the Cutcherry, and that generally the salaries of the Court servants are lower than those of the Ministerial Officers performing duties of a similar character in the Collector's offices. This last remark does not apply to the case of the Serishtadars, the duties of the Revenue Serishtadar being, as a general rule, more onerous and more important than that of the Court Serishtadar; but it is questionable whether the difference is such as to justify the great disproportion at present existing in the salaries of the two classes of officers.

3. In the present state of the finances, it would be useless for the Government to propose to the Government of India any general increase to the salaries of any class of servants unaccompanied by a corresponding reduction in some other quarter; but it is possible that such increase, as on full inquiry may appear to be just and reasonable, might be met partly by reductions in the number of District Moonsiffs' Courts, and partly by reductions in the number of Ministerial Officers employed in the Courts. Such a revision of salaries and establishments can only be performed by a judicial Officer of experience, thoroughly conversant with the working of the Courts and the duties devolving on the several Ministerial servants, and the Governor in Council accordingly resolves, if the Honorable the Chief Justice of the High Court should see no objection, to entrust the duty of revising the establishments of the Courts in the Provinces to the Honorable Mr. Innes, with a request that he will place himself in communication with the several Zillah Judges, and lay before Government such a revised scheme of establishments as he may deem suitable to the requirements of the Courts, and the cost of which can be met by the abolition of District Moonsiffs' Courts or by reductions in other branches of the Judicial Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 236. To the Honorable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, Knight, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 21st September 1865, No. 1354.

In forwarding for your information the enclosed Proceedings of Government, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to request that, if you should see no objection to the arrangement therein proposed, you will be good enough to make known the wishes of the Government to the Honorable Mr. Innes. The Governor in Council hopes that Mr. Innes will be able to conduct the inquiry which it is proposed to entrust to him without any material interference with his duties in the High Court.

21st Instant, No. 1353.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

From A. D. Phillips Esq.
Civil & Sessions Judge of Cuddapah
To / The Honble A. J. Arbuthnot &c
Chief Secretary to Govt &c

Sir,

I beg to bring to your notice the urgent necessity there appears to be for the appointment at Cuddapah of a proper qualified Vakeel for the protection of the interests of Government, in Suits brought by or against it —

That the morning a visit from Major Fawcett — executive Engineer in charge of the Railway Survey who had been directed by the Secretary to Govt in the Public Works department to prosecute a certain contractor on a bond, but who, on applying to the Govt Vakeel attached to the Court was so wholly unable to make him understand the state of the case, or nature of the bond in order to drawing up plaint that he (Major Fawcett) was obliged in despair to come to me for advice

as to how he was to proceed.

The case is an important one, & as similar ones are likely frequently to occur with the many public works now in progress, I trust Govern-ment will take the matter into consideration without delay.

It decides in ordinary cases, as the Civil Judge after conferring with the Collector to select, & recommend, a fort pleader but I know of no one worth having, who will take the appointment at the present Salary, & I would beg that for this & similar exceptional cases as an exceptional case.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
W Stokes
Civil & Sessions Judge

Ootacamund
February 27 - 1865

Judicial Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read again letter from the Civil & Sessions Judge of Calicut dated 24 Sept & recorded in the Proceedings of 15 Oct 1864 No 49
Read the following

Papers.

From the Offg Civ. & Ses. Judge, Tellicherry	Forwarding	8 April 1864	No 49.
— Collector of Malabar	—	9th May	— 49
— Civ. & Ses. Judge, Calicut	—	21 Oct	— 372
— Civ. Judge, Mangalore	—	23 Nov	— nil.
— Collector of Coimbatore	—	12 Dec	— 108
— Civ. & Ses. Judge Tranquebar	—	30 Jany 1865.	— 90
— Civ. & Ses. Judge Cotacamund	—	8th & 27 Feb	—
— Collector of Coimbatore	—	3 March	— 59.
Statement furnished by the Civil Assistant Civil Paymaster		3 June 65.	
Civil & Sessions Judge of Tellicherry		4th Sept 65.	
Order thereon. No 1353		dy 21st Sept 1865.	

The papers above recorded contain applications from the Serishtadars of certain Civil & Sessions Courts in the Southern Districts and from the Court Servants generally in the Courts at Cotacamund, Tranquebar, Calicut

Calicut & Cochin for an increase to their Salaries, the applications being based partly on the increased prices of the necessaries of life, & partly on the improvement which within the last few years has been made in the Salaries of public Servants employed in the Collectors Cutcheries and in other Offices in the Revenue Department. Among the applications is one for an increase to the Salary of the Govt. Vakeel at Ootacamund.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the position of the ministerial Servants employed in the Courts in this Presidency calls for some improvement. The comparative Statement recorded among the papers now under consideration shows that while the Chief ministerial

ministerial Officers in a Zillah Court receives a Salary lower by one hundred and fifty per cent than the Salary assigned to the Chief ministerial Officer in each Collectors Office, the Salary of lowest paid Clerk in the Court is lower by 50 per cent than the Salary of the lowest paid Clerk in the Cutchery, and that generally the Salaries of the Court Servants are lower than those of the ministerial Officers performing duties of a similar character in the Collectors Offices. This last remark does not apply to the case of the Serishtadars, the duties of the Revenue Serishtadar being, as a general rule, more onerous and more important than that of

of the Court seriously tasked, but it is questionable whether the difference is such as to justify the great disproportion at present existing in the salaries of the two classes of officers.

3. In the present state of the finances, it would be useless for the Govt. to propose to the Govt. of India any general increase to the salaries of any class of servants unaccompanied by a corresponding reduction in some other quarter, but it is possible that such increase as on full enquiry may appear to be just and reasonable, might be met partly from the reductions which have lately taken place in the number of district Moonsiffs Courts, and partly by further reductions in the same direction. It may also be possible in some of the Courts to reduce the number of ministerial officers employed in the Courts - exercising the salaries of those retained. Such a revision of salaries and establishments can only be performed by a judicial officer of experience, thoroughly conversant with the working of the Courts and the duties devolving on the several ministerial servants, and the Governor in Council accordingly resolves, if the Honorable the Chief Justice of the High Court should see no objection, to entrust the duty of revising the establishments of the Courts

Courts in the Provinces
to the Honorable Mr
Jones with a request
that he will place him-
self in communication
with the several Zillah
Judges and lay before
Government such a
revised scheme of
Establishments as he
may deem suitable to
the requirements of the
Courts and the cost of
which can be met ~~from~~
~~the reductions which have~~
~~been made on the Offices~~
~~of the Judicial Depart~~
by the abolition of District
Moonsiffs Courts, ~~since~~
~~the 1st of January 1863,~~
by ~~further~~ reductions in
~~the Police &c~~ other
Branches of the Department.

Judicial Letters Aug 26th June
No 1354 of 1866
Rec'd 28th Aug 1866

Judicial Despatch
No. 1354.

To The Honorable Sir Colin Scott Lauder
Chief Justice of the High Court
of Judicature.
Madras

Hon'ble Sir,

In forwarding for
your information the
enclosed Proc: of Govt. I
am directed by His Excellency
the Governor in Council
to request that if you
should see no objection
to the arrangement therein
proposed, you will be good
enough to make known
the wishes of the Govern-
ment to the Hon'ble Mr.
Innes. The Governor
in Council hopes that
Mr. Innes will be able
to conduct the ongoing
which

Pro: of Judicial Dept. dated 25th August 1866
No. 1353.

Read Proceedings of Govt. P
No. 1610 dated 24th August 1866.

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which it is proposed to
entrust to him without
any material interference
with his duties in the
High Court.

Fort St George
21st Sept. 1805.

Judicial Letter to Engd 21st June
No 10 of 1866

Rec: 4 Sept

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No 1351

To

The Hon'ble

The Chief Justice of the

High Court of Judicature

Madras.

Jl. No 2334

— 2272/66.

Dated 21st September 1865.