No. 230. Read the following letter from R. G. CLARKE, Esq., Civil Judge of Tranquebar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tranquebar, 20th January 1865, No. 52.

In forwarding herewith copy of a letter, dated 21st November last, from the District Moonsiff of Negapatam, soliciting that he may be re-invested with the special jurisdiction created under the provisions of Madras Act IV of 1863, I have the honor to submit that, considering the pressure of work in the Court of Small Causes at Negapatam, which is reported by Mr. Cross, in his letter of the 2nd ultimo, to be so great as to prevent his making any progress in the work on the Principal Sudder Ameen's side of his Court, it would seem expedient to divest that officer of the exclusive special jurisdiction conferred upon him by Government, under date the 5th April last, and to comply with the request of the District Moonsiff of Negapatam.

2. I observe from the Government Notification, dated 31st October 1864, that this course has already been adopted with regard to the Small Cause Courts of Tanjore and Combaconum.

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From T. BALLARD, Esq., District Moonsiff, Negapatam, to R. G. CLARKE, Esq., Civil Judge of Tranquebar; dated Negapatam, 21st November 1864.

Observing by the Tanjore District Gazette of the 19th instant, that the Governor in Council has been pleased to divest the Principal Sudder Ameen of Tanjore, and the Court of Small Causes of the same Zillah, of the "exclusive special jurisdiction," within the towns of Tanjore and Combaconum, conferred in them respectively in the Notification of Government, dated the 15th March last, and the effect of this measure being to re-invest the District Moonsiffs of Tanjore and Combaconum respectively, with the jurisdiction created by the Local Act No. IV of 1863, I respectfully beg you will be pleased to move the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to make the same order, with reference to the Court of Small Causes of this Zillah, which possesses exclusive special, within the local jurisdiction assigned to me.

2. From the Order of Government, dated the 15th March 1864, No. 375, it appears that it was upon the application of Mr. Cross, Judge of the Court of Small Causes of Negapatam, that he was invested with this "exclusive special jurisdiction." The reason assigned by that gentleman for desiring the same was, that it was "far from desirable that there should be two Courts in "the same town possessing Small Cause Jurisdiction, though even of different money limits." As this ground of objection is practically removed by the order of Government above referred to, and the Vakeels of this Court, 13 in number, who are not allowed to practise in the Small Cause Court, have lost considerably by the change, I respectfully trust that this application will meet with your support and favorable recommendation.

(True Copy).

(Signed) R. G. CLARKE,
*Civil Judge.*

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No. 231. To the Honorable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, Knight, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 25th January 1865, No. 142.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to favor the Governor in Council with the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court, on the proposal made in the enclosed letter.

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

**Exd. J. H. Burns**

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No 142.

To

The Honorable Sir C. H. Scotland Kt
Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature
Madras

Honorable Sir,

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to favor the Governor in Council with the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court on the proposal made in the enclosed letter.

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Fort St George
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