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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	144	Press Mis.—
232-233. Dated	25-1-	19-1865

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No. 232. Read the following letter from P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th January 1865, No. 5.

I am directed by the High Court to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo, No. 1727, requesting the opinion of the Chief Justice and Judges on the representations made in a petition from certain inhabitants of the Oossoor Taluq.

2. The petitioners complain of the inconvenience caused to suitors by exclusive jurisdiction over all small causes, in which the value of the property at issue is between 50 and 500 Rupees, being vested in a single remote tribunal. The complaint is one which the Court were prepared to expect, and they are of opinion that it is well founded.

3. The remedy of course lies with the Government. The only relief which suggests itself to the Court is the reversal or modification of the arrangement ordered by Government in their Proceedings of the 26th February last, No. 257, unless Government should think that the inconvenience sustained by the residents of Oossoor and other parts of the District at a distance from Salem is not sufficient to justify this course.

No. 233. To the Honorable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, Knight, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 25th January 1865, No. 144.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Acting Registrar's letter of the 9th instant, No. 5, submitting the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court, on a petition addressed to Government by certain inhabitants of Oossoor.

2. It appears to the Governor in Council that it would be desirable to limit the jurisdiction vested in the Principal Sudder Ameen of Salem, under Act IV of 1863, to such parts of the Zillah as are within an easy distance, say two days' journey from the Court Station; but before passing further orders on the subject, His Excellency in Council would wish to be furnished with the views of the local authorities and of the Honorable the Judges, as to the precise nature of the modification which it would be desirable to make in the arrangement now in force, and I am accordingly to request that the Honorable the Judges will be good enough to obtain the opinions of the Civil Judge and of the Collector, and submit them with such suggestions as they may deem proper.

3. I am to request that the Honorable the Judges will take this opportunity of considering whether it is still necessary to retain a Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at Salem.

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

Exd. J. H. Burns.

dated 30/

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No. 164 — Judicial Department.

To

The Honorable Sir J. B. Scotland. Kt
Chief Justice of the High Court
of Judicature

Honorable Sir,

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Fort Saint George,
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To
The Hon.
The Chief Justice of the
Supreme Court of Judicature

Feb. 833.

Dated 25th January 1865

Respecting the proposal
to limit the jurisdiction
vested in the Principal
Sudder Ameen of
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