

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

1470

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Dated

16.10.1865

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department.

16th October 1865.

No. 100. Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Saidapet, 25th September 1865, No. 167.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 13th September 1865, No. 1307, I have the honor to state that, since I have been in charge of the Collectorate, both the Sub-Magistrates whose powers I wish increased have discharged their duties to my satisfaction. Both are officers of several years standing, and their official character and conduct has been good; and they are, therefore, fit to be entrusted with higher powers.

2. The Statement called for in paragraph 2 of the Government Order is herewith sent, but the Government will observe that this is only a registry of the number of persons, and has no reference to the number of cases.

3. The actual number of cases disposed of by myself and Mr. Locke during this year is 261, and the number of cases disposed of last year up to 31st December was 288.

4. With reference to the remarks of the Government in paragraph 3 of their order, I beg to state that my proposal was simply that my Assistant should visit certain places in the District, once in every week, and dispose of all cases within the jurisdiction of a Sub-Magistrate of the 1st Class, which the Police had detected during the preceding week. The prisoner in such cases would have been forwarded in custody to the Magistrate having jurisdiction, within twenty-four hours after his arrest, and, on his arrival, remanded in custody, or on bail, to stand his trial at the place where my Assistant would hold his Court, the prosecutor meanwhile being bound over by the Police to appear at the same place on the same day. By this course, the prosecutors and witnesses would be saved the trouble and expense of a journey to Saidapet, and the people would, I considered, be more willing to give every assistance in their power to the Police towards the detection of crime; but if Government consider that this is an illegal revival of the old Circuit Court system, I shall of course at once relinquish the plan.

5. Since writing the above, my Assistant, Mr. Wigram, has received intimation from the Secretary to the Board of Examiners that he has passed the examination prescribed for the 1st Standard. I have, therefore, the honor to request that he may be at once invested with the powers of a Sub-Magistrate of the 1st Class, as is required by Government Order, dated 12th July 1865, No. 970.

Operations of the Criminal Courts in the Range of the Magistrate of the Madras District, during the 1st and 2nd Quarters of the year 1865.

MADRAS DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
SAIDAPET, 25th September 1865.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,
Magistrate.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1865, No. 1470.

To be recorded.

(True Extract).

W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

N. 2060.

Just Dept.

From

The Collector of Madras.

Dated 25th Sept. 1865.

For Orders.

Mr Wigram having been
instructed with the power of a
Sub Mag of the 1st Class I
do not know that more is
required. ~~At the same time~~
~~the station was closed~~

Yours

J.P.

nor I. cannot
the station day
will make out that
there is an exception
may work W.D.

N^o 167

Madras Collector's Office
Saidapet 25th September 1865.

From

E. G. B. Fane Esq^r
Collector of Madras.

To

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant.

J. S. S. S.
Collector.

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H. S. S. S.
S. S. S.

Pro: 13th Sept^r 1865
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From
The Collector of Madras
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 25th }
Recd: 27 } Sept 1865.
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Forward Statement
called for by the Govt
of the operations of the
Criminal Courts in
his own Range during
the 3rd Quarters of 1865.
16 October 1865 N^o 1470

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