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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 18—10— 19—83

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 18th October 1865.

No. 114. Read the following letter from the First Judge of the Madras Court of Small Causes, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th October 1865, No. 39.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to place this communication before His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. I understand that several official communications have recently been made by Mr. Cower, one of the Judges of the Court, to Government, without having passed through my hands, as the Head of the Court, or even without my being made acquainted with their contents.

3. I believe there is a Rule which provides that all official correspondence connected with each establishment, or with the officers of each establishment, should be forwarded through the Head of the Establishment. The adherence to this Rule, in the case of this Court, is a matter of great expediency. I may also state, besides, that I am invested by the Legislature with the power and responsibility of regulating the business of the Court—a duty, I humbly submit, that I cannot satisfactorily discharge, if I have not the opportunity of knowing what correspondence takes place, and what applications are made by the Officers of the Court to Government.

4. I may add that all correspondence and applications connected with the Presidency Small Cause Courts of Calcutta and Bombay, or with the respective Officers of these Courts, are required to be forwarded through the First Judge.

5. I have, therefore, the honor to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to make such order on this subject as His Excellency in Council may deem proper.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1865, No. 1479.

The letters addressed by Mr. Cower to the Government had reference to a matter personal to himself.

2. There is no rule requiring that such correspondence should pass through the Heads of Departments.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the First Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

C. No. 12 39

Madras Court of Small Causes
4th October 1865.

From,
Lionel H. Steele Esqr.
First Judge of the Madras
Court of Small Causes

To, The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

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18th October 1865 No. 1479.

The letter addressed by the Govt. to the Govt. Law Officer pursuant to Plaintiff's Petition is an Order requiring that such correspondence shall pass thro' the hands of Govt.

W.H.

To the First Judge of the Court of S. Causes, Madras. Recd 20/10