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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

8th November 1865.

Read the following papers:—

No. 71. From the Civil and Session Judge of Trichinopoly; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 5th September 1865, No. 208.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to bring the following circumstances to the notice of Government.

2. In "The Madras Times" of the 30th ultimo a letter appeared under the title "Jottings from a Medical Journal."

3. The latter part of the 4th paragraph of this letter contains an allusion to a project mooted in the above Journal, for erecting a public latrine in front of the Session Court of Trichinopoly.

4. The Journal in question is the number for August last of the "Madras Quarterly Journal of Medical Science," and in an article entitled "Mr. Morgan on the Sanitary condition of the Poottoor lines at Trichinopoly," at page 331 of the said Journal, occurs the following passage:—"In Poottoor we are cramped for room. If the eligible sites are used one latrine would be placed in front of the Session Court, and it may be doubted whether a building 60 feet long, even if it had an ornamental front with *cul-de-poule* *supra* *les* by way of apology, would not call forth an indignant protest against it from the presiding Judge. The other site would be objectionable, as the effluvia from it would be wafted in the direction of the parade ground and Officers' quarters."

5. It is possible the matter would never have come to my knowledge, had it not obtained an unenviable and doubtless unlooked for notoriety by its re-appearance in the columns of a daily paper.

6. Dr. Morgan still seems to be of opinion that a latrine erected in front of the Session Court is quite unobjectionable; up to the present moment, however, I have never been consulted in the matter, and only by accident became acquainted with the fact, that in front of the Court House was to be erected a building, some 60 feet long, the placing of which so near the Court might perhaps, as even Doctor himself admits, call forth an indignant remonstrance from the presiding Judge.

7. I do not for a moment imagine Dr. Morgan had any idea of wilfully causing offence; it is to be regretted perhaps that a topic of this kind was discussed in a way which the author of the letter in question has called "amusing," but while offering no opinion in regard to the Editor's admitting into a Journal devoted to Medical science remarks written in such a style, I think that an opportunity might have been afforded me of protesting against the project in question, without the matter being thus breached in a public Journal.

Referred to the Collector and Magistrate of Trichinopoly for report.

For Saver Ganga,

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

14th September 1865.

Chief Secretary.

No. 72. From the Collector and Magistrate of Trichinopoly; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 2nd November 1865, No. 44.

In obedience to your Order, dated the 14th of September last, endorsed on a letter to your address from the Civil and Sessions Judge of this station, I do

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myself the honor to report that, after communicating with all the Civil and Military authorities here, I find that there is no objection of ever proposing to build a latrine near the Court House. Mr. Harris has no complaint to make on this ground. It would appear that Mr. Harris made this appeal to you, as he felt personally aggrieved that so serious a question as building a latrine close to the Sessions Court should be treated so lightly in a public print; there is one latrine now existing some little distance behind the Court House, but it is in no way a nuisance either to the quarters of the Court or the general public.

2. I beg to return Mr. Harris' letter.

No. 71. Order number, 8th November 1865, No. 1594.

The foregoing letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly is communicated to the Civil and Sessions Judge.

3. Mr. Harris should have communicated with the Collector or Superintending Engineer before addressing Government on the subject referred to in his letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil and Sessions Judge of Trichinopoly.
Magistrate of Trichinopoly.

Ed. J. Tallent.

Place the following letter
from the Civil & Sessions Judge of Trichinopoly, dated 5th Nov. 1865, No. 1594,
Collector of Trichinopoly. 3 Nov. 1865.

8 November 1865. No. 1594.

The foregoing letter from the Civil & Sessions Judge is communicated to the Civil & Sessions Judge.

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Magistrate of Trichinopoly*