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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th November 1865.

Read the following papers :—

No. 92. Abstract of Petition from RANGA REDDI AND ADONISHASHAPPA, of Bellary, dated 5th October 1865.

Complain that the Acting Civil Judge, since July last, went often, without leave, to Ramandroog during the days of Civil inquiry, the fact of which may be ascertained through the Officer Commanding that station; that he also caused Mr. Blake, the Deputy Collector, to raise subscriptions from the suitors of the Court for horse-racing; and that, without paying the least attention to his work, he confirms the decisions of the Lower Courts. Pray that the Civil Judge may be called on for explanation.

No. 2271 of 1865.

The Acting Civil Judge is requested to report whether, on the occasion of any or all his absences from the station of the Civil and Session Court, he has submitted to the High Court the reports required by the orders of the Government now in force.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th October 1865.

(By Order),
(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 93. From R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge, Bellary, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 26th October 1865, No. 63.

I have the honor to afford the information called for by Government in their Order, dated the 19th instant, in relation to a petition, dated Bellary, 5th instant, and herewith returned.

2. The only occasion during the year I have been in Bellary on which I have availed myself of leave sanctioned by the late Sadder Proceedings, dated 6th November 1841, and 20th December 1844, was last month, and I immediately reported it to the High Court. One of the days, moreover, was a public holiday, so that in fact I only took four days' leave, and it so happened that during my absence I wrote a number of appeal decrees in suits in which I had heard counsel on the previous days, a strictly regular proceeding.

3. The only other times on which I have quitted the station have been on Sundays and Public Holidays, when no report has ever hitherto been required or deemed necessary, and I may casually observe that Saturdays are not Civil Court days, as is alleged, they being Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, when there is no Criminal Session; and as I have invariably made it a rule to be on the Bench by 10½ or 11 o'clock as usual on a Monday, after having been absent on a Sunday, no interruption whatever to public business, has ever resulted therefrom. Indeed although I purchased a house on Ramandroog soon after joining the District, I did not even see it for upwards of five months, for the sole and simple reason that I did not feel myself justified in leaving my post, even for a day, to see the property either before or after purchase, and it may therefore be well imagined that I feel all the more keenly being called to account by Government on the very first occasion of my availing myself of four days authorized leave, which I had, as has ever been my

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invariable custom, duly reported to the High Court, and on apparently a pseudonymous petition by post.

4. Though not required to do so, I desire to state that the other allegations contained in the petition are false, and malicious calumnies.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1865, No. 1603.

Mr. Davidson has misunderstood the intention of the Endorsement on the petition, which was merely to ascertain that he had always conformed to the rule as to report. His assurance is perfectly satisfactory.

2. The petition will be lodged as requiring no notice.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Civil and Session Judge of Bellary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Right Honourable the Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Sir

We respectfully beg to bring to your notice, that the acting civil judge of Bellary went to Ramandroog several times from 1st July up to this date, knowing the result of his predecessors sufferings for going to the droog without leave.

(2) The acting civil judge went to droog sometimes Saturday and Sunday, sometimes Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, this is especially in the days of great enquiry.

(3) The truth of which may be known by ascertaining the officers at Ramandroog, commanding of that station.

(4) He has reported only his last visit to Ramandroog about 5 days absence.

(5) The acting civil judge has caused to subscribe, for race courses, from all the merchants (who are clients in his court) through Mr. & Blacker, the Deputy Collector of Bellary, this is highly objectionable & contrary to the government rules.

(6) Had a native official done the same, what would be the result of his appointment?

1) The acting civil judge of Bellary does not pay least attention towards the civil business. Confirmation of the lower courts decree is the only best judgment that he could pass, this facts may be known by the decrees passed by him from the date of his appointment in Bellary court.

Under the foregoing circumstances that the government will kindly call upon the judge, the facts above alluded to.

Bellary
5th October
1865

We beg to remain
under the respect Sir
your most obedient
servants

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Mem.

I think Mr. Sanderson has misunderstood the meaning of Part. The order was copied as closely as possible from a note of Mr. Phillips (Phillips) but I think that the intention was simply to take the least notice of the petition compatible with the necessary due right management upon Part 6 exercise. — On re-reading the endorsement I see that it may bear the meaning just put forth by Mr. Sanderson, & he might be satisfied, if put through the impression which was put into the mind.

30/10/65 C.W.

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the intention of the End.
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Wd

To the AG Court & Sessions } desd 16/11
Judge of Bellary }

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