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Directing the distribution, as usual, of the Report and Statements illustrative of the administration of Civil Justice in the Courts of this Presidency during the year 1864.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

No. 124. Letter from P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, to the Hon'ble A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 9th June 1865, No. 45.

I am directed by the Chief Justice and Judges to transmit, to be laid before the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Report and Statements, in illustration of the administration of Civil Justice in the Courts of this Presidency during the year 1864.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT.

GENERAL.

The most important measure of the year in the Judicial department was the promulgation of the Whipping Act (VI of 1864). When the Penal and Criminal Procedure Codes became law, the old Criminal Regulations were repealed, and among them those relating to corporal punishment, and even Act I of 1853, which provided for the whipping of juvenile offenders in the way of school discipline. Flogging is not one of the punishments authorised by the Penal Code, and consequently from January 1862, when the Code came into force, until the enactment of the Whipping Act, no flogging could be inflicted, except, in the way of prison discipline, upon insubordinate convicts in Jail. The offences now made punishable with whipping are theft, extortion, receiving stolen property, and house-breaking, to which may be added, if the offender has been before convicted of the same offence, perjury, forgery, indecent assault, rape, unnatural offences, or false accusation of such offences, and robbery. The Legislature left it to the local Government to determine the instrument with which whipping should be inflicted, and following the provisions of Regulation VIII of 1828 and Act I of 1853 above quoted, the Madras Government selected in the case of adults the cat-o-nine tails, and for juvenile offenders a light rattan. By section 8 of the Act, no sentence of whipping can be passed by an officer inferior to Subordinate Magistrates of the 1st Class, unless specially authorized by the local Government. The Governor in Council has not deemed it expedient at present to entrust this power to any officer of an inferior grade. The Act has not been in force long enough to warrant a decided report in its favor, but the general impression among the officers most competent to judge is that it has been working beneficially. Its effect upon the statistics of Criminal Justice cannot yet be estimated.

2. Another measure of some importance effected by the Legislature is the abolition, by Act XI of 1864, of the Hindu and Mahomedan Law officers attached to the High Court. The extension of Act XXI of 1864 to the town of Madras has much facilitated the abatement of the nuisances within its limits. It empowers the Magistrates of Police to hear and determine cases of persons charged with offences under any of the provisions contained in Chapter XIV of the Indian Penal Code, except sections 280 and 281, and also extends to those officers the provisions of sections 62, 63, and 308 to 314 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

3. The Registration Act (XVI of 1864) only came into operation on the 1st of January 1865, and will not, therefore, be noticed at length in this report.

4. The considerations which led to the establishment of a new Civil and Session Court at Vizagapatam, and the transfer to its jurisdiction of some of the tracts formerly under the Agents of Vizagapatam and Ganjam, were stated at length in the Reports for last year and the year before, and the result of the change was then stated to be satisfactory. The jurisdiction of the new Civil and Session Court has since been extended, so as to embrace the whole of the Vizagapatam District below the Ghauts. The Judicial work of the Agent is now comparatively light, and he has leisure to attend to his other important duties. On the establishment of the new Court at Vizagapatam, the Civil and Session Court formerly located at Chicacole was ordered to be removed to Berhampore. The new Court House and Jail were completed, and the transfer effected in the year under report, and the zillah is now designated the Civil and Session Court of Berhampore.

5. The designation of the zillah of Negapatam has also been changed. When the old Cumbaconum zillah was divided into two parts, Negapatam was selected for the chief station of the Eastern zillah, but as there were no public buildings there, the Chief Courts were temporarily located at Tranquebar. A Court of Small Causes was also established at Tranquebar. For reasons which will presently appear, the Governor in Council transferred the latter Court to Negapatam, and thereupon directed that the Courts of the Civil and Session Judge and Principal Sudder Ameen should be permanently stationed at Tranquebar, and the zillah designated the zillah of Tranquebar.

6. By the passing of (Madras) Act IV of 1863, jurisdiction over suits of the nature of Small Causes for sums not exceeding Rs. 50 was vested in District Moonsiffs, and it became necessary to modify the territorial jurisdiction and arrangements for the sittings of some of the Courts of Small Causes established under Act XLII of 1860. The arrangements ultimately adopted by the Governor in Council were as follows :—The Court at Chittoor was transferred to Vellore, with the Governor in Council were as follows :—The Court at Chittoor was transferred to Vellore, with a Tripaty as an out-station to be visited periodically, and the Judge invested with the powers of a Principal Sudder Ameen, to aid in disposing of the heavy arrears of appeal suits on the file of the Chittoor zillah Court. He was also invested with exclusive special jurisdiction in the town of Vellore and its environs. The Judge of the Court at Tellicherry was vested with exclusive special jurisdiction within the District of the Tellicherry Moonsiff, and he was authorised to hold sittings at Manantoddy in Wynnad for two months once a year.

7. The arrangements adopted in the two Zillahs forming the District of Tanjore were of a more peculiar character. Each was divided into two parts, one of which was placed under the Judge of the Small Cause Court, who was also invested with the powers of a Principal Sudder Ameen, and the other under the Principal Sudder Ameen, to whom special jurisdiction was given, under (Madras) Act IV of 1863. The Judges of the Small Cause Courts, which, under these arrangements, have been removed to Cumbaconum and Negapatam, respectively, and the Principal Sudder Ameen at Tanjore and Tranquebar have now the same powers, both special and regular, and each presides over a half of his zillah.

8. The Principal Sudder Ameen of Salem has been invested with special jurisdiction over the whole zillah, but this arrangement has not worked very satisfactorily, and a change is under contemplation.

9. The heavy arrears on the appeal files of the Tanjore Courts, which rendered necessary the establishment of an additional Principal Sudder Ameen in 1852, have been gradually worked off. The additional Principal Sudder Ameen has accordingly been transferred for a short time to the Coimbatore zillah, where the appeals have fallen into arrears. It is expected that his work there will be completed in August or September. On the other hand, it has been found necessary to retain permanently the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at Madura, where the judicial work is very heavy and increasing.

10. The Court of five District Moonsiffs were abolished during the year, owing to the great reduction of the work on their files. This reduction is chiefly attributable to the operation of (Madras) Act IV of 1863 which has been noticed above. Two town Moonsiffs, receiving salaries from Government, were also abolished. They exercised the powers of Village Moonsiffs within the large towns of Tanjore and Cumbaconum.

11. Various measures, in themselves of slight importance, have come under consideration during the year for improving the Ministerial establishments of the Courts, and the appearance of the Court Houses. The District Moonsiffs' Courts have all been supplied with decent furniture, and the work of the superior Courts is now carried on with some show of dignity. In a few districts the new Court Houses have been built. The Governor in Council strongly recommended that the number of peons attached to the Civil and Session Courts should be increased; but the Supreme Government declined to sanction this proposition on financial grounds. The batta establishments of peons and Ameen, for the service or execution of civil processes, have been placed on a better footing, and a uniform scale of fees has been laid down for their remuneration. The pay of the Interpreters on the Appellate side of the High Court has been raised to Rs. 250, and the appointment of a fourth Interpreter has been sanctioned.

12. The immense accumulation of old Judicial records has also attracted attention. Under the orders previously in force, almost all records, Criminal and Civil, including exhibits and depositions, had to be preserved for 20 years: a few only were allowed to be destroyed after 10 years. With the concurrence of Government, in the year under notice, the High Court drew up a few simple rules on the subject. With the exception of the Calendars of Criminal trials, the judgments and decrees in Civil suits, and any papers which, on account of their public interest or for other reasons, the Judge may think proper specially to preserve, all records will now, as a matter of course, be destroyed on the expiration of three years from the final decision.

13. At the beginning of the year, a correspondence took place between the Government and the High Court, in regard to the position of persons who have passed the Special Test prescribed for the offices of Pleader and District Moonsiff, and to whom it was proposed to grant a general diploma entitling them to practise as Pleaders in any Court below the High Court. It was ultimately resolved, in accordance with the opinion of the High Court, that passed candidates were

only eligible for the appointment of Pleader, and not entitled to claim permission to practice as a matter of right, and that, looking to the present circumstances of the country and the character of its litigation, it would be extremely unwise to take away from the Civil Judges the power which they now possess of restricting the number of practitioners, with reference to the actual and legitimate requirements of their districts.

14. Towards the close of the year the Governor in Council issued a notification, under section 22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, prescribing, as under, the powers to be exercised by the various grades of the Magistracy Subordinate to the Magistrate of the district :—

Joint Magistrates.	The full powers of a Magistrate.
Head Assistant Magistrates.	
Acting Head Assistant Magistrates, while in charge of the office.	
Assistant Magistrates, who have passed the Assistants Examination by the 2nd Standard.	The powers of a Sub-ordinate Magistrate of the 1st Class.
Assistant Magistrates, who have passed the Assistants Examination by the 1st Standard.	
Deputy Magistrates.	
Assistant Magistrates, who have not passed the Assistants Examination by the 1st Standard.	The powers of a Sub-ordinate Magistrate of the 2nd Class.
Taluq Magistrates (i.e. Tahsildars), Sub-Magistrates.	

Civil Justice.

Original suits pending, instituted, and disposed of—	
1863	286,905
1864	249,537
Decrease	37,368
† 1864	159,401
1863	157,780
Increase	1,621

16. These 249,537 suits came before the different courts in the proportion shown below :—

Panchayats	395
Village Moonsiffs	52,684
District Moonsiffs in their ordinary jurisdiction	105,882
Do. under Madras Act IV of 1863	74,245
Principal Sudder Ameens in their ordinary jurisdiction	2,354
Do. under Act IV of 1863	1,479
Assistant Agents	35
Judges of Small Cause Courts	8,957
Civil Judges and Agents in their ordinary jurisdiction	3,176
Do. under Act IV of 1863	330

† 1863	196,769
1864	187,896
Decrease	8,873
† 1863	90,136
1864	61,641
Decrease	28,495

17. Of the total number, 187,896, or 75 per cent., were disposed of, leaving 61,641 undecided at the close of the year. The number determined is slightly below † the corresponding figure of 1863, but a comparison, as regards the number remaining undisposed of, is considerably in favor of the year under notice.

18. The judicatories by whom the above 187,896 suits were disposed of are shown in the following table :—

	Ordinary suits.	Small Causes.	Total.
Panchayats	324	..	324
Village Moonsiffs	40,799	..	40,799
District Moonsiffs	64,156	68,900	123,056
Principal Sudder Ameens	1,160	1,308	2,468
Assistant Agents	30	..	30
Civil Judges and Agents	2,608	316	2,924
Judges of the Small Cause Courts	..	8,286	8,286
Total	109,077	78,819	187,896

19. Of the ordinary suits disposed of by the several Courts, 36,791, or 34 per cent., were decided on the merits in favor of plaintiffs, and 11,309 or 10 per cent. in favor of defendants; 14,901 were dismissed for default; 31,380 were adjusted or withdrawn, and 14,696 were disposed of in other ways. Of the Small Causes disposed of by District Moonsiffs, etc., under Act IV of 1863, 33,206 or 47 per cent. were decreed on the merits for plaintiffs, and 9,249, or 13 per cent. for defendants; 6,041 were dismissed for default, 19,324 were adjusted or withdrawn, and 2,713 were otherwise disposed of. Of those disposed of by Courts of Small Causes, under Act XLII of 1860, 4,967 or 60 per cent. were decreed on the merits for plaintiffs, and 573 or 7 per cent. for defendants; 539 were dismissed for default, and 2,207 were adjusted or withdrawn.

20. The average duration on the files of the suits disposed of by the Lower Courts was as follows :—

	Ordinary Suits.			Small Causes.		
	Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.
District Moonsiffs	0	8	9	0	2	8
Principal Sudder Ameens	0	9	9	0	0	23
Assistant Agents	0	0	23	0	0	0
Civil Judges	1	1	17	0	1	6
Judges of Small Cause Courts	0	0	0	0	0	23

21. The suits newly instituted during the year may be classified as follows :—

For rent and revenue derivable from land	3,420
Lands	12,111
Real property, such as houses, etc.	4,484
Debts and wages	1,27,579
Caste, religion, etc.	420
Indigo, Sugar, etc.	1,757

22. The aggregate value of the property at stake in the Original suits pending at the close of the year amounted to Rupees 1,27,77,335.

23. Appeals pending, instituted, and disposed of by Lower Appellate Courts.—In the course of the year 14,786 appeals came before the Courts subordinate to the High Court, inclusive of those pending at the close, of 1863. Of these, 9,163 were disposed of as shown below, leaving 3,912, of the value of Rupees 13,64,234, undetermined at the close of the year. 1,711 or 18 per cent. were decreed on the merits in favor of Appellants, and 3,214 or 35 per cent. for Respondents; 192 were remanded to the Lower Courts, 243 were dismissed for default, 247 were adjusted or withdrawn, and 3,556 were disposed of in other ways. The average duration of appeals was 1 year 1 month and 6 days before the Civil Judges, and 10 months and 7 days before the Principal Sudder Ameens.

24. In addition to the original and Appeal suits shown above, 78,604 applications for execution of decrees, and 157,480 petitions of a miscellaneous character were disposed of by the Lower Courts, leaving a balance of 19,049 of the former, and 4,053 of the latter.

25. High Court, Original Side.—Besides 76 suits that were pending in the Original side of the High Court on the 31st December 1863, 368 were instituted. Of these, 161 were disposed of on merits at the settlement of issues, and 57 on final disposal; 23 were dismissed for default, and 10 were withdrawn, with leave to bring fresh suits, and 95 absolutely.

26. There were also during the year 16 cases disposed of out of those remaining on the file of the late Supreme Court, besides interlocutory proceedings; thus leaving 98 suits pending under the Procedure Code on the 31st December 1864, in addition to suits and plea side actions remaining from the late Supreme Court, not yet ripe for hearing on trial.

27. *High Court, Appellate Side.*—Before the High Court in its Appellate jurisdiction, there were pending at the close of 1863, 63 Regular and 252 Special appeals, to which 83 Regular and 487 Special appeals were added in 1864, making a total of 146 Regular and 739 Special appeals pending and instituted. In the number newly filed, as compared with the previous year, there was an increase of 7 Regular, and a decrease of 39 Special appeals. 98 Regular and 583 Special appeals were disposed of, and at the close of the year, there remained on the file only 48 Regular and 156 Special appeals.

28. The manner in which the decided appeals were disposed of is shown below—

	Regular.	Special.
Decrees confirmed	68	498
„ amended	7	9
„ reversed	10	31
Suits remanded	4	8
Appeals dismissed for default	5	30
„ adjusted or withdrawn	2	5
„ otherwise disposed of	2	2

29. The average duration of the Appeals disposed of was 6 months and 10 days, and the total value of those depending at the close of the year amounted to Rupees 15,19,437.

30. Of 336 Civil petitions brought before the Court, 291 were disposed of, viz.—

Orders confirmed	223
„ reversed	29
„ modified	2
Cases remanded	1
Otherwise disposed of	36

31. Twenty-six references were made for the judgment of the High Court on disputed points of law (Section 13, Act XLII of 1860, and Section 28, Act XXII, of 1861), and 23 of these were disposed of within the year.

32. The High Court also disposed of 159 of the 168 Criminal Petitions brought before them, viz:—

Dismissed after hearing without perusal of record	123
Orders or sentences of Lower Courts, confirmed after perusal of records	9
Do. amended do. do.	4
Do. mitigated, without perusal of record	4
Do. reversed, after perusal of record (of which three were under Section 404 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)	19

Total .. 159

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, 9th June 1865.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Registrar, Appellate Side.

STATEMENT showing the number of Suits instituted and disposed of by the High Court of Judicature at Madras, in its ordinary original Jurisdiction during the year 1864.

Suits.	Disposed of on Merits.		Dismissed for Default.	Withdrawn.		Adjusted.		Otherwise disposed of.	Depending on 31st December 1864.	Cases remaining from the late Supreme Court disposed of.
	Remaining from 1863.	Instituted 1864.		At Settlement of Issues.	On Final Disposed.					
				Dismissed for Default.	With leave to bring fresh suit.	Absolutely.	Before hearing.	At hearing.		
76	368	161	57	22	10	95	..	..	98	16

(Signed) A. M. RITCHIE,
Registrar.

GENERAL ABSTRACT STATEMENT.

CIVIL.

No. 1.—Punchayets.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Depending 1st January	63	49	69	58	47
Instituted during the year	62	88	95	122	348
Total	125	137	164	180	395
Decided on merits	36	28	43	59	67
Dismissed on default	10	7	8	22	16
Adjusted or withdrawn	29	25	36	33	111
Otherwise disposed of	1	3	19	19	131
Total	76	68	106	133	324
Depending 31st December	49	69	58	47	71

No. 2.—Village Moonsiffs.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Depending 1st January	6,550	7,557	20,523	15,341	14,503
Instituted during the year	30,515	64,520	49,824	42,910	88,181
Total	37,065	69,077	70,347	58,251	52,684
Decided on merits	11,050	17,945	20,876	10,940	15,359
Dismissed on default	4,159	6,518	9,685	8,213	8,153
Adjusted or withdrawn	1,339	21,706	21,045	15,399	15,685
Otherwise disposed of	990	2,385	3,400	3,190	1,602
Total	29,508	48,554	55,006	43,745	40,799
Depending 31st December	7,557	20,523	15,341	14,503	11,585

No. 3.—District Moonsiffs.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Depending 1st January	78,013	58,471	1,40,146	1,09,345	73,173
Instituted during the year	88,793	2,06,741	1,12,860	75,823	99,988
Remanded	769	772	592	447	376
Received by transfer	10,227	4,083	18,405	18,315	6,590
Total	1,77,802	2,69,067	2,72,003	2,03,930	1,80,127
Decided on merits	48,620	58,072	64,555	61,555	73,336
Dismissed on default	8,915	9,768	16,065	13,620	12,548
Adjusted or withdrawn	48,380	49,241	51,591	33,799	34,107
Otherwise disposed of	13,466	11,840	30,447	21,783	13,074
Total	1,19,331	1,28,921	1,62,658	1,30,757	1,33,065
Depending 31st December	58,471	1,40,146	1,09,345	73,173	47,063

No. 4.—Sudder Ameens.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Depending 1st January	2,160	1,546	3,357	..	..
Instituted during the year	2,015	3,788	1,359	..	..
Remanded	55	73	70	..	..
Received by transfer	267	1,445	502	..	..
Total	4,497	6,852	5,288	..	..
Decided on merits	1,400	1,805	1,246	..	..
Dismissed on default	401	485	466	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	964	973	695	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	186	282	2,881	..	..
Total	2,951	3,495	5,288	..	..
Depending 31st December	1,546	3,357	..	..	..

No. 5.—Principal Sudder Ameens.

	1860.		1861.		1862.		1863.		1864.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	282	1,102	262	1,349	680	1,232	2,117	1,047	1,203	1,329
Instituted during the year	230	14	470	2	653	24	1,125	16	2,439	50
Remanded	6	25	12	34	12	47	17	20	29	21
Received by transfer	262	3,452	581	3,905	2,019	3,121	79	3,404	162	2,503
Total	779	4,593	1,325	5,290	3,364	4,424	3,338	4,487	3,833	4,903
Decreed for plaintiff or appellant	257	1,121	268	1,398	571	986	747	982	1,142	1,000
Decreed for defendant or respondent	75	1,424	110	2,102	207	1,657	307	1,758	338	1,723
Remanded	..	86	..	92	..	122	..	83	..	80
Dismissed on default	6	94	25	110	117	136	288	151	186	115
Adjusted or withdrawn	121	1,026	184	173	259	94	457	119	652	86
Otherwise disposed of	58	393	58	183	93	382	336	65	150	58
Total	517	3,244	645	4,058	1,247	3,377	2,135	3,158	2,468	3,062
Depending 31st December	262	1,349	680	1,232	2,117	1,047	1,203	1,329	1,365	1,841

No. 6.—Judges of the Court of Small Causes.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
	Original.	Original.	Original.	Original.	Original.
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	1,439	706
Instituted during the year	..	..	..	10,033	8,261
Received by transfer	..	..	7,084	..	..
Total	..	..	7,084	11,472	8,967
Decreed for plaintiff or appellant	..	..	..	2,598	6,103
Decreed for defendant or respondent	..	..	..	418	894
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	401	1,005
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	2,228	2,764
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	5,645	10,766	8,286
Depending 31st December	..	..	1,439	706	671

No. 7.—Assistant Agents.

	1860.		1861.		1862.		1863.		1864.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	691	906	653	1,026	1,060	437	391	115	1	..
Instituted during the year	680	81	1,275	45	893	26	286	24	32	..
Remanded	12	7	16	2	14	..	8	..	..	..
Received by transfer	219	1,214	161	791	287	414	18	19	2	..
Total	1,602	2,208	2,105	1,864	2,254	874	703	158	35	..
Decreed for plaintiff or appellant	350	229	461	275	608	100	287	18	19	..
Decreed for defendant or respondent	118	449	73	587	140	368	22	72	4	..
Remanded	..	34	..	55	..	25	1	5	..	..
Dismissed on default	51	34	41	48	203	27	34	4	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	330	41	350	41	430	16	46	1	6	..
Otherwise disposed of	100	395	120	426	482	223	313	58	1	..
Total	949	1,182	1,045	1,427	1,863	759	702	158	30	..
Depending 31st December	653	1,026	1,060	437	391	115	1	..	5	..

No. 8.—Civil Judges.

	1860.		1861.		1862.		1863.		1864.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	373	4,790	317	4,488	345	4,363	434	3,989	503	3,755
Instituted during the year	310	6,180	354	7,144	457	5,746	455	5,677	532	6,053
Remanded	10	34	4	19	5	14	15	16	2	13
Received by transfer	3,403	661	2,593	411	7,682	412	8,127	320	2,469	62
Total	4,096	11,665	3,268	12,062	8,489	10,515	9,031	10,002	3,506	9,843
Decreed for plaintiff or appellant	51	848	63	944	87	863	147	812	170	711
Decreed for defendant or respondent	54	1,406	47	1,708	64	1,649	88	1,333	120	1,491
Remanded	..	123	..	125	..	133	..	118	..	112
Dismissed on default	13	78	10	151	17	149	30	132	40	128
Adjusted or withdrawn	69	158	78	175	106	160	110	153	143	161
Otherwise disposed of	3,592	4,564	2,725	4,596	7,781	3,572	8,153	3,699	2,451	3,198
Total	3,779	7,177	2,923	7,699	8,055	6,526	8,528	6,247	2,924	6,101
Depending 31st December	317	4,488	345	4,363	434	3,989	503	3,755	582	3,782

No. 9.—High Court.

	1860.		1861.		1862.		1863.		1864.	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	22	75	21	592	63	770	76	552	63	252
Admitted during the year ..	38	855	67	869	58	642	76	526	83	487
Total ..	60	930	88	1,461	121	1,412	152	1,078	146	739
Dismissed on default	2	14	..	57	6	104	6	57	5	30
Adjusted or withdrawn ..	1	1	1	16	1	6	2	4	2	5
Confirmed	19	171	15	513	27	626	55	690	68	498
Amended	9	17	2	10	4	9	6	11	7	9
Reversed	8	87	4	88	6	108	11	49	10	31
Remanded	..	53	2	5	1	8	9	15	4	8
Otherwise disposed of ..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	2	2	2
Total ..	39	338	25	691	45	860	89	826	98	583
Depending 31st December ..	21	592	63	770	76	552	63	252	48	156

No. 10.—Aggregate of Original Jurisdiction.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Depending 1st January	88,132	68,855	166,180	129,125	90,136
Instituted during the year ..	137,834	282,976	202,813	157,780	159,401
Total ..	225,966	351,831	368,993	286,905	249,537
Decided on merits	62,011	78,872	91,413	87,155	96,095
Dismissed on default	13,555	16,804	26,962	23,212	21,481
Adjusted or withdrawn	63,152	72,657	76,390	52,608	52,911
Otherwise disposed of	18,393	17,418	45,103	33,794	17,409
Depending 31st December ..	68,855	166,180	129,125	90,136	61,641
Decided by European Judges ..	4,728	3,968	15,563	19,679	11,536
Do. by Native do.	152,307	181,615	224,199	176,957	176,036
Do. by Panchayats	76	68	106	133	324
Total decided ..	157,111	185,651	239,868	196,769	187,896

No. 11.—Aggregate of Appellate Jurisdiction.

	Appeals from											
	Civil Judges.						Assistant Agents.					
	1860.		1861.		1862.		1863.		1864.		Principal Sudder Ameens.	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Suits appealable	105	2,354	107	2,652	136	2,512	213	2,145	219	2,202	279	76
Appealed	38	450	67	427	58	350	76	289	83	301	107	83
Appeals depending on 1st January ..	22	32	21	297	63	376	76	337	63	142	114	5
Total ..	60	482	88	724	121	726	152	626	146	443	221	88
Affirmed	19	95	15	254	27	307	55	409	68	312	55	19
Modified	..	7	2	7	4	4	6	7	7	18	13	5
Reversed	8	41	4	48	6	45	11	28	10	5	6	7
Remanded	..	34	2	23	1	42	9	25	5	16	6	1
Dismissed on default ..	..	7	..	1	6	6	6	4	2	4	1	1
Adjusted or withdrawn ..	..	1	1	12	..	1	2	..	2	2	1	1
Otherwise disposed of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	39	185	25	348	45	409	89	484	98	383	87	83
Depending 31st December ..	21	297	63	376	76	317	63	142	48	80	134	55

No. 11.—Aggregate of Appellate Jurisdiction—cont.

	Appeals from—cont.											
	Principal Sudder Ameer—cont.				Collectors.				Sudder Ameer.			
	1862.	1863.	1864.	1864.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1860.	1861.	1862.
Suits appealable ..	578	125	755	159	250	528	244	186	186	1,442	1,139	748
Appealed ..	185	246	315	237	186	244	292	53	53	486	589	535
Appeals depending on 1st January ..	112	340	169	184	107	292	530	134	134	541	479	574
Total ..	297	586	474	421	293	167	530	187	187	1,026	1,068	1,109
Admitted ..	93	281	103	258	184	167	258	32	32	214	213	270
Modified ..	12	4	18	4	3	38	4	6	6	79	66	58
Reversed ..	20	67	38	21	12	46	21	13	13	116	106	139
Remanded ..	6	1	13	3	3	22	3	1	1	24	17	24
Dismissed on default ..	6	58	2	28	14	12	14	11	11	8	11	11
Adjusted or withdrawn ..	9	1	4	..	..	15	1	12	12	17	23	22
Otherwise disposed of ..	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	2	2	89	58	35
Total ..	145	402	182	314	302	302	314	66	66	547	494	572
Depending 31st Decem-ber ..	159	184	292	107	234	76	234	28	28	479	574	537

No. 12.—Description of Original Suits instituted.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Connected with land and revenue	2,882	5,388	3,549	2,852	3,420
Otherwise connected with land	7,774	13,010	11,560	10,442	12,111
For houses or other fixed property	2,888	4,981	3,813	3,845	4,484
Connected with debts, wages, etc.	105,179	243,673	151,780	111,837	127,328
Do. do. caste, religion, etc.	478	449	380	421	420
Do. do. indigo, sugar, silk, etc.	2,734	5,735	2,143	1,357	1,757
Total ..	121,915	273,236	173,225	130,764	149,771

No. 13.—Result of Original Suits.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
74,946	21,131

No. 14.—Average duration of Suits.

	1860.			1861.			1862.			1863.			1864.		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
High Court, Appellate Side ..	..	6	21	..	4	20	..	9	2	..	8	1	..	6	10
Civil Judges ..	1	4	11	1	16	16	1	4	2	1	3	5	1	2	23
Assistant Agents ..	1	4	16	1	2	9	1	3	1	..	9	13	..	..	23
Judges of the Small Cause Courts ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 1/2	..	..	19	..	..	23
Principal Sudder Ameer ..	..	10	23	..	10	20	..	10	21	..	9	25	..	10	2
Sudder Ameer ..	..	9	1	..	8	18	..	8	22	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sudder Ameer ..	..	7	11	..	6	25	..	9	29	..	10	28	..	10	17
District Moonsiffs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

No. 15.—Total value of Suits depending.

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Before the High Court, Appellate Side ..	7,22,555	16,43,722	21,73,202	24,61,493	15,19,437
Do. the other Courts, Original ..	1,48,15,664	1,42,85,591	1,54,86,761	1,20,18,282	1,27,77,335
Do. do. Appeal ..	15,67,562	16,03,052	14,73,585	14,76,546	13,64,235
Total ..	1,70,95,781	1,75,32,365	1,91,33,548	1,59,56,321	1,66,61,006

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, 9th June 1865.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Registrar, Appellate Side.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, No. 860, Judicial, dated 16th June 1865.
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(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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