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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
10th July 1865.*

No. 47. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 27th June 1865, No. 82.

I have the honor to submit, for the early orders of Government, an original letter from the Cantonment Magistrate of Cannanore, bringing to notice the very confined and insufficient accommodation

No. 198, dated 21st instant.

afforded by the portion of the building in which his office is at present held, and requesting that sanction may be obtained for his renting another building on 30 Rupees per mensem, which will become vacant on the 1st proximo, and which is, he states, in every way suitable for a Court House.

2. The offices of the Executive Commissariat Officer and Cantonment Magistrate have hitherto been held in a building rented at 40 Rupees per month, and the rent equally divided between the Judicial and Military Departments, in accordance with G. O., No. 1305, dated 15th August 1863.

3. I am quite of opinion that the Cantonment Magistrate requires more accommodation than he has in the portion of the house now occupied by his Court, and would support his application for sanction to rent the other premises mentioned by him.

From Captain A. D. CLAY, Cantonment Magistrate, Cannanore, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar, Calicut; dated Cannanore, 21st June 1865, No. 198.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the very confined and insufficient accommodation afforded by the portion of the building in which my office is at present held.

2. The Cantonment Magistrate's present office consists of two small rooms measuring each about 14 feet square, together with two small spaces partitioned off from the passage outside, each about 8 feet square, in one of which the prisoners under trial, and the office strong box, are kept; in the other the writers take their meals, &c.

3. One of the larger rooms above mentioned is occupied by the Clerks and Almirahs in which the records are kept. This is so crowded that it is impossible to keep any system or arrangement for the safe custody of the various Criminal and Civil records and documents, which are all kept together wherever space can be found for them, and it is a work of time to find any papers required for reference, or when called for by the higher Courts.

4. In the other room my Court is held, and is most inconveniently crowded, as nearly all the cases being of local interest, there is always a large concourse of people who crowd the stair case and lobby, and among whom it is impossible to keep silence, and who cause continued interruption. There is also no room in which witnesses may be kept while waiting till wanted, and the consequence is that it is impossible to prevent intelligence of the way the evidence in a case is going being conveyed to witnesses in waiting, who thereby are guided in giving their evidence in turn. The Police Inspector has frequently complained of this.

5. There is no room in which the Vakeels practicing in the Court can conduct their business, which is obliged to be carried on, on the stair case leading to, and in the passage outside, the Court room.

6. Since the establishment of the Court of Small Causes these evils have sensibly increased, and I have, therefore, the honor to request you will obtain the sanction of Government to my procuring other accommodation. The rent paid for the present office is Rupees 20; there will be a house vacant on the 1st proximo, in every way suitable for a Court House, the rent of which is Rupees 30, and I request that I may be permitted to engage it.

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No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1865, No. 962.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Cantonment Magistrate at Cannanore to rent the house referred to in the foregoing letter, for the use of his office, at a rental of Rupees 30 per mensem; but it will be intimated, for that officer's guidance, that it is no part of his duty to allow a portion of his Court House to be set apart for the meals of his clerks, or for the transaction of business between Small Cause Court Vakeels and their clients.

(Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
" Accountant General.
" Cantonment Magistrate of Cannanore.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

From 15th Aug 1865 to 13th Sept 1865

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From
The Magistrate
of Malabar
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
For Mr. George
Dated 22nd June 1865
No. 24
No. 82
Encl. 1.
No 1377
Forwarding an original
letter from the Cantonment
Magistrate of Cannanore
in reply to the letter
obtained for his rent, and
building for his Court on 130
acres from the 10th June
with an order

10th July 1865 No. 962
Mr. J. H. Burns for the Cantonment
Magistrate at Cannanore to rent the
house referred to in the foregoing
letter for the use of his office at
the rate of Rs. 30 per mensem. Sub.
Magistrate of Cannanore

It will be intimated for that
officer's guidance, that it is no part
of his duty to allow a portion of his
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the meals of his clerks or for the
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