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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th September 1866.*

No. 55. Read the following letter from the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th July 1866, No. 46.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Judges of the High Court, the Court of the additional Moonsiff of Chingleput may be abolished.

2. The Civil Judge thinks that this Court cannot conveniently be spared. Writing to Mr. Justice Innes he says:—" Though the files of the Carangooly Moonsiff and that of the additional one are (as will be seen) comparatively low, it must be borne in mind, the suits in the Carangooly Court are nearly all disputes about land, and take up much time; so that, if the additional Moonsiff's Court were to be abolished, and the work thrown upon the Carangooly Moonsiff, it would be impossible for that Officer to get through the work satisfactorily."

3. At the end of the first quarter of 1866, the additional Moonsiff had only

	Suits.	Small Causes.	Suits instituted in the Quarter.
Conjeveram	381	45	93
Carangooly.....	363	19	118
Tripasore... ..	551	79	128

150 suits, and 49 Small Causes on his file. The number of suits instituted before him in that quarter was only 34. The number of suits pending before the other District Moonsiffs, and especially before the Moonsiffs of Conjeveram and Carangooly, upon whom the additional Court's work would naturally fall in the

event of its being closed, was also small, as shown in the margin.

4. It seems clear to the Judges, upon these figures, that the additional Moonsiff is not required; but, by Section 5, Regulation VI of 1816, the decision of the point rests with the Government. The Judges are not disposed to lay any stress upon the objection raised by the Civil Judge. An industrious Moonsiff will easily dispose of between four and five hundred suits in the course of a year, not including Small Causes. The aggregate number now pending before the Additional Moonsiff and the Moonsiffs of Carangooly and Conjeveram is only 895, or less than 450 a piece for two Moonsiffs.

5. In the event of the Government sanctioning the abolition of the additional Moonsiff's Court, the Civil Judge will be called upon to re-adjust the local jurisdiction of the remaining Moonsiffs. The exact date on which the Court may be closed will then be reported in the usual course.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1866, No. 1390.

The Governor in Council concurs in the views of the Judges of the High Court.

2. The necessary measures will, therefore, be adopted for closing the Court of the additional Moonsiff of Chingleput.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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The House of Commons despatch