

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th September 1866.*

No. 114. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 7th September 1866, No. 3143.

Communicating a letter from the Government of India, explaining that the decision requiring of Madras Officers an elementary knowledge of one of the Vernaculars of Southern India in lieu of Hindi, does not place them at a disadvantage with respect to Officers of the Bengal and Bombay Armies.

(Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 7th September 1866, Nos. 167 & 168.)

No. 115.

ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1866, No. 1422.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Police.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 16th August 1866, No. 135; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter, No. 1804, dated 28th May 1866, forwarding, with the concurrence of His Lordship in Council, a communication from His Excellency Sir G. LeMarchant, protesting against the decision of the Supreme Government conveyed in my letter No. 443 of 12th March 1866.

2. The Government of India, I am to state, cannot admit that the orders already given bear hardly on the Officers of the Madras Army—the decision that an elementary knowledge of one of the vernaculars of Southern India should be required of Madras Officers in lieu of Hindi, most certainly does not exact from them more than is demanded from other Officers.

3. An Officer of the Bengal Army is required to pass in Hindoostani and Hindi, and an Officer in Madras also in Hindoostani and Hindi, or, should he prefer it, instead of Hindi in one of the vernaculars of Southern India.

4. In no way, therefore, is a Madras Officer placed at a disadvantage with respect to Officers of the Bengal and Bombay Armies, and no “invidious distinction” has been made between them.

5. A Madras Officer having passed an examination in Hindoostani and Hindi is equally with Bengal and Bombay Officers eligible for Staff employment in any part of India; but a concession has been made to the Officers of the Madras Presidency, viz., that they may, should they desire it, pass in a vernacular of their own Presidency in lieu of Hindi, provided they do not seek Staff employment out of their own Presidency; whereas it is imperative for an Officer in the Bengal Presidency to pass in Hindi, notwithstanding that he may have passed in Punjabee, Assamese, Burmese or the vernacular of any other Province in which he may be serving.

7. With respect to the second paragraph of your letter, I am to reply that the words “Madras Presidency” are to be held in this case to include all Provinces and stations which may be occupied by Madras Troops.

ORDER, No. 3143, 7th September 1866.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

Macmillan Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts.
Secretary to the Board of Examiners.
Judicial Department, } for information.
Revenue Department, }

Ed. J. E. Cashart.

