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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th October 1866.

No. 181. Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 3rd October 1866, No. 1678.

I beg permission to submit for the consideration of the Governor in Council an original application made to me by Mookydsha Sahib Sarguro, of Madura, soliciting my intercession for procuring him the privilege of exemption from personal appearance in the Courts, under Section 22, Act VIII of 1859.

2. The applicant is the head of the Mahomedan Clergy, and is held in veneration by the Mahomedans. It is regarded as derogatory to his sacred position to appear in Courts. He possesses extensive landed property. To require his attendance in the Courts in every suit, to recover debts and his rents, will put him to great inconvenience. I beg to suggest, therefore, that he be exempted from personal attendance, and that he be allowed to appear through his authorized Agent.

To V. H. LEVINGE, Esq.,
Collector of Madura.

The humble Petition of MOOKYD SHA SAHIB
SARGURO, Ukdhar of Keelamathoor, and
Manager of the Mosques and of Ghoreepollum,
attached to the Madura District,

MOST HUMBL Y SHOWETH,

That your humble Petitioner is a Gooroo and Saragooroo, and, as such, is in charge of all the Mosques and religious places of worship of the Mahomedans, both in this, as well as in the District of Trichinopoly, and is, in fact, the head of the Mahomedan creed in this part of the country. Your humble Petitioner, from his station and standing in his sacred office, has always been treated with kindness and courteousness, and has been held in a respectable light, both by the Hindoo and Mahomedan communities. This has always been accorded to your humble Petitioner and to his ancestors from a long period of time.

2. That your humble Petitioner has hitherto accorded, as his ancestors had done, as much as it lied in his power, from appearing before any Court or Courts of Justice to give evidence, but as he feels that there can be no safety on his not being suddenly called upon to appear before a Court, and as the doing so will be in subversion of the sacred office committed to his charge, he, therefore, begs most respectfully, in accordance with the provisions of Act VIII, Section 22, of 1859, that your Honor will be pleased to obtain for him, though the regulated course, the necessary exemption from attending to give evidence in any Court or Courts of Judicature; for which act of charity your Petitioner shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

MADURA,

(Signed) مقبر شاه سرگروه

1st October 1866.

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1866, No. 1628.

The Governor in Council declines to accede to this recommendation. The principle that all Her Majesty's subjects should be on an equality, as regards the law, is one of so great importance, that any departure from it, even in appearance, is undesirable.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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To the Secy. of Madras ^{on} 15/10/66