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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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18th October 1866.

No. 235. Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 5th October 1866.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to submit the following statement for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. I was recently transferred, with hardly any notice, from the Acting Collectorate of Kurnool to the Civil and Session Court at this station, which had been unexpectedly vacated by the appointment of Mr. Kindersley to officiate as Judicial Commissioner of Mysore. I was informed that the transfer was made on public grounds, and I believe I am correct in assuming that it was not in consequence of any shortcomings on my part, as the Chief Revenue Officer of Kurnool, that I was sent to take charge of this Court.

3. My inclinations pointing entirely towards the Revenue branch of the service, the change was most distasteful to me. When appointed, in March last, to act as Collector of Kurnool, I had every reason to believe that I should continue in that post till Mr. Minchin's return from England, and, under this impression, I had thrown myself heartily into the work of the District; had furnished my house; purchased tents;—and my family had just joined me from Coimbatore when I received the telegram ordering me to Bellary. I had there to break up my establishment at Kurnool, to part with everything I had just purchased, and have now to set up a fresh here. Independently of personal inconvenience and discomfort, I have been subjected to heavy pecuniary loss, and am actually a loser in point of salary, to the extent of Rupees 87 a month, by the change from work which I took an interest in to work which I cordially dislike. What the amount of this work is may be imagined when I state that, on taking charge of the Court, I found between 200 and 300 prisoners awaiting trial; whilst fresh cases are coming in every day. I make bold to say that, at the present time, there is not a heavier Court in the Presidency.

4. The common necessities of life at Bellary are at famine prices, and everything,—house-rent, servants wages, &c.,—has risen proportionately. The Judge at a large station like this is expected to take a prominent place in society, and to contribute liberally to the local subscriptions; and just as much is expected from the temporary, as from the permanent, incumbent of the office.

5. Taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, the fact that I was transferred to this Court to meet a public exigency, the exceptionally heavy nature of the work, the loss to which I have been already subjected, and the expenses incidental to my position, which, owing to the prevailing high prices, are treble what they were a few years ago, I trust that I shall not be considered presumptuous in respectfully petitioning Government to grant me the full allowances of a Civil and Session Judge during the time I may preside over the Court. A reference to the *Fort Saint George Gazette* will show that, during the last 3½ years, I have been knocked about all over the Presidency, and the expenses incidental on these constant moves have involved me to a considerable extent. As two of my juniors in the service already hold confirmed appointments, and are in receipt of the full allowances, which, if the rule of seniority had been followed, I should be now enjoying, I trust, the exceptional nature of my case being considered, that I shall not be thought to be asking too much.

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ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1866, No. 1647.

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(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Civil and Session Judge of Bellary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Recd letter 5th Oct 1866 M.

Order thereon 18th October 1866 N^o 1647.

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To the Atty. Gen. & the Judges
of the Supreme Court

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*Mr Sullivan's application for
the salary of Office of
Civil Judge of Baltimore*

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