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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 424 Press Mis.

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Dated 22-3-~~19~~1886

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No. 179. Read the following letter from the Government Solicitor, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 24th January 1866, No. 49.

Referring to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward a copy of my recent correspondence with the Registrar of the High Court, Original Side, relative to the information called for by Government in the Proceedings above noted.

Dated 15th November 1865, No. 1633, Judicial Department.

2. Government will observe that the Registrar states his inability to give any further or fuller information than that contained in his letter to the Acting Government Solicitor, of the 14th January 1863, a copy of which letter was submitted to Government with the Acting Government Solicitor's letter, of the 17th January 1863, No. 21.

3. I have reason to believe, and, indeed, to know, that Mr. Serle likewise misappropriated the *whole* of the assets, amounting to about or above two lakhs of Rupees, of the Estate of one Chowacara Coonjee Packey deceased, the administration whereof Mr. Serle improperly obtained (under Letters of Administration granted by the late Supreme Court) as Ecclesiastical Registrar, and without giving security for due administration, whereas such Letters of Administration ought to have been granted to Mr. Serle as the substituted Attorney of a person alleging himself to be next of kin to the said Chowacara Coonjee Packey, *upon* Mr. Serle's giving the usual security required from a private administrator for the due administration of the Estate. The irregularity of Mr. Serle's application appears to have been, most unfortunately, overlooked by the Judge, who granted the fiat for the issue of the Letters of Administration.

4. I fear that the information now before Government is all that can be obtained.

From the Government Solicitor, Madras, to the Registrar of the High Court, Madras, Original Side; dated Madras, 22nd November 1865, No. 692.

Referring to the enclosed copy of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 15th instant, No. 1633, I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with the fullest obtainable information as to the extent of the late Mr Serle's defalcations in his official capacity of Registrar of the late Supreme Court (and as such the Administrator of Estates) and Official Trustee.

2. I shall be happy to assist you in the investigation of this matter, if you desire it, and consider that my aid will tend to expedite the transmission to Government of that full and reliable information which has been called for.

From the Government Solicitor, Madras, to the Registrar of the High Court, Madras, Original Side; dated Madras, 22nd December 1865, No. 742.

I have the honor to solicit your attention to my letter of the 22nd ultimo, No. 692, and to beg that you will favor me with a reply thereto as soon as practicable, it being very desirable that I should report to Government on the subject without further delay.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd March 1866.

From the Registrar High Court, Madras, Original Side, to the Government Solicitor, Madras; dated 10th January 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 22nd November and 22nd December last, the former enclosing copy of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 15th November last, No. 1633.

2. In answer, I have to state that I am unable to give any further or fuller information respecting Mr. Seile's defalcations, in his official capacity of Registrar of the late Supreme Court and Official Trustee, than that contained in my letter to John Miller, Esq., Acting Government Solicitor, dated 14th January 1863, and to which I beg leave to refer you.

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1866, No. 424.

Resolved that the Memorial submitted by Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, under date the 30th June last, be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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22d March 1866 No 424.

Resolved that the Memorial submitted by Mrs M. Fitzgerald under date the 30th June last be forwarded to the Right Hon: the Secretary of State for India—

Copy of the Letter to Mrs. M. Fitzgerald. } dated 22/3