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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 4th May 1866.

No. 66. Read the following letter from the Officiating Magistrate, Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Combaconum, 19th April 1866, No. 92.

I have the honor to request that Government will take into consideration the advisability of granting to Messrs. Galton and Parker, the Assistants in this District, full Magisterial powers, with the exception of hearing Appeals. I am induced to request this consideration upon the following grounds:—These gentlemen are stationed respectively at Tanjore and Combaconum, two large and populous towns, but owing to the want of more extended authority the benefits derived from this judicious location of these Officers are greatly nullified. It would be a great boon to the people and advantage to the District to have, during the greater portion of the year, an English sitting Magistrate close at hand in each of these two extensive towns, thus avoiding delays and distant journeyings to the parties concerned, and greatly relieving the Tahsildars.

2. It may appear to the Government that these Officers are somewhat young in the service to be entrusted with these powers, and upon this ground I should hesitate in thus asking were I not assured from what I have personally seen that they would exercise this enhanced authority with care and judgment. The grant of full powers, as now solicited, would greatly aid me and the Head Assistant; there are cases frequently coming up under Chapters 21 and 22, Code of Criminal Procedure, which can only be disposed of by full power Magistrates, and in the disposal of which Messrs. Parker and Galton would be frequently engaged, were these powers conceded to them.

3. I may finally add that under the present regime, young Civilians come out much older than those under the former system, so that as Assistants they are as old, and frequently as experienced as their predecessors were as Head Assistants.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1866, No. 688.

The Governor in Council does not consider that the reasons advanced by the Acting Magistrate are sufficient to justify the Government in breaking through the rule under which the full powers of a Magistrate are granted only to those Assistants who have passed the Assistant's examination according to the higher standard, or who have been appointed to act as Head Assistants.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Tanjore.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

4th May 1866 No. 688.

The Governor in Council does not consider that the reasons advanced by the Acting Puisne Justice are sufficient to justify [illegible] departing from the rule under which the full powers of a Magistrate are granted only to those Assistants who have passed the Assistants Examination according to the higher Standard or who have been appointed to act as Head Assistants.

The Acting Puisne Justice of Kanyaw[illegible]

Sir Banbury.

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