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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 187. Read the following Petition from certain residents at Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 30th April 1866.

The undersigned most respectfully beg to address the following lines, trusting that the Government will give them favorable consideration.

2. We have been given to understand that the Judge has positively refused to adjourn the Civil and Session Court this year, on account of the arrears in his Court, and has issued a notice that the Moonsiff's Courts alone will be adjourned from the 1st May.

3. The weather is now insufferably hot, unusual scarcity for water prevails almost throughout the District, besides the high prices of grain and the appearance of cholera in some parts of the District.

4. The inconveniences and difficulties experienced by parties attending the Court from distant Taluqs, 100 miles and more, both on their way and on arrival here, it is hardly necessary to describe, for they can be easily conceived.

5. The object of the adjournment is to consult the convenience, not only of the Judge, but of the public at large. The ground on which the Judge bases the refusal is a futile one.

6. The amount of arrears is such that it can only be cleared off by the establishment of an additional Court. It is true that the Judge may be able to dispose of a number of suits during the time saved, if Court is not adjourned; but this will be nothing, compared to the extreme inconvenience and trouble which the Judge will entail on thousands by not adjourning the Court.

(Signed) [illegible],
and 12 others.

No. 188. To the Honorable the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature, Madras; dated 18th May 1866, No. 763.

I am directed to enclose a petition addressed to the Governor in Council, by certain persons who are apparently residents of Bellary, complaining of an intimation made by the Civil and Session Judge of that Zillah, to the effect that, with reference to the arrears now pending before the Civil Court, it is not his intention to adjourn that Court during the present hot season.

2. It appears to His Lordship in Council that the annual adjournment of the Courts is a measure which ought not to be suspended by any Zillah Judge, without the sanction of higher authority; but, before passing any orders on the petition, the Governor in Council would wish to be favored with the views of the Honorable the Judges of the High Court on the subject.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Fort St. George
18th May 1866

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To the Chief Justice
of the High Court of
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Dated 18th May 1866.

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