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Read the following papers:—

No. 132. From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 6th January 1866, No. 1.

I solicit of Government to confer on the Deputy Collector of my Treasury, Vurda Charry, the powers of a 1st class Subordinate Magistrate.

2. It is the wish of Vurda Charry to have the powers; and it will be a help and convenience occasionally, when there is a pressure of magisterial work, as so frequently happens in Cuddalore.

3. I have, of course, no intention that the Deputy Collector be occupied, as a rule, with any other duty than that appertaining to his own immediate office in the Treasury; still he frequently has leisure time, and he has more than once begged of me to get him Magisterial powers, as he desires to qualify as a Magistrate, with the duties of which hitherto he has had no experience, and the Government may depend on it that I will never allow his more immediate functions in the Treasury to be interfered with, or in any way hindered; and with this understanding I trust it may be deemed unobjectionable to accede to my request.

4. I may add that, if Government are pleased to acquiesce, the powers should include that of taking down deposition in Vurda Charry's own handwriting, as is the case of all other officers of the District, and as well to hold preliminary trials and to commit to the Sessions Court. This is essential, in order to render his powers as a Magistrate complete.

No. 133. From the Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Gudiyatham, 5th January 1866, No. 1.

I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to invest my Deputy, M. Venkatarathna Pillay, with the full powers of a Magistrate, under Section 23 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

2. Venkatarathna Pillay is a conscientious and experienced officer, and from the opportunities I have had of judging of his Magisterial qualifications, I feel satisfied that he may safely and advantageously be entrusted with these larger powers. As it is, I am the sole officer exercising such powers within the principal Division, and being closely engaged for the first three or four months of the year with my Revenue Settlement, and frequently at a great distance from Head Quarters, I am unable, under any possible arrangement, to provide for the prompt and convenient disposal of cases coming within the jurisdiction of a Magistrate with full powers. Under ordinary circumstances, the disposal of such cases will still rest with myself, as the duties of the Treasury Department are of themselves onerous and responsible; but at this season of the year, it is obviously desirable that I should have the means of providing for the disposal of cases which, owing to distance and press of other work, I could not take up myself, without serious delay and inconvenience to the parties concerned. The subject has been more particularly pressed on my attention at this time, as my Deputy in charge of the Zemindary tracts has applied for leave, and his absence will entail a considerable accession to the Magisterial work which falls to my lot.

3. I take this opportunity to request that Government will likewise be pleased to confer on my senior Assistant, Mr. J.F. Snaith, the powers of a Subordinate Magis-

trate of the 1st Class. I feel sure, from what I know of this officer's acquaintance with the law and its procedure, that my present recommendation is not premature.

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1866, No. 77.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to confer on the Deputy Collectors noted in the margin the Magisterial powers applied for in the foregoing letters, as it is desirable that the Deputy Collectors in charge of Treasuries should be occupied as little as possible with Magisterial work.

P. Vurda Chary, in charge of Treasury, South Arcot.
M. Venkatarathna Pillay, in charge of Treasury, North Arcot.

2. Mr. J. F. Snaith, Assistant to the Collector and Magistrate of North Arcot, not having passed either of the two standards of qualifications, cannot be invested with the powers of a subordinate Magistrate of the first class.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of South Arcot.
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