

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th June 1866.

No. 77. Read the following letter from Mr. J. J. CRAEN, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 31st May 1866.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, a Petition, which I have the honor to request that you will lay before His Lordship the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, and to favor me with His Lordship's order thereupon.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD NAPIER,
Governor in Council of Fort Saint George,
and to

THE HONORABLE THE MEMBERS OF THE SAID COUNCIL.

The humble Petition of JAMES JOSEPH CRAEN,
of Madras,

SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner is the Printer and Publisher of the Newspaper called *The Madras Times*, which is printed and published by your Petitioner at No. 10, Second Line Beach, in the Black Town of Madras.

2. That Dr. James Shaw, the Acting Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, in the Presidency of Madras, has lately instituted proceedings against your Petitioner in the Town Police Court of Madras, for defamation, by reason of a certain article referring to the said Dr. James Shaw, published by your Petitioner in the *Madras Times* for the 4th May instant; and on the 23rd May instant, your Petitioner was by Mr. T. G. Clarke, one of the Magistrates of the said Town Police Court at Madras, committed to take his trial, upon the said charge of defamation, at the ensuing Sessions of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

3. That the Honorable John Dawson Mayne, at present officiating as the Advocate General of Fort Saint George, is the generally retained Counsel for your Petitioner and the said Newspaper, called *The Madras Times*; but, in consequence of his holding the said appointment of Officiating Advocate General, the said John Dawson Mayne has declined to act for and defend your Petitioner at the ensuing Session of the High Court, without the leave of your Lordship in Council for that purpose first obtained.

4. That, in the said charge against your Petitioner, the Government of Fort Saint George are not in any way interested, the prosecution being a private one commenced by the said Dr. James Shaw himself.

5. Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that this his petition may be received, and that your Lordship in Council may be pleased to license and permit the said Honorable John Dawson Mayne, to appear for and defend your Petitioner upon his trial upon the said charge, for defamation, at the ensuing Sessions of the High Court of Judicature at Madras; and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

MADRAS, 31st May 1866.

(Signed) J. J. CRAEN.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1866, No. 904.

Petitioner is informed that his application cannot be entertained, unless accompanied by a certificate from the Acting Advocate General, to the effect that he is willing to afford Petitioner his professional assistance, and that the interests of Government are not involved in the trial.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To Mr. J. J. Craen.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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From
Mr. J. J. Crann
Kendras

6 June 1866 No 904.

Petitioner is informed
that his application
cannot be entertained
unless accompanied by
a Certificate from the

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1 Enclosure

No 1194

Acting Advocate General
to the effect that he is
willing to afford Petitioner
his professional assistance
and that the interests
of Government are
not involved in the trial.

Forward a memorial
praying for permission
to retain the Adv. General
his Deague, as his Counsel
in a case instituted against
him by D. Shaw.

To Mr. J. J. Crann, Kendras

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With order