

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	2 — 10 — 1867	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd October 1867.

No. 26. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Perakolum, 17th September 1867.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the Madura Zillah Surgeon, Dr. Joseph, acts as a Vakcel in all the Madura Courts, both Civil and Criminal.

2. It appears to me that Dr. Joseph's duties, as Zillah Surgeon and Superintendent of the Madura Jail, are altogether incompatible with such an arrangement.

3. That one person should be Surgeon and Superintendent of the Jail, and also Vakeel for prisoners under his charge, is a state of things that can only lead to the total subversion of Jail discipline.

4. In a case of "grievous hurt," Dr. Joseph appeared as Counsel for the defendants, instead of appearing to give his evidence as a Surgeon on the nature of the injuries. It is true that his evidence was not asked for, but this arose from the knowledge on the part of the prosecutors that he had been retained by the defendants as their Vakeel.

5. An official report of favoritism to his clients in the Jail, as well as other non-official reports more injurious to Dr. Joseph, have also reached me.

6. I have been credibly informed that Dr. Joseph proposed to Venkatasawmy Naik to prosecute the late Mr. Fischer for defamation, when on his death-bed, with the view of extorting a large sum as hush money. This proposition was made to my Sheristadar Venkatasawmy Naik (who had previously contemplated making a charge of that nature against the deceased) in the presence of Mr. Colquhoun, Sub-Engineer.

7. The baseness of such a scheme was enhanced by the fact that Dr. Joseph had been living up to that time on terms of the greatest intimacy with Mr. Fischer, who he well knew was a mortal enemy of Venkatasawmy Naik.

8. The conversation regarding this plot was carried on in Mr. Colquhoun's house (who was ill with fever and being attended by Dr. Joseph) in Hindoostanee, and was separately brought to my knowledge by the Sheristadar and Mr. Colquhoun.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1867, No. 1581.

The Governor in Council directs that a copy of the foregoing letter from the Magistrate of Madura be sent to Surgeon Joseph, for such observations as he may desire to offer.

2. The Civil and Session Judge of Madura will report under what circumstances, and by what Judge, Dr. Joseph was admitted to practice as a Vakeel in the Civil and Session Court.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Surgeon J. M. Joseph.

To the Civil and Session Judge of Madura.

„ Magistrate of Madura.

„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Sir.

Your most obedient servant

W. R. M. Mott

Secretary

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14th Sept

My dear Sir,

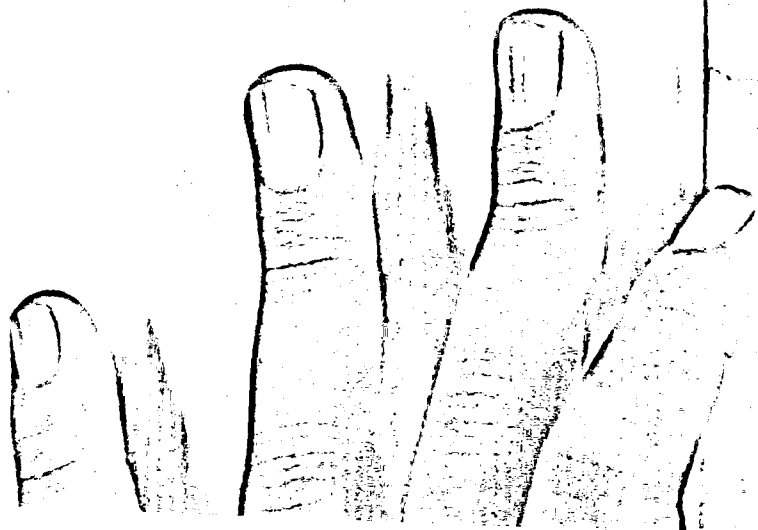
I sent you an official letter the day before yesterday regarding Dr Joseph. I had previously spoken to Lord Dufferin who agreed with me that you ought to be informed of what was going on.

So far from exaggerating I have not even mentioned half of what I know.

regarding his proceedings
He goes about asking
for verdicts in the
most trivial cases
and is well known to
be so happy fees in
cases before the la b
legislator.

There is no doubt that
he is a first rate surgeon
and his removal from
practice, if that is resolved
on, will be loss to the place
and his conduct as a

which has been so
scandalous, that his
removal would
be too light a punishment.
The man appears to have
gone mad after the payment
of money. — There is
a Frenchly sailor in
Quadrant jail under sentence.
His appeal has been rejected
by the St. Court and the
Government also. Joseph
is now trying to get a work
from the man on the plea
that he (Joseph) will get
the Governor, ^{when he visits Quebec} to grant him
a pardon.



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C. J. Arthur
 Chief Secy-
 U. S. Census

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

No. 2059.

From The Magistrate of Madurai.

Dated 17 September 1862.

FOR ORDERS.

It is plain enough that D. J. can.
not be allowed to remain at
Madurai -

How can he be taking any
other matter to Magistrate
let him be sent to D. J. for
his answer -

I should like to know also
by what Judge / Mr R Cotton I

to permit / & I was admitted
to practice as a Vakil. and
why this was done -

JF

I concur in calling on D. Joseph
for explanation -

I would also ask to whom he was
appointed & cleared - It is known & well
probable that being a Barrister at
Law of one of the Four London
Courts, & first at the D. Joseph
has claimed to practice in a court.

W.D.

Kaplan

Judicial Department.

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To Surgeon J. M. Joseph
- Civil & Ses. Judge of Madison
- Magistrate of Madison. *de p 4/10*
- Sub. Genl. Medical Dept.

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