

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Insane DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th April 1867.*

No. 36. Read the following letter from the Civil Judge of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Salem, 15th November 1866, No. 8.

I have the honor to bring under the consideration of Government the condition of the Ministerial Officers of the Civil and Session Court, in connection with the high prices prevailing in the District; and to suggest that some measure of relief be afforded to them.

2. The present salaries were fixed at a time when rice was selling at 24 measures for the Rupee. Since then, there has been a gradual advance, and of late years the price has been six or seven measures, and for some months past only from three and a half to four measures the Rupee. There has been a similar increase in the prices of all the necessaries of life.

3. The inquiry instituted by Government, before the present scarcity, as to the salaries of the Ministerial servants of the Courts, arose, I believe, from a conviction of their inadequacy, and a resolution to augment them. If this impression is correct, I trust the Government will not object to sanction a temporary increase of twenty-five per cent., to enable the Establishment to meet the pressure of the times.

4. I was reluctant to move in this matter until the Collector had made a similar application; but a statement of the salaries of the Revenue Establishment has been furnished to me, which plainly shows that the two departments are on a totally different footing; the Revenue being liberally paid, while the Judicial is but poorly remunerated. The salaries of corresponding offices are, in fact, in most cases twice as high in the former as in the latter branch of the Service.

	SALARIES.	Judicial. Revenue.	
		100	250
Sheristadar.....	35	60	
Record-keeper.....	30	50	
Do.	28	60	
Javabnevis.....	21	70	
Head Goomastah.....	17½	35	
Goomastah.....	15	30	
Do.	12	30	
Do.	10	25	
Do.	10	25	
Do.	10	20	
Do.	10	15	
Shroff.....	70	150	
Head Clerk.....	50	70	
Translator.....	35	50	
Clerk.....	24½	45	
Do.	20	35	
Do.	17	30	
Do.	7	15	
Moochy.....	10½	14	
Head Messenger.....	7	8	
Deputy Do.	6	7	
Each Messenger.....	4	5	
Massaljee.....	3½	5	
Sweeper.....			

5. The majority of the Ministerial servants of this Court being in receipt of very small emoluments, I trust the Government will not think me unreasonable in proposing a slight augmentation of their salaries at the present time, in

anticipation of the general measures, which, if I am not mistaken, are under consideration, for placing the remuneration of these Officers on a more suitable footing.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1867, No. 548.

The Governor in Council directs that the Civil and Session Judge be informed that a proposition for improving the position of the Ministerial Officers and servants attached to the Courts in this Presidency has been submitted to the Supreme Government.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil and Session Judge of Salem.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

to the C. & P. of Salem
N. H.

5th April 1867 No. 548.
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. in relation to the proposed increase of the salaries of the judicial officers of the County of Essex, and in consequence of the high price of rice and all other necessities of life with an increase

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Judicial 1868 Department
From
The Civil Judge
of Salem
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 15th November 1866
Recd 19 — 1866
No 2498
Recommending a slight
temporary increase
the salaries of the judicial
officers of the County
in consequence of the high
price of rice and all
other necessities of life
with an increase