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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 208. From the Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chendragherry, 19th March 1867, No. 18.

In submitting, for the decision of Government, the question raised in the accompanying copy of a letter from my Acting Head Assistant, dated 2nd instant, No. 32, I have the honor to observe that the passage, out of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 11th May 1855, No. 575, Military Department, recited in the

margin*, appears to me to settle conclusively that the military authorities stationed at Arcot, or, more properly speaking, Raneepett, have no jurisdiction whatsoever, criminal or civil, over other than military persons and military offences.

* "Paragraph 8.—Arcot. As regards Arcot, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief thinks that it is not likely again to be garrisoned by more than a Detachment, strong enough to take charge of the buildings, and that, as a Military Cantonment, it may therefore be regarded as abolished, and the Military Police be discharged. The Government approve of these propositions, and accordingly direct the abolition of Arcot as a Military Cantonment, and of the Military Police now maintained there. This order will take effect from the 1st June 1855, from which date the civil authorities will undertake the Police duties connected with the station."

† From Board, dated 14th Jan'y. 1863, No. 215. (Government Order 18th December 1862, No. 4316 M. O.)
To Board, 17th July 1863, No. 135.

2. The correspondence noted in the margin† is all that is forthcoming in my records respecting the question, in so far as it concerns Arcot, but it will be

in the recollection of Government that a similar one has very recently arisen in respect to Vellore, and that it has been referred for the opinion of the Advocate General.

From the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Magistrate of North Arcot; dated Raneepett, 2nd March 1867, No. 32.

Now that Raneepett, or, as it is generally called, Arcot, has been again occupied by a Cavalry Regiment, the same question arises as was a short time ago discussed with reference to Vellore and Kurnool, viz., is Arcot a Cantonment in the sense that the military authorities possess civil and criminal jurisdiction in respect to other than military persons and military offences.

2. Act I of 1866 has not, I believe, been extended to Arcot, and it, therefore, seems to me desirable that the orders of Government should be obtained, that there may be no clash between the military and civil authorities with reference to any offences committed by non-military persons within the boundaries of the old Cantonment.

No. 209. From the Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 9th April 1867, No. 27.

My letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 18, regarding the Cantonment of Arcot, was written while I was on circuit. Since my return to Head Quarters, I have had all the correspondence on the subject locked up, and find that the Cantonment map is among the records. I now write to ask whether Government desire to have this map, or any further information on the subject.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1867, No. 998.

The Magistrate of North Arcot is referred to the Proceedings of Government of the 19th instant, No. 991.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No 998 - 20th June 1867.

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