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*7th April 1868.*

No. 89. • Read the following letter from the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 27th March 1868.

In the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, dated 27th March 1867, No. 505, the transfer of the temporary Principal Sudder Ameen's Court from Bellary to Vizagapatam was sanctioned. That Court has been at work for more than six months and appears to have given very general satisfaction.

The Civil Judge of Vizagapatam has now written to recommend its continuance until the end of 1869.

2. With reference to this recommendation, I am directed by the High Court to transmit to you, for the information of Government, a copy of their Proceedings of 27th March 1868, and to request that you will obtain their sanction for investing the Principal Sudder Ameen with exclusive special jurisdiction over the whole district, with the exception of the Rajam and Parvatipur Ranges, for the trial of Small Cause Suits for sums between 50 and 500 Rupees, and for continuing the Court until the adjournment of the Vizagapatam Courts in 1869, *i. e.*, for about one year.

3. The Tabular Return subjoined shows the operations of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court during the half-year ending 31st December 1867, and the High Court consider the result satisfactory.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at Vizagapatam, during the half-year ending 31st December 1867.

|                                            | Received.                    |                                          |        | Disposed of. | Pending. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|----------|----------|
|                                            | Referred by the Civil Court. | Filed in Principal Sudder Ameen's Court. | Total. |              |          |          |
| Original Suits.....                        | 41                           | 34                                       | 75     | 57           | 58       |          |
| Appeals.....                               | 557                          | .....                                    | 557    | 449          | 108      |          |
| Applications for Execution of Decrees..... | .....                        | 6                                        | 6      | 3            | 3        |          |
| Miscellaneous Petitions.....               | .....                        | 85                                       | 85     | 75           | 10       |          |

Proceedings of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, 27th March 1868, No. 536.

Read letter, dated 17th February 1868, from the Civil Judge of Vizagapatam, recommending, for the reasons therein stated, that the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court at Vizagapatam be continued until the end of 1869, and that he be invested with exclusive special jurisdiction to try Small Cause Suits for sums between 50 and 500 Rupees.

The High Court are of opinion that there should no longer be any positive necessity for the continuance of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court in Vizagapatam.

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2. When he assumed charge of the Court on 1st July 1862 the number of suits pending on the files of the Civil and Subordinate Courts was as follows:—

|                                      | Original.           |                       |                       |        | Appeal.             |                       |                       |        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|
|                                      | More than one year. | More than six months. | Less than six months. | Total. | More than one year. | More than six months. | Less than six months. | Total. |
| Civil Court.....                     | 43                  | 14                    | 10                    | 67     | 335                 | 133                   | 62                    | 530    |
| District Munsiff of Vizagapatam..... | 11                  | 24                    | 161                   | 296    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Rayavaram.....                   | 22                  | 67                    | 291                   | 379    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Vizagapatam.....                 | 251                 | 135                   | 242                   | 628    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Vinnagaram.....                  | 28                  | 81                    | 167                   | 276    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Rajam.....                       | 40                  | 62                    | 139                   | 241    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Parvatipur.....                  | 19                  | 60                    | 110                   | 189    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |

At the end of December 1862 the number was as follows:—

|                                      | Original.           |                       |                       |        | Appeal.             |                       |                       |        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|
|                                      | More than one year. | More than six months. | Less than six months. | Total. | More than one year. | More than six months. | Less than six months. | Total. |
| Civil Court.....                     | 23                  | ...                   | 1                     | 24     | 14                  | 63                    | 37                    | 114    |
| Principal Sudder Ameen's Court.....  | 29                  | ...                   | 18                    | 47     | 2                   | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| District Munsiff of Vizagapatam..... | 24                  | 134                   | 110                   | 268    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Rayavaram.....                   | 119                 | 108                   | 202                   | 429    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Vizagapatam.....                 | 312                 | 76                    | 210                   | 598    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Vinnagaram.....                  | 69                  | 44                    | 67                    | 180    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Rajam.....                       | 27                  | 38                    | 189                   | 254    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |
| Do. Parvatipur.....                  | 21                  | 27                    | 129                   | 177    | ...                 | ...                   | ...                   | ...    |

3. The Civil Judge should now be well able to keep within reasonable limits the number of Appeal Suits. The High Court regret to observe that the returns of suits disposed of in the Civil Court continue to be very unsatisfactory.

4. The files of the District Munsiffs are, however, still heavy and the number of suits appears to be increasing. On these grounds the High Court think it advisable that the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court should not be at once abolished, and they resolve to recommend to Government that he be invested with exclusive special jurisdiction in accordance with the Civil Judge's suggestion. His jurisdiction should extend over the whole district with the exception of Rajam and Parvatipur Ranges, but the High Court consider that it will be sufficient if the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court is continued until the adjournment in 1863, i.e., for one year more.

5. With this relief the High Court rely on the District Munsiffs disposing of all their outstanding arrears, and they look to the Civil Judge to satisfy himself that the Munsiffs dispose of the suits in the order on the registers. During the incumbency of the Acting District Munsiff of Vizagapatam there has been an increase of arrears which is unsatisfactory and might, the High Court are convinced, have been avoided.

(True Extract).

(Signed) H. WIGRAM,  
Acting Registrar, Appellate Side.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 59.8  
7th April 1863.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1863, No. 594.

The Governor in Council, who regrets to observe the unfavorable notice of the Civil Judge's labors, recorded in paragraph 3 of the High Court's Proceedings, dated the 27th ultimo, sanctions the arrangements referred to in the foregoing letter from the Acting Registrar of the High Court, and directs that the following Notification be published in the *Port Saint George Gazette*, and in the *Vizagapatam District Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under Sections 4 and 5 of (Madras) Act IV. of 1863, the Principal Sudder Ameen of Vizagapatam is invested with exclusive special jurisdiction to try Small Cause Suits for sums between 50 and 500 Rupees over the whole of that district, with the exception of the Rajam and Parvatipur Ranges.

2. The Principal Sudder Ameen's Court will be continued at Vizagapatam until the adjournment of the Court in that district in 1863, or for a period of about one year.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.  
„ Magistrate of Vizagapatam.

Edw. F. B. Bantleman,

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