

Confidential D.O.
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Presidency Magistrate's Court,
Rangoon, Madras.

15th July 1892

My dear Mr. Price

In reply to-

Your D.O. letter dated 12th M.
calling for my opinion as
1. the capabilities of Mr.
Sultan Ibrahim as a
Presidency Magistrate I must
first explain that I have
had very few opportunities
of judging of his work,
it never comes before me in
any way and I do not see
the calendars or other records
of the Black Town Court, the

Magistrates there work quite
independently - My opinion
must therefore be chiefly
based upon what I have
heard and in a very few
instances upon little matters
which have come to notice.
I have heard that Mr. Sultan
Prohibition does the chief part
of the work at Black Town and
it is probable that he has
not sufficient time to do it
carefully. He has however made
mistakes for which want of
time would be no excuse.
Very shortly before his

retirement Colonel Willmore
showed me a list of some
of Mr. Sultan Prohibition's convictions
of old offenders and he could
give no reasons for the
inadequate punishments he
had inflicted. It is hardly
possible he can have any
good reason for the absence of
fine of Rs. 1/- in the case brought
to the notice of Government
by the President of the Municipality
at the same time if Government
proposes to take serious notice
of the case I think he should
have an opportunity of offering some
explanation.
My opinion is that Mr. Sultan

Providence is a hard working
and moderately good Magistrate
but I doubt whether he has
sufficient ability or discretion
to be entrusted with the large
summary powers of a Presidency
Magistrate over whose work
there can be but little supervision.

Yours sincerely
D.R. Jones

To the Hon^{ble} J. F. Peirce
Chief Secretary to Government

With 2 enclosures.



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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

I am afraid that it is the case that Sultan
Mohidin is but an indifferent magistrate, &
he should be removed as soon as practicable,
but I hardly think it could be done just now.
We have hardly enough to go upon. quite agree
as to the Presidency Magistrates being included in
the Provincial Service -

Will send

25 July

D.O.
From
O. R. Jones Esq.

Submitted with reference
to the remarks in G.O. dated
12th July 1892 No. 1279 Judl.

C.S.
18/7.

by
18 July.
19 July

From what I have heard & seen of
Sultan Mohidin I should say that Mr.
Jones' opinion is about correct; if
anything a little too favourable. At
the same time I don't think there
are sufficient grounds for removing
him from the bench on the grounds
of incompetence. The High Court
will be likely to take him back as
a 5th Mag. even in his former place.
I don't see how he is to be got rid
of unless by putting the Presidency
Magistrates in the Provincial Ser-
vice list, which ought to be done any-
way. He might then be transferred
as a 5th Mag.

20 July.

We want the best Mag. for the
High Court for the Presidency. I don't
think Mohidin is an indifferent
Mag. he is not fit for a Pro-
vincial Mag. post. I think
he is a 5th Mag. of the
High Court.

Judl. Department

Read again Judl. G.O. of 12.7.92. No. 1279
This

Read also C. No. 254 Conf.

Order 6th Aug. 92 No. 1430

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2. H.E. the Governor in Council is
of opinion that Presidency Magistrates
should be included in the Provincial Service
list & the necessary action will be taken
in the Public Dept.

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