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From

H. W. Foster Esquire,
Officiating Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side, Madras.

To

The Honorable J. G. Rose,
Acting Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir, (through the Assistant General)

I am directed to address you
on the subject of strengthening the esta-
-blishments of the District Munsifs' Courts
of Villupuram and Vriddhachalam, in the
District of South Arcot.

2. The necessity for this measure
has arisen from the great increase of
litigation in the two Courts in question
since the present scale of establishments
was fixed in 1884. It will be within
the memory of Government that in that
year all the District Munsifs' Courts
in the Presidency were graded, on the
basis of the average amount of work
annually turned out in preceding years,
into two main classes, I and II with
three

sub-divisions, A, B and C in each, and that the number and pay of the ministerial officers were fixed for each grade. In this arrangement the Villupuram District Munsif's Court, which then had an average file of 828 ordinary and 1042 small cause suits, was classed as I B.

On the average of the 3 years ending with 1888 the institutions were 1051 ordinary and 787 small cause suits and moreover the figures for the three years have shown a steady increase which in 1889 were 1127 ordinary and 1274 small cause suits. For the same period of three years the 33 Courts in the next higher (1A) grade yield an annual average of 587 ordinary and 1055 small cause suits. It is necessary to bear in mind that on the average one ordinary suit entails at least as much labour on the officers of the Court as 2 small cause suits, and when the necessary allowance is made for this it clearly appears that the Villupuram Court is at present undermanned. The High Court is of opinion therefore that it should be promoted to the 1A grade, which

will

will give one additional clerk on Rs 15.

3. The increase in institutions is necessarily accompanied by a corresponding addition to the number of processes to be issued. This number has risen in the last three years from 9,804 to 12,691 or by nearly 30 per cent. At present the Court has 2 process writers, the number assigned in 1884. They cannot adequately cope with the increase of scriptory work which the large growth in the number of processes involves, and I am to say, therefore that the High Court considers it necessary to appoint another process writer on Rs 12 per mensem to be charged against the process service receipts. I am to note in this connection that there is an ample margin for this slight additional burden on the process service revenue of the Court which in the year 1889 showed a surplus of Rs 2633 over the charges.

4. In the Vriddhachalam District Munsif's Court there has been a no less marked development of litigation since the time when the establishment assigned to it as a Court of the 2c grade was deemed sufficient for

for the work devolving upon it. The figures with immediate reference to which the grade of the Court was determined namely the average institutions of the 3 years ending with 1883 were 594 ordinary and 496 small cause suits. In 1887 the institutions were 505 ordinary and 329 small cause suits, in 1888 the numbers increased to 804 and 499, and 1889 showed a further rise to 1046 and 595, that is, just double the figures of 1887, and there are good reasons for believing that the causes of this increase are of a permanent nature and that the present high rate is likely to be maintained. This rate gives the Court a high place in the rank of 113 Courts. For the 28 Courts of this class, the average of the figures showing institutions in the three years ending with 1888 is 589 ordinary and 760 small cause suits. These figures represent an amount of work which was exceeded by the Viddhachalam Court in 1888, and has been far surpassed in 1889. The High Court accordingly proposes to raise that Court to the 113. grade, which will have the effect of adding one clerk on Rs 15, of raising the pay of two clerks from Rs 40 and Rs 25 to Rs 50 and 30 and of adding 8 annas to

to the pay of each of two others - a total increase of Rs 31 per mensem.

5. I am therefore to submit a proposition statement in the prescribed form for giving effect to the above proposals, to which I am to request that the Government may be pleased to accord approval and sanction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. S. S. S.

Offg. Registrar.

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Judicial {1890} Department.

No.

FROM

THE ^{offg.} REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT
OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS,
APPELLATE SIDE.

Dated 28th March — 1890.
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Submitting for the ap-
-proval and sanction
of Government; proposals
with the required statement
for strengthening the
Establishments of the
District Munsifs' Courts
of Villupuram and Vrida-
chalam in the Dist.
of South Arcot.

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March 1890 To The Honble the Chief Justice of the
High Court.

Honble.

With reference to Mr. H.W.

Foster's letter of 28 March 1890, No.
966, on the subject of strengthening
the Establishments of the District
Munsifs' Courts of Villupuram
and Vridachalam in the
District of South Arcot, I am
pleased to enquire whether
the proposed increase of staffs
cannot be met by reductions
in other Courts which
may now be overmanned.

H.V.C.
16 May

17 May

Ref: 1975

From

High Court of Judicature,
Madras. 19th August 1890.

N: 1975.

From

H. W. Foster Esquire,
Offg. Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side,
Madras.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter dated 17th May last. Reference on C. No. 1218, judicial, enquiring whether the increase proposed to the establishments of the District Munsifs' Courts of Villupuram and Vriddhachalam cannot be met by reductions in other Courts. I am directed to invite the attention of Government to the letter of this Court, dated 12th August 1886, No. 2318, wherein the question whether any retrenchment was possible in the District Judicial Establishments was fully dealt with, and to state that the work in the mufassal Courts has since 1886 so greatly increased that in the opinion of the Honorable the Judges it is now more certain than then that no reduction in any existing establishment is possible.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. W. Foster

Offg. Registrar.

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FROM

THE REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT
OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS,
APPELLATE SIDE.

Dated 19th August 1890.
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Stating that no reduction
of establishment is possi-
ble to meet the proposed
increase to the establish-
ments of the Dist. Munsifi
Courts of Villupuram &
Viduthachalam in the South
Arcot Dist.

Jud. DEPARTMENT

No. 1010 43363

From

Hyp. Court.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

The High Court proposes to
strengthen the establishments of
the Dist. Munsifi Courts of Villu-
puram and Viduthachalam in
S. Arcot, on the ground of the great
increase of litigation in those
Courts, since the present scale of
Estab. was fixed in 1884. The
Dist. Munsifi Courts were then
divided into 2 classes with 3
Sub-divisions A, B, and C, as shown
in the margin. In this arrange-
ment the Villupuram Court
was classed as I.B. and the
Viduthachalam Ct. as I.C. It
is now proposed to raise the
Villupuram Court to the
I.

Class
I A

1 Head Clerk	—	50.
1 Clerk	—	30.
1 do	—	20.
2 do @ 17½	—	35.
3 do @ 15	—	45.
1 Ct. Keeper	—	8.
2 Peons @ 7	—	14.
1 Sweeper	—	5.
		207.

I B.

As above list
1 Clerk on Rs 15 — 192.

I C.

As above list
2 Clerks on Rs 15. — 177.

Class
II A.

1 Head Clerk	—	40.
1 Clerk	—	25.
1 do	—	20.
2 do @ 17	—	34.
3 do @ 15	—	45.
1 Ct. Keeper	—	8.
2 Peons @ 7	—	14.
1 Sweeper	—	5.
		191.

II B.

As above list
1 Clerk on Rs 15 — 176.

II C.

As above list
2 Clerks on Rs 15 — 161.

Inquiry into the
 High Court of S. C.

I A grade and the Vidachalam
 Court to the I. B grade, and
 increase the number of
 of the former Court by one writer
 on the 12th June 1886.

The increase of work in both
 Courts is shown below:-

Vellapuran Court 2B

Average file in 3 years	Ordinary	S. Cases
1883	820	1022
1886	992	754
1887	1005	673
1888	1157	934
1889	1227	1274

Average ordinary S. Cases
 1051 - 707. The average for the
 same period of 3 years in the Court of the
 I. B grade was 587 ordinary & 1055 S. Cases.

Vidachalam Court 1C

Average for 3 years ordinary	1883	594	496
1886	665	450	
1887	505	329	
1888	804	499	
1889	1046	595	

Average ordinary S. Cases
 658 - 429. The average for the
 same period in the I. B. Court was
 587 ordinary & 765 S. Cases.

The number of papers in the
 Vellapuran Court is stated to
 have risen in the last 3 years from
 9004 to 12,691. ~~that~~ the two
 principal writers - those appointed in
 1886, are unable to cope with
 the increase of scriptory work.

If these Courts have got less than
 the proper scale, others have probably
 now got more. Some courts perhaps
 others go down. I would ask the
 H.C. whether the hands required
 cannot be found by reductions
 in other Courts which are now
 overmanned.

H.V.C.
 they
 18 May

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 14 May
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With reference to the
 notes on the other sheet,
 the High Court in reply to the
 reference made to it, ³² states
 "the question whether any reduction
 is possible in the High Court
 and states that the work in
 the High Court has since 1886
 so greatly increased that no
 reduction in any existing Court
 is possible.
 The High Court is inclined to say
 that the question of establishing
 was fully dealt with in the letter
 of Aug. 1886. Therein it was
 simply asserted that no reduction
 was possible. The average number
 secured from the Administration
 of Civil Justice is large; in
 1889 it amounted to some 8
 lakhs and as it is usually
 regarded as the proper principle
 that civil litigation shall only
 just pay its expenses, there is
 room for large additional outlay
 on Courts.

The proposed new
 function
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19 Oct. 20 Oct.

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Order 5 November 1917/19

The proposals involving
an increase of Rs 696
per annum are ^{afforded}
id, & the proportion
statements transferred
to the Financial dept.

(From order)

29 Oct. 20 Oct.

Letter H.C. J. to the
the Fin. Dept.

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Indian DEPARTMENT.

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[Despatch Abstract].

Approving the proposals involving an increase of Rs 695 per annum for strengthening the establishments of the District Sessions Courts of Villupuram & Thiruvannamalai in the district of South Arcot, & transferring the proposed statements to the Financial Department.

Long & Co.