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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th May 1861.

No. 277. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 27th May 1861, No. 687 :—

Referring for report to Mr. Pelly, through the Revenue Department, a letter from the Collector and Agent Ganjam, relative to the abolition of the appointment of Assistant Agent in Goomsoor.

(Vide Judicial Proceedings, 27th May 1861, Nos. 162, 163.)

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1861, No. 1,115.

Ordered to be communicated to Mr. Pelly for information and guidance.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector and Agent, Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpore, 1st May 1861, No. 98.

Para. 1. The Inspector General of Police reached Ganjam on the 22nd instant and has completed, in communication with myself, his general scheme for the allocation of new Constabulary force throughout this district. The stations to be occupied by Sub Magistrates have also been selected.

2. I concur entirely in these arrangements, but am compelled to request the orders of Government in reference to the disposal of my Assistant in Goomsoor.

3. Mr. Robinson is under the impression that this appointment would cease under Mr. Pelly's scheme when the Superintendent of Police should assume charge of the Sibbundies; I beg however to remind the Government that an Assistant in Goomsoor has been attached to the Ganjam Agency ever since its institution in 1839. This Officer is vested under the rules with the function of a Magistrate, Sub Judge and Assistant Criminal Judge, the command of the small body of Sibbundies then in existence also formed part of his duties but evidently the least important part.

4. So long as the whole of the Civil and Criminal justice of the Agency tracts is committed to the Collector and his Assistants in addition to their Revenue and Magisterial functions, I think the number of Subordinate Officers cannot be less than a Principal Assistant and two Head Assistants, one of whom must reside in Goomsoor.

5. The Assistant Agent in Purlakimedy might be dispensed with when a Deputy Superintendent of Police takes charge of the district.

6. None of the Magisterial or other duties now discharged by myself and my Assistants will be taken off our hands by the new Constabulary; judging from the results which have followed its organization elsewhere a greater number of Criminal cases will be brought on the file.

7. If therefore Mr. Robinson is right in supposing that Mr. Pelly calculated on the reduction of an Assistant in Goomsoor (a measure of which I have hitherto had no intimation) I hope the Government will be pleased to take the matter into their consideration and decide whether such a reduction is possible.

8. I could not myself pretend to undertake the proper administration of the district with less assistance than I have specified, because if one Head Assistant is withdrawn the Magisterial duties devolving on the remaining Head Assistant would leave him no time for any other work and the disposal of Civil cases would be limited to those on my own file to the great delay of Civil justice which is even now unavoidably postponed at times to emergent business of one kind or another.

ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1861, No. 687.

Referred, through the Revenue Department, for the report of Mr. Pelly. The Government have not yet received from him any communication relative to the abolition of the appointment of Assistant Agent in Goomsoor.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Government Agent, Ganjam.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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