

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th July 1861.*

No. 153. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 15th June 1861, No. 778 :—

Requesting to refer a letter from the Magistrate of Madura to Mr. Pelly, and requiring him to state what provision has been made in his scheme of Establishment for the exercise of magisterial authority at Paumben, and in its vicinity.

(Vide Judicial Proceedings, 15th June 1861, Nos. 113, 114.)

No. 154.

ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1861, No. 1,381.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ramnad, 25th May 1861, No. 188.

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 636, dated the 14th May, in which it is

To Board of Revenue, 15th April 1818, No. 54.
From do. 13th July.
To do. 22nd do. No. 97.
From do. 25th September.
To do. 28th do.
From do. 17th October, No. 127.
To do. 6th November.
From do. 10th June 1858, No. 165.
To Government, 29th June do. No. 872.

declared that the only reason for which it is proposed to appoint Lieutenant Hankin a Joint Magistrate is, that he may keep in order the Convicts at Paumbum, I have the honor to refer to the correspondence noted marginally, by which Government will perceive that when Lieutenant Giff was appointed Joint Magistrate, it was with the intention that he should have Magisterial Jurisdiction, not only over Convicts,

but also over the whole of the Island of Ramaswerum and the villages on the point jutting out from the main land towards the Paumbum Channel. He was also appointed a Justice of the Peace.

2. The necessity for having an officer on the Island with those powers has not ceased. Its fixed population and that of the villages on the point is over 12,000, and these villages are situated 103 miles from Madura. About 30,000 Pilgrims visit the Island yearly, and there is a large number of seagoing men constantly ashore on the Island, landing from the vessels, passing through the Channel.

3. An officer with more extensive powers than a Sub Magistrate is therefore urgently required, and one having the powers of a Justice of the Peace to deal with persons passing through the Channel, should occasion require.

4. Lieutenant Hankin is in every way fitted to fill the post, and I therefore beg the Government will reconsider their Order, and appoint him as Joint Magistrate over the Island and villages on the point. At the same time I beg to point out that the appointment involves no extra expense, as a Clerk to carry on the Magisterial work can be furnished from the Collector's office.

5. Lieutenant Hankin has passed for Staff in Hindustani, creditable progress in Telugu, and I know that he has some knowledge of Tamil.

ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1861, No. 778.

Resolved that the above letter be referred to Mr. Pelly, and that he be requested to state what provision has been made in his scheme of establishments for the exercise of Magisterial authority at Paumbum and in the vicinity.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To Mr. C. Pelly.
To the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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