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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 25th August 1857.

No. From the Honorable Company's Solicitor; to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th August 1857, No. 460.

SIR,

Kamachee Boye Sahiba, I have the honor to report that Mr. J. B. Norton intends to
v. object, at the hearing of the Suit noted in the margin, to Mr. Ritchie,
The East India Company the Advocate General of Bengal, appearing as Counsel for the Hon-
and others. rable Company, on the grounds, (as I believe), that he has not been
admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court at Madras, and cannot
therefore be heard at that Bar: that there are three Members of the Madras Bar, available to the
Honorable Company as Counsel in such Suit; and that under such circumstances, Mr. Ritchie
is not entitled to be admitted and ought not to be admitted to the Bar of the Madras Supreme
Court, merely for the purpose of enabling him to appear for the Honorable Company in a soli-
tary Suit, and not in order to his becoming a practising Barrister at such Bar.

I am of opinion that Mr. Norton's objection will fail, and, in all probability, without Mr.
Ritchie's being heard in reply, and that the Madras Supreme Court, on Mr. Ritchie's application,
will at once admit him to its Bar, and hear him as Senior Counsel for the Honorable Company
in the Suit in question.

When I applied to the Judges of the Madras Supreme Court, on a Summons to fix the
hearing of the Suit for some day subsequent to the arrival of the second steamer leaving Calcutta
in September, I stated in express terms (and indeed grounded my application on the fact) that Mr.
Ritchie was coming down to Madras for the purpose of conducting the case on behalf of the
Honorable Company, I also stated in general terms why it was considered advisable that Mr.
Ritchie should so appear, and both of their Lordships, the Judges, so far from considering the
proposed course objectionable, granted my application, fixed the 29th Proximo for the hearing
(because I stated that it would be more convenient to Mr. Ritchie, to come down by the second
steamer in September than the first) and gave me leave to apply for a postponement of the hear-
ing if the second steamer has not arrived at Madras by 29th Proximo, until after she has reached
this Port. The Plaintiff's Solicitor who appeared on the Summons did not allude to any such
objection as that which Mr. Norton has intimated his intention of taking.

I know that when Mr. Ritchie last came to Madras he brought with him all necessary docu-
ments to entitle him to admission to this Bar, and he will doubtless adopt a similar course when
he next gives this Government the benefit of his services.

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I believe that Mr. Norton has already written to Mr. Ritchie, informing him of his intentions: but I nevertheless beg to suggest that the substance of this letter be communicated through the Government of India, for Mr. Ritchie's information.

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,

Honorable Company's Solicitor.

No. From E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 21st August 1857,

No. 653,

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 8th Instant No. 618, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to transmit for the information of the Government of India, copy of one from the Company's Solicitor dated the 19th Instant, No. 460, intimating that the Plaintiff's Counsel in the Suit * noted in the margin, intends to object to Mr. Ritchie, the Advocate General of Bengal, appearing as Counsel for the East India Company.

2. The Government of India, having admitted the importance of employing Mr. Ritchie to conduct the case on behalf of the Company, and this opposition not being likely to be successful, I am desired to request that his services may be secured at the period fixed for the hearing of the Suit.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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No. 153.

To the Honorable the Govd of India

With reference to my letter of the 8 Instant No. 618 I am directed by the R. H. the Governor in Council to transmit for the information of the Govd of India copy of one from the Company's Solicitor dated the 19th Instant No. 460, intimating that the Plaintiff's Counsel in the Suit noted in the margin intends to object to Mr. Ritchie, the Advocate General of Bengal, appearing as Counsel for the East India Company.

*Kamachee Boye Sahiba
v.
The East India Company & others.*

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grateful that ^{his services} they may be
secured.
~~made available~~ at the
period fixed for the hear-
ing of the Suit ~~in question~~.
Yours
J. M.

Fort St. George
21 August 1857.