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From

E. MALTBY, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

To

G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq.,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th Instant, and to express the great regret of this Government that Mr. Ritchie should have come to Madras, when the hearing of the suit *Kamatchee Bhoje versus* the East India Company and others had been deferred until the next term.

2. In reference, however, to your observation, that if the Company's Solicitor's letter of 11th July, announcing the postponement of the suit, had been immediately forwarded, this result would have been avoided, I beg to explain that if any anticipation had been felt of Mr. Ritchie leaving Calcutta without receiving a further communication, that letter would have been instantly sent to you, instead of being first circulated for the information of the Members of this Government in the ordinary routine of business. But as the Solicitor's previous letter forwarded to you in mine of 23rd June had mentioned that the suit was not likely to come on for hearing in the present term, and that further information would be sent when the point was settled, it was anticipated that Mr. Ritchie's embarkation for Madras would be postponed.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
28th August 1857. }

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Acting Chief Secretary.

From G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 7th August 1857, No. 3164.

Foreign Department.

SIR

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th Ultimo, No. 544, forwarding a copy of a letter, dated the 11th Idem, from the Honorable Company's Solicitor at Madras, intimating that the suit of *Kamatchee Bhoje Sahiba versus* the East India Company and others, would not come on for hearing during the ensuing term commencing on the 17th Idem.

2nd. The Governor General in Council desires me to observe, in reply, that if the Solicitor's letter of the 11th Ultimo had been despatched at once, instead of being kept till the 14th, it would have arrived in time to prevent Mr. Ritchie, the Advocate General, from proceeding to Madras.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,

Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copy.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. H. Morgan.

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To G. F. Edmonstone Esq
Secy to Govt of India

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& others had been ^{deferred} ~~postponed~~
to a later term.

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~~the proceedings in the latter of~~
~~the two cases had been immediately~~
~~forwarded, this delay would~~
~~have been avoided. I beg to~~
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hearing in the present term &

that further information would
be sent when the point was settled
it was not stated that

~~you letter of the 10th of June~~
Mr. Ritchie ~~affording~~

embarkation for London ~~that~~
would be postponed.

~~the point of law~~

Yr

5th June 1873

Fort St. George 2
28 August 1873