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Public DEPARTMENT.

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The 2^d March 1886.

From J. D. Reed of the
Parsani Hindustani Translates
to Government.

To The Hon. Secy. to Govt.,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,
I venture to beg that His Excellency the Governor
in Council will be pleased to sanction the
appointment of Mohan Ram. ad. d. Shrivastava
as Munsiff on Rs. 75 in my office.

Owing to the appointment of Muhammad
Eack Sahib Bahadur to act for me during
my absence on furlough & the consequent
promotion of Mr. Singh Munsiff to act
for him, a position of Rs. 75 became vacant.

Ordinarily I could appoint, but
I need sanction for the appointment of an
Ex-District Munsiff, who was dismissed
from the Government Service.

I must explain that he is on a
leave of absence.

Gentleman of rare attainments & possessed of a knowledge of British & Arabic such as I have never seen equalled & never surpassed. Exceptional attainments & a good knowledge of English and a record, until his dismissal in 1868, which included a complimentary minute of his Excellency Lord Ganges and a recognition of those services by the Secretary of State for India.

See S.O. P.D. of 16 Feb 1868 7 no 74

Many other estimates have been made of this gentleman's talents & regard of all the officials in position to whom he is brought in in 1868 however it appears that his dismissal was a case of...

that the High Court on a perusal of the report of the District Judge recorded its opinion that "whether the Moonsiff was actuated by corrupt motives (as seemed most probable), or through inherent weaknesses allowed himself to be used as an instrument of oppression in the hands of others, the fact remained that the trial was a mere mockery and the result a fraudulent abuse of justice."

38 The Moonsiff was accordingly found unfit to be entrusted with judicial powers & removed from office. [Proc. High Court of 2 January 1868]

Now there was no corruption involved in the case such that it might have been made with bona fides & after all the Moonsiff was only found unfit for judicial office.

His attainments are such that his appointment to the Translator's Office would be a gain to the public service & I venture to submit that...

over late...

favourable view of his conduct, in which
Government may well exercise clemency
towards an officer, who has been severely
punished by 18 years poverty, after
an honourable service of 15 years.

No opportunity for corruption
would offer in my office, as the trustees
themselves have nothing to do with examinations
of candidates, but for myself I do not
believe this old gentleman to be corrupt
though he may have been foolish. Indeed
he appears to me to be scholar and
a gentleman of good character & of very
great attainments in Oriental scholarship,
& I beg that His Excellency in Council will
be pleased to rescue him from poverty
now that an opportunity, not likely again
to offer, has presented himself.

It would be painful to feel
that a young graduate of 25 with the very
different attainments that he possesses of

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 I have read the Sheriff
 was doubtless rightly de-
 prived of his judicial
 powers but the District Judge
 who handed him up again
 has his previous trial
 he was not actuated by
 corrupt motives & there
 have been proved then
 he was removed from his
 appointment by the High
 Court the judges did not
 recommend that he
 should ever be employed
 in Govt service again and

it is contrary to good policy
 to permit him to be employed
 in any capacity in the
 public service (who
 was dismissed - being at the
 time a District Magistrate -
 with a strong suspicion of
 corruption attached to him
 by the order of the High Court)

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 Considering the long time
 that has elapsed since he
 was punished, his previous
 service and the high testimony
 given by the District Magistrate
 in his subsequent statement
 as to his deep repentance
 and his high character

DEPARTMENT.

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The Persian & Hindustani
 Translator to Govt.
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 The appointment of Maulvi
 Muhammad Ali Sharif to act
 as Munshee on Rs 75 per mensem
 in addition to his functions.

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SUBJECT.

Recommending the
 appointment of Maulvi
 Muhammad Ali Sharif as
 Munshee on Rs 75 in his office
 H. M.

For Orders

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