

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>197A</i>	~~Press~~ Mis.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Sir A. BITTLESTON, Kt., Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court, Madras, to the Honorable the Governor in Council, &c. &c. &c., Fort Saint George, dated 18th May 1860.

I have been requested by the Chief Justice (as of late the Criminal Sessions have generally been held before me) to acknowledge and reply to the letter of your Excellency in Council bearing date the 14th instant, respecting the application of Mr. T. Clark, the Actuary of the Government Savings' Bank, to be exempted from service on the Petty Jury.

I have now therefore the honor to acknowledge the receipt of that letter with the accompanying copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Sandeman to the Government, and in reply to state that under the circumstances therein referred to, I have given direction that the Actuary of the Government Savings' Bank should not in future be summoned to serve on the Petty Jury at the Sessions.

At the same time I am desirous of bringing under the consideration of the Government the fact that now by various Orders of the Court made from time to time, no fewer than 32 persons employed in different Government Offices are exempted from serving on the Petty Jury, and that this exemption is regarded as a grievance by the other Petty Jurors who are thereby called upon to give more frequent attendance at the Sessions.

I find that this subject was brought under the notice of the Government by the then Judges of the Supreme Court in a letter dated 4th March 1853, and in a memorial of the Madras Trade Association, addressed to the Judges on the 18th April 1857, it is stated "that the Trade of Calcutta and Bombay is understood by your memorialists to be entirely relieved of any such Government exemptions and that all are called upon in those Presidencies to assist in the administration of the Laws."

I would now therefore respectfully ask the Government to cause some inquiry to be made with respect to the list of existing exemptions, which I have the honor to enclose, for the purpose of ascertaining whether it may not (without serious inconvenience to the public service), be at all events considerably reduced.

List of persons exempted from serving on the Petit Jury.

The Manager and the Record Keeper of the Sadr and Faujdári Adálat.

The Manager and the Deputy Manager of the Board of Revenue.

The Appraiser and the Head Manager of the Sea Custom Office.

The Sheristadar, the Chief Clerk, and the Record Keeper of the Collector of Madras.

The Uncovenanted 1st Assistant and the Manager in the Secretariat Military Department.

The Uncovenanted 1st and 2nd Assistants and the Managers in the Political and Public Departments.

By Order of Court, 8th January 1847.—The Uncovenanted 1st and 2nd Assistants and the Manager in the Revenue and Judicial Departments.

By Order of Court, 4th June 1847.—The Manager and the Head Clerk of the Adjutant General's Office.

By Order of Court, 4th June 1847.—The Principal Accountant and the Register of the Military Auditor General's Office.

By Order of Court, 4th June 1847.—The Manager and the Examiner of the Revenue Board, Department of Public Works.

By Order of Court, 1st March 1850.—The Manager of the Clothing Board Office.

By Order of Court, 29th May 1850.—The Sheristadar of the Court of Sadr and Faujdári Adálat.

By Order of Court, 11th October 1850.—The Manager and the Book Keeper in the Current branch of the Commissary General's Office.

By Order of Court, 15th February 1853.—The Head Clerk and the Head Draftsman of the Board of Revenue, Department of Public Works.

By Order of Court, 4th March 1853.—Mr. J. H. Regel, Mr. George Peters and Mr. James Honnor, so long as they may be connected with the General Post Office.

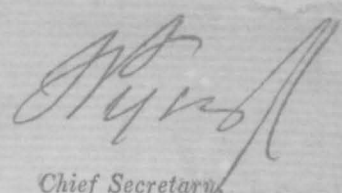
ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1860, No. 771.

Ordered to be communicated to the Secretary Government Savings' Bank, in reference to his letter of the 3rd instant, No. 9.

2. The letter above recorded will with its enclosure be, also, communicated to the under-mentioned Departments, in view to its being ascertained whether the number of persons attached to those Departments and now exempted from serving on the Petty Jury can, without serious inconvenience to the public service, be reduced.

Sadr and Faujdári Adálat,
Board of Revenue,
Collector of Sea Customs, Madras,
Collector of Madras,
Military Department,
Revenue and Public Works Department,
Adjutant General,
Military Auditor General,
Chief Engineer,
Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing,
Commissary General,
Post Master General.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Secretary Government Savings' Bank.

„ Sadr and Faujdári Adálat.
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„ Commissary General.
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