M.R.O. 14—10,000—21-4-22.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1055 Press
~~Mis.~~

251.252

Dated 13 . 5 . 1862

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th May 1862.

No. 251. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 10th May 1862, No. 773:—

Memorial from the inhabitants of Negapatam and Nagore, praying that Mr. Head Assistant Plumer may be allowed to remain at Negapatam without prejudice to his promotion as Sub-Collector, forwarded to Magistrate of Tanjore to report whether there is any objection to the head quarters of the Joint Magistrate being transferred temporarily to Negapatam pending the appointment of an officer as Acting Head Assistant Magistrate.

(Vide Judicial Proceedings, 10th May 1862, Nos. 85-86.)

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1862, No. 1,055.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Memorial from Messrs. J. ALEXANDER, WILLIAM FRANS, and several others, Inhabitants of Negapatam and Nagore; to His Excellency Sir W. T. DENISON, K.C.B., Governor, &c., &c., &c., of Madras.

SHEWETH,

That your Memorialists are inhabitants of the Towns of Negapatam and Nagore.

2. That owing to the rising importance of these towns and the great influx of Europeans since the establishment of the Railway, the Government have been pleased to re-appoint an European Magistrate to the Port of Negapatam for which this community desires to express its thankfulness. And their best expectations having been realized in the person of the present Head Assistant Mr. Plumer, your Memorialists, though rejoicing in the promotion of a most deserving Officer, cannot help regretting his removal to another part of the district consequent on such promotion.

3. Your Memorialists' desire particularly to record their high sense of the exertions made by Mr. Plumer, who began his career at this station by a resolute choice of conduct directed to the good of the community. The first object of his care was to see that the roads and lanes of this large and populous town are kept clean and free of nuisances. By kind and conciliatory conduct, Mr. Plumer has done much towards improving the health of the town, and his exertions in this respect may be said to have been more efficient than even the Penal Code.

4. To Mr. Plumer's exertions must be attributed the existence of a Weekly Fair in the centre of the Town of Negapatam which contributes greatly to the convenience of the whole community, and is the means of promoting earnest competition.

5. The project for establishing a Civil Hospital and Dispensary, and in which the Head Assistant Collector took such active interest is scarcely matured; meetings have been held and subscriptions begun, but your Memorialists apprehend that if they be now deprived of the valuable aid of Mr. Plumer, the project will share the same fate as one of a recent similar character where the sums collected had to be returned to the subscribers. The introduction of a Municipal Commission under Act XXVI of 1850, and other matters of local interest have begun to attract public attention, and they have yet to be properly considered and carried out.

6. But apart from these considerations your Memorialists feel that they cannot too strongly impress upon your Excellency's notice, the absolute necessity there exists for locating an European Officer at this place, holding commission as Justice of the Peace. In support of this opinion your Memorialist's will simply instance the case of the ship "Harkaru" lately from London. The crew having mutinied, they were brought ashore, but there being no Justice of the Peace on the spot, several days elapsed before the case could be investigated, the delay subjecting all parties to the greatest inconvenience; and if such be not obviated it is impossible to conceive what amount of mischeif might occur to the Mercantile interests generally.

7 Under these circumstances your Memorialist's humbly and respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to continue Mr. Plumer at this station without prejudice to his promotion as Sub-Collector.

And your Memorialists shall ever pray,

No. 160.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By order,

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Private Secretary.

GOVT. HOUSE, GUINDY PARK,
1*st May* 1862.

ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1862, No. 773.

The foregoing Memorial will be sent to the Acting Magistrate of Tanjore who will be good enough to state whether there is any objection to the Head Quarters of the Joint Magistrate being transferred temporarily to Negapatam pending the appointment of an Officer as Acting Head Assistant Magistrate.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Tanjore.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor,

Revenue 1862 Sept.
Proc: of Govt for May
Nº 1371.

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt. in the
Ind. Depart.

Dated 10th May 1862
Recd 12th "
Nº 1055 & Encl.
Nº 773.

Military order.

Memorial from the Inhabitants of Negapatam & Nagore praying that Mr. Asst. Apptt. Plumer may be allowed to remain at Negapatam without prejudice to his promotion as Asst. Coll. forwarded to Madras for report whether there is any objection to the Memorialists being

transferred temporarily to Negapatam pending the apptt. of an Officer as Asst. to Capt. Mapletate.

Nos 251 & 252.

From Lt. Govr.
13th May 1862

Nº 1055.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

Sept. 11