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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21*st March* 1862.

No. 358. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th March 1862, No. 1,553 :—

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In Cons. 25th October 1861, No. 6,748.

2. The Board do not find that in practice "a reasonable time for the necessary communi- "tion with Government through the proper channel and for the "issue of instructions" is generally allowed by the District Courts for this purpose, and the period of thirty days allowed by Section 333, Act VIII of 1859 for appeal to a District Court from the decision of a Court of Subordinate jurisdiction is not sufficient, it may safely be said in any case for the necessary reference, and for due consideration of the various points.

See Section 67, Act VIII of 1859.

3. It is unseemly and it is unfair to the public interests that the defence of suits in which those interests are at stake should be hurriedly prepared and undertaken at a disadvantage as compared with suits between private parties, and it is very undesirable that the matter should be left to the discretion of individual Judges, who in the case of Englishmen may not unfairly be assumed to be always more or less influenced in the matter by that national bias, which in its desire to ensure fair play to all parties, to the weak as to the strong, almost invariably all the world over ends by converting the English Judge into the advocate for the private party against the Government, and for the foreigner against the Englishmen in minor matters where high principles of justice are not immediately involved.

4. The Board are therefore of opinion that it is desirable that this matter should by legislative enactment be removed from the discretionary action of the Judges so far as the minimum of time to be allowed is concerned.

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1862, No. 630.

Referred to the Judicial Department in continuation of G. O. 23rd August 1861, No. 1,694.

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

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Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Madras,
8th March 1862.

Copy to the Government Pleader.

Exd. J. Wright.

Pro: 24 October /61 Nos 280-287.

Nº 630.

Pro: of the Madras Govt in the Judl. Dept. of 5 July 62 Nº 1931 &c.

Rev: 1862. Department.

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From The Secretary to the Board of Revenue;

To The Secretary to Government R. D.

Dated 8th *March* 1862.
Despatched. 13 Do
Received. 14 Do

No. 1,553.

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Requesting that a Legislative Enactment be obtained for the allowance of sufficient time for putting in the defence in Suits against Government, or for filing Appeals in such Cases.

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Nº 630 of 21 March 1862

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Fort St George 21st March 1862

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