

## MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
22nd July 1867.*

No. 426. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on letter from the Acting Magis-  
trate of Trichinopoly regarding the reduction } (Here enter 15th July 1867, No. 1,114.)  
in the number of his Covenanted Assistants.

No. 427. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1867, No. 1,860.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 1,114.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
15th July 1867.*

No. 150. Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 24th June 1867, No. 32.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, dated the 17th instant, No. 982, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether I am to consider the number of Covenanted Assistants, exclusive of the Head Assistant, to have been permanently reduced to one in this District.

2. At present, Mr. Gribble is the only Assistant attached to the District, but his services are of little or no use to me, Government having, in their Order of the 23rd February, No. 295, placed him in charge of the convicts huttet on the site of the projected Central Jail.

3. In their Order of the 23rd January, No. 142, Government stated that, if none of the Assistants attached to the District could be spared for this duty, they would transfer another Assistant from some other District for the purpose.

4. Now, as my only Assistant, I cannot spare Mr. Gribble's services. Since the inspection of Sub-Registry Offices and Subsidiary Jails has become a periodical duty of this Department, if the same is to be performed punctually, I must have an Assistant whom I am at liberty to send into the District.

5. If the Government intend to transfer another Assistant to this District, I have the honor to request that such Assistant should relieve Mr. Gribble in the charge of the convicts.

6. I do not think it fair to any Assistant that he should be long employed on such duty. Mr. Gribble has hitherto resided on the spot, some miles from the Cantonment. Thus, he has not been able to attend at the Cutcherry, nor can he go into the District, and he has been consequently debarred from availing himself of the best opportunities for learning his proper work. Mr. Gribble himself feels that he is placed at a disadvantage, and is anxious to be relieved from this special duty.

7. As, in reference to his Jail duties, Mr. Gribble is not under my orders, I have not interfered, but, in my opinion—and, as I frequently visit the new Jail, I have good opportunity for judging—there is no necessity for the Officer in charge living on the site, nor is there anything in the duty to be performed that requires the almost exclusive devotion thereto of the services of a Revenue and Magisterial Officer.

8. In framing their Order of the 23rd January, Government were under the impression that the aid of such an Officer, in procuring materials, &c., would be useful, but, in the vicinity of a large town like Trichinopoly, the Department of Public Works requires no extraneous aid, and, in point of fact, Mr. Gribble has never once been applied to by the Officer in charge of the works for assistance of any kind.

9. The Jailer is a very experienced and efficient man, and I believe nothing further is requisite but that the Officer in charge should visit the place three or four mornings in the week.

10. If a Covenanted Assistant is to remain in charge, he cannot leave the station on any other duty, and, in that case, I must ask the Government to transfer another

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Assistant here, as contemplated in their Order above quoted; but if, under the circumstances I have represented, Government should be of opinion that the charge of these convicts might be assigned to the Cantonment Magistrate without overburdening him with work, then, the full use of Mr. Gribble's services being restored to me I do not require another Assistant, and will dispense with the services of the additional clerk, in accordance with the Order under acknowledgment.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1867, No. 1114.

The Government are unable to attach to the Trichinopoly District another Covenanted Assistant; but, as the circumstances represented by the Acting Magistrate, Mr. Vans Agnew, clearly show that there is no further necessity for the services of a Covenanted Assistant at the site of the new Central Jail, Mr. Gribble is directed to resume his ordinary duties under the Collector and Magistrate.

2. The future superintendence of the convicts located at the new Jail will be transferred to Captain Brown, Cantonment Magistrate, who will be expected personally to visit the gang several times each week, and, in order to the enforcement of a proper degree of discipline, is authorized to exercise the powers of punishment created by Regulation X of 1832.

(True Extract.)

*[Signature]*  
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly.  
" Cantonment Magistrate, Trichinopoly  
" Inspector General of Jails.  
" Revenue Department. ✓

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