

No. 198. Read the following letter from the Government Solicitor, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 16th August 1872, No. 393 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, for the information of Government, copy of a letter received by me from Mr. A. G. Gover, the Advocate who was retained by me on behalf of Government to conduct the prosecution against Veerasawmy Pillay, late Overseer, Forest Department.

2. With regard to Mr. Gover's fee in connection with the above case, namely, Rs. 250, I have the honour to state that such fee was paid upon the assumption that the case would have occupied only a couple of days, but it will be seen from Mr. Gover's letter that the prosecution has already lasted *six* days, and that it will necessarily last for another day at least when it comes on again at the September sessions.

3. It is somewhat difficult to say what increased fee should be paid to Mr. Gover. If the prosecution had taken place at Madras, the ordinary fee payable to an Advocate here would be 25 Pagodas (or Rs. 87-8-0) for each day the trial lasted, and in addition to this, as the case is an important one, there would, no doubt, be some two or three conference fees of 15 Pagodas (or Rs. 52-8-0) each. Adopting this standard, and assuming that the case will last seven days in all, and that there would be three conferences besides, the aggregate fees payable to Mr. Gover would amount to Rs. 770 ; and considering that, in the present case, Mr. Gover has had no legal assistance, and that he has had practically to act as the Attorney and Advocate in the case, I am of opinion that a further fee of 500 Rs. would, under the circumstances, be a fair and reasonable sum, and I, therefore, request the orders of Government thereon.

4. I may mention, for the information of Government, that there is no fixed scale of fees for *Advocates* (as is the case where Vakeels are employed) in Mofussil suits or prosecutions, and that the fees are entirely dependant on the nature of the case and the time it will occupy Counsel ; and in each case I believe the amount of the fee is determined upon between the Advocate and his client.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From ALFRED G. GOVER, Esq., to the Government Solicitor, Madras, dated Tellicherry, 12th August 1872.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the case against late Sub-Overseer Veerasawmy Pillay has this day been adjourned to the September sessions on account of the absence of Daly Venkata, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution. I have heard that, at the time of the commitment of the case, this witness was ill and obliged to go to his own home at Mysore, and has not yet recovered. The case began on Tuesday the 6th instant and has occupied every day since. I, therefore, have the honour to request that the fee marked on my retainer may be reconsidered.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1872.

No. 199.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1872, No. 1,245.

Forests, No. 15.

THE Government Solicitor is
authorized to disburse the amount he
proposes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Government Solicitor.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

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Telliacherry,
August 12th 1872.

From

Alfred G. Gover Esq^{re}

To

H. G. Prichard Esq^{re}
Government Solicitor.

Sir,

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Sub-overseer Verasawmy Pilla has this day been adjourned to
the September Sessions on account of the absence of Daly Venkata
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and obliged to go to his own home at Mysore and has not yet
recovered. The case began on Tuesday the 6th instant and has
occupied every day since, I therefore have the honor to request
that the fee marked on my retainer may be reconsidered.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
(Signed) Alfred G. Gover.

(True Copy)

H. G. Prichard
Government Solicitor.

Res: 2/47/72

Decline in letter from
the Government solicitor,
in relation to the forwarding to
Government of the account,
dated 16th August 1892,
of £ 393. 6.

No 2747
Dec: 1842. Well

The Government solicitor
at the Secretary to Government
Cathamund.

Dated 16th
Sept 1843 August 16

No 393
Enclosure 1

I forward a copy of a letter
from Mr. A. G. Mervin the private
secretary to the Government
at the Secretary to Government
Cathamund, dated 16th Sept 1843
and enclose herewith a further
copy of 500 Rs. which is a fair
and reasonable sum, and
therefore request the order of
Government to be given -

With Order

No 1245 - 23 August 1842.

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My dear Sir, I am honored to
hear that you are in England.

Yours
D. A.

4.30 Mr. J. A. G. Mervin
6. Accountant General
14. Mr. J. A. G. Mervin

23 Aug 1842.

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