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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th April 1873.*

No. 28. Read the following Petition from the Rev. A. V. TIMPANY, Missionary at Ramapatam, Nellore District, to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated 1st March 1873:—

Your petitioner humbly sheweth that, in accordance with a recent Order of Government, he instructed the Christians in his charge not to acknowledge the old caste in any public transaction.

2. That some Christians who became such nine months ago, and were well known to be Christians in their village and surrounding country, were summoned to the Munsif's Court of Ongole a short time ago under the old caste-name "Madaga." They refused to take the summonses, or to have them put upon the house-walls, at the same time telling the peon that if they were served *minus* the term "Madaga" or under the term "Christian" they could come, but could not and would not come to Court as Madagas when they were not such, but Christians. The summonses were at the instance of a creditor in a case of debt.

3. That this was known to the Court or in the Court to be the reason why they did not appear.

4. That the case was nevertheless tried *ex parte*, and judgment given against them. That your petitioner humbly craveth to know whether the said Christians are in the right or wrong according to the meaning of the said Act of Government.

5. The Christians are members of my Church by baptism.

6. Begging an early reply, your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1873, No. 371.

The above petition will be communicated to the Honourable the Judges of the High Court with the request that, if they see no objections to so doing, they will instruct judicial officers throughout the Presidency to refrain from adding any caste or outcaste designation to the names of known converts to Christianity, unless such designation be absolutely necessary for the identification of the party referred to.

2. The Heads of all other Departments under Government are directed to issue similar instructions to all officers under their orders.

(True Extract.)

J. Sturrock
Chief Secretary.

To all Heads of Departments.

for information and for communication to subordinate officers.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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TO ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

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G. O., 8th April 1873, No. 371.

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Nos. 28-30.

Directing the Heads of Departments to issue instructions to all officers under their orders to refrain from adding any caste designations to the names of known converts to Christianity, unless such designations be absolutely necessary for the identification of the party referred to.

do Sir. 21 May 1873

With Order.

21-24-73
Comm^d to the

Board of Revenue

Director of Revenue

Department of Revenue
and Inspector of Streets.

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