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Court Fees Stamps.

No. 29. Read the following letter from T. WEIR, Esq., Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th February 1876, No. 548 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 19th August 1875, No. 1832, forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of Government of the same date, and requesting that a report may be furnished for communication to the Government of India on the following points :—

(1.) Whether the several Courts, including the High Court, have kept Registers of the Fees filed by Stamps.

(2.) Whether a distinction has been made between Process Fees under Chapter IV, and Fees under Schedules I and II of the Court Fees Act.

(3.) Whether it is not advisable, as suggested by the Government of India, to keep up these Registers, in order to have the means of regulating the Process Serving Establishments, and to secure statistical information whereby the net cost of each Court may be ascertained at any time.

2. In reply to the first question, I am to state that the several Courts, including the High Court, have kept Registers of Court Fees paid in the form of stamps.

3. In reply to the second question, I am to state that, with the exceptions hereinafter mentioned, a distinction has been made between Process Fees levied under Chapter IV, and Fees levied under Schedules I and II of the Court Fees Act. In the District Munsifs' Courts of Masulipatam and Bezvada (Kistna District), and of Nundial (Kurnool District), only one Register has been kept for the two classes of Court Fees Stamps.

4. In reply to the third question, I am to state that the High Court thinks it advisable, for the reasons stated in the fourth paragraph of the letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, that the Registers should continue to be kept. The Registers are undoubtedly useful in affording valuable statistical information, and they do not involve labor disproportionate to their value.

5. The information asked for in your letter under reply not being available in the High Court's Office, it became necessary to call for a report from the District Courts, and this necessity has unavoidably delayed the transmission of the reply now given.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1876, No. 402.

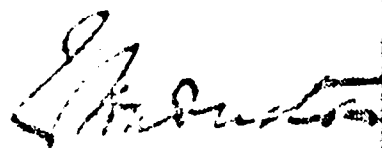
Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letter in the Financial Department, G.O., 19th August 1875, No. 1832. dated 29th June 1875, No. 1643.

2. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the above letter, the Government presume that the High Court will have issued instructions to the District Munsifs in

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question to keep separate Registers for Process Fees under Chapter IV, and Fees levied under Schedules I and II of the Act; but should this not have been already done, they request that it may be done at once.

(True Extract.)



Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department, with reference to Proceedings
in that Department, 16th July 1875, No. 1970.
.. Registrar of the High Court, Madras.

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