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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

2nd April 1877, No. 835.

Wynaad.

Read the following paper:—

No. 2. From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Officiating District Judge of South Malabar, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 16th March 1877, No. 122.

With reference to the Order of Government, Judicial Department, dated 8th March 1877, No. 601, transferring the amshoms of Nambalakode, Cherangode, and Munnadan to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Nilgiri Hills, I have the honor to state that the present District Munsif and Sub-Magistrate of Gudalur exercises civil jurisdiction over two other amshoms, viz., Muppayanad and Ganapadyvattam, which are not transferred. Early orders will be necessary whether he is to continue to exercise civil jurisdiction over these two amshoms subject to my appellate jurisdiction, or whether his jurisdiction is to be confined to the amshoms transferred.

2. In the latter case, it will be necessary to make some arrangement for the Muppayanad and Ganapadyvattam Amshoms, and I fear that it is impossible to transfer them to the Vythry Munsif and Sub-Magistrate. This officer is already overburdened with work Civil, Criminal, and Revenue, and neglect of one branch is excused by pressure of work in another. It was only the other day that I was informed that, in a civil suit in which the Land Mortgage Bank was concerned, and which was posted for hearing in December, after one witness had been examined, the Munsif adjourned the case *sine die* on the ground that under the Magistrate's order he was to proceed to Maypadi to prevent a riot. That suit was not taken up again until March. I do not blame the Munsif as he has such multifarious duties, but I am of opinion that in the interests of the suitors some fresh arrangement should be made.

3. Every one whom I have consulted is in favor of separating the Civil from the Revenue and Criminal jurisdiction and appointing a Munsif with ordinary powers for the whole of the Wynaad. The most suitable locality would seem to be Vythry or its neighbourhood, and in this case it would be advisable that he should be subordinate to this Court. In the year 1876 the number of suits filed in the Courts of the three Munsifs in the Wynaad was as follows:—

					Original Suits.	Small Causes.
Deputy Collector, Manantody	..	..	..	..	97	61
Sub-Magistrate, Vythry	..	..	..	..	159	83
Do. Gudalur	..	..	..	..	127	59
Total	..	..	..	..	383	203

The work has been increasing very much of late years, and it is simply a question of time when a separate Munsif will have to be appointed. I do not apprehend that more than half of the suits in the Gudalur Court came from the amshoms transferred to the Nilgiris, so that already there is very nearly sufficient work to occupy the full time of a Munsif.

4. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Collector, so that he may be in a position to place his own views before the Government on the question.

No. 3.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1877, No. 835.

It is observed that the High Court has already been requested* by Government to take the necessary steps for adjusting the local jurisdiction of the District Munsif at Gudalur, with reference to the transfer of the three amshoms of Nambalakode, Cherangode, and Munnana in South-East Wynaad to the Commissionership of the Nilgiris.

2. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Officiating District Judge's letter will be communicated to the Honorable the Judges, with the request that they will favor the Government with their opinion on the suggestion made for separating the Civil from the Revenue and Criminal jurisdiction now vested in the Subordinate Magistrate at Vythry, and for appointing a District Munsif for the whole of the Wynaad Taluq.

3. As a copy of Mr. Wigram's letter has been communicated by him to the Collector of Malabar, the Governor in Council awaits Mr. Logan's report on the subject.

(True Extract.)

W. S. L.

Asst. Secy. to Govt.

To the Officiating District Judge of South Malabar.

„ Honorable the Judges of the High Court, with letter,
„ Collector of Malabar.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To
THE OFFICE DISTRICT JUDGE OF
SOUTH MALABAR,
&c, &c, &c.

Dated April, 3rd.

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G.O., 2nd April 1877, No. 835.

APRIL.
Nos. 2-3.

2. To the H. of Revenue 16-4-77

It is ordered—Orders passed relative to the revised
jurisdictions of the District Munsif at Godalur,
and of the Sub-Magistrate at Vythiri, consequent
on the transfer of certain customs from the
Wynad to the Nilgiris.

Comm. to the
Board of Revenue
12th April 77