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a very considerable portion of Our time and attention is employed in performing the necessary duties of our Station in the Mayor's Court, and except the trivial fees which are paid to the Mayor in the execution of his immediate duty, no Salary or gratuity whatever is annexed to our Office.

We think it right to observe that there does not exist another Court of Record throughout his Majesty's Dominions, of which its Judges have not Salaries annexed to them, adequate to their Trouble and the Station they fill.

Parliament hath made every liberal provision for the Judges of the Supreme Court at Calcutta, and their Allowances form a very considerable expense, while the whole Establishment of the Mayor's Court of Madras does not exceed the Sum of Two Thousand Pagodas ^{per Annum}.

At a time when the Settlement was but thinly inhabited, and of course but little Business done in this Court, Persons who officiated as Aldermen readily bestowed that small portion of their time then required in discharge of the duties of their Station.

But the Inhabitants of this Settlement are now become so numerous and their occupations and concerns so very much varied and extended, that the present business of the Court cannot be discharged by its Members without engaging a very considerable portion of that time and attention necessary to their own private Concerns.

The Large Volumes of our Records Annually transmitted to your Honors speak so fully to the Reason of this Address, that we have a confidence of its meeting the success it Merits, and that it will induce your Honors, when you are pleased to take

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