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From

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Secretary to the Gov^t of Bengal

To

The Secretary to the Gov^t of India
Home Department

Dated Fort William, the 21th May 1861.

Judicial

Sir,

I am directed to forward for sub-
-mission to the Government of India a

Jud^o A for May 1861 N. 30/41
Letter from the Sud^r Court N. 719 & 713th Inst^s
To ————— N. 1290 of this day.

copy of the annexed correspondence
regarding an application from
Mr. Smith of the Coimbatore Factory

at Furreedpore for the appointment of two
Moonsiffs in that District especially to try cases
of breach of Contract of which a large number
are expected.

2 Mr. Smith it will be observed represents
that he had made advances last autumn
to upwards of 12,000 Ryots for the cultivation
of Indigo, but that almost all of them have
refused to fulfil their engagements. He
accordingly has requested the deputation of
two Moonsiffs or two Deputy Collectors to the
neighbourhood of his Factories for the purpose
of trying the cases which he proposes to
institute against his Ryots for breach of
Contract.

3 On the receipt of Mr. Smith's application
the Lieut^t. Governor lost no time in addressing
the Sudder Court on the subject, and he desired
that two judicial Officers of experience should
be at once selected for the special duty in

question

question, and the Court, it will be seen, have
issued instructions for the immediate deputation
to Surrampore of a Sudder Ameen and a first class
Moonsiff to take up the cases mentioned by
Mr. Smith, the Court being of opinion that this
selection of a Sudder Ameen and Moonsiff, in
preference to two Moonsiffs would be more likely
to meet the views of cases brought by Mr. Smith.
The additional Principal Sudder Ameen, who
was appointed under the orders of the Lieutenant
Governor dated 7th November last in anticipation
of the approval of the Govt of India for the
trial of suits connected with Indigo in the districts
of Serepore, Nudda & Rajshahye being now available,
has been sent to take up the cases that may be
appealed and the arrangements made will thus
be calculated to secure to Mr. Smith every reason-
able facility for the final disposal of his cases,
and the Court's ampleitude.

The Lieut. Governor trusts that His Excellency
the Governor General in Council will be pleased to
approve of these measures which it was thought
advisable to sanction, in anticipation at once.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. S. Seton Karr

Secy to the Govt of Bengal.

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