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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY DURING THE YEAR 1929

1. This report and the statements appended to it relate to the Presidency proper and not to Sind.

2. *Judicial Staff*—(Statement No. 1).—The Judicial Staff employed in the Presidency on 31st December 1929 and available for Civil Cases consisted of 10 permanent High Court Judges and 1 temporary Additional Judge; 17 District Judges; 10 Assistant Judges (including 3 under training); a Chief Judge and 5 Judges (including one temporary Additional Judge) of the Presidency Small Cause Court; 2 Provincial Small Cause Court Judges; 21 First Class Subordinate Judges and 101 Second Class Subordinate Judges. In addition, the Registrars of the Small Cause Courts of Ahmedabad and Poona exercised the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge. There were also 3 Inamdars and Jagirdars exercising the powers of a Subordinate Judge under Regulation XIII of 1830 and 93 Village Munsiffs appointed under the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, Act XVII of 1879.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

The Honourable Sir Amberson Barrington Marten, Knight, presided over the High Court from 1st January to 9th June and from 17th October to 31st December 1929. His Lordship was on leave from 10th June to 16th October 1929 during which period the Honourable Sir Norman Kemp officiated as Chief Justice.

PUISNE JUDGES.

The Honourable Sir Charles Gordon Hill Fawcett, Knight, I.C.S., from 1st January 1929 to 28th June 1929. His Lordship was on special duty till 14th March 1929, after which His Lordship assumed and relinquished charge of his office as Puisne Judge on 15th March 1929 and proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement.

The Honourable Sir Norman Kemp, Kt., from 1st January to 9th June and from 17th October to 31st December 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice G. D. Madgavkar, I.C.S., from 1st January to 17th March 1929 and from 15th April to 31st December 1929. His Lordship was on leave from 18th March to 14th April 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Mirza Ali Akbar Khan, from 1st January to 9th June and from 17th October to 31st December 1929. His Lordship was on leave from 10th June to 16th October 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice C. P. Blackwell, from 1st January to 7th April and from 15th April to 31st December 1929. His Lordship was on leave from 8th to 14th April 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. S. Patkar from 1st January to 31st December 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice W. T. W. Baker, I.C.S., from 1st January to 9th June 1929 and from 17th October to 31st December 1929. His Lordship was on leave from 10th June to 16th October 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. J. Murphy, I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1929. His Lordship acted as a Judge from 1st January to 14th April 1929 and was appointed a Puisne Judge from 15th April 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. S. Rangnekar from 1st January to 31st December 1929. His Lordship acted as an Additional Judge from 1st January to 14th April 1929 and was appointed a Puisne Judge from 15th April 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice R. S. Broomfield, I.C.S., from 16th November to 31st December 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice J. D. Davar acted as an Additional Judge from 1st January to 14th April 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia acted as an Additional Judge from 21st January to 13th April 1929 and as a Puisne Judge from 10th June to 16th October 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Balak Ram, I.C.S., acted as a Puisne Judge from 18th March to 14th April 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice K. McI. Kemp acted as Puisne Judge from 10th June to 16th October 1929 and as an Additional Judge from 21st October to 31st December 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice A. C. Wild, I.C.S., acted as Puisne Judge from 10th June to 15th November 1929.

The Honourable Mr. Justice F. W. Allison, I.C.S., acted as a Puisne Judge from 10th June to 16th October 1929.

HIGH COURT.

I—ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

3. *Original Suits for disposal*—(Statement No. 3).—The number of civil suits pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of the year 1928 was 3,060 including 68 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes. The number instituted during the year 1929 was 2,620 including 16 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes and 232 (including 1 suit received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes) restored during the year. The above totals 3,060, 2,620 and 232 make an aggregate of 5,912 for disposal in 1929 as against 5,636 in 1928.

4. *Original Suits disposed of* (Statement No. 5).—The number of suits decided was 2,421 including 20 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes. The number left undisposed of at the end of the year was 3,491 including 65 suits received by transfer from