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**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL
JUSTICE IN THE PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY
DURING THE YEAR 1930.**

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 1930 and available for Civil cases consisted of 10 permanent High Court Judges and 1 temporary Additional Judge; 17 District Judges; 12 Assistant Judges (including 4 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; 22 First Class Subordinate Judges and 99 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 16th June 1930 and resigned from 17th June 1930.

The Honourable Sir John W. F. Beaumont, Knight, was appointed Chief Justice in succession to the Honourable Sir Amberson Barrington Marten and presided over the High Court from 20th June to 31st December 1930. During the interval the Honourable Mr. Justice G. D. Madgavkar, I.C.S., officiated as Chief Justice.

PUISNE JUDGES.

The Honourable Sir Norman Wright Kemp, Knight, from 1st January to 16th June 1930 and from 20th October to 31st December 1930. His Lordship was on leave from 17th June to 19th October 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice G. D. Madgavkar, I.C.S., from 1st January to 16th March 1930, from 18th April to 16th June 1930 and from 20th June to 31st December 1930. His Lordship was on leave from 17th March to 17th April 1930 and officiated as Chief Justice from 17th to 19th June 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Mirza Ali Akbar Khan, from 1st January to 31st December 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice C. P. Blackwell, from 1st January to 31st December 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. S. Patkar, from 1st January to 31st December 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice W. T. W. Baker, I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. J. Murphy, I.C.S., from 1st January to 16th June 1930, and from 20th October to 31st December 1930. His Lordship was on leave from 17th June to 19th October 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice S. S. Rangnekar, from 1st January to 16th June 1930 and from 20th October to 31st December 1930. His Lordship was on leave from 17th June to 19th October 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice R. S. Broomfield, I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice K. McI. Kemp acted as an Additional Judge from 1st to 31st January 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia acted as an Additional Judge from 1st February to 17th April 1930 and from 17th November to 31st December 1930. His Lordship acted also as a Puisne Judge from 17th June to 19th October 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice H. J. Kania acted as a Puisne Judge from 17th June to 19th October 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice P. B. Shingne acted as a Puisne Judge from 17th March to 17th April 1930.

The Honourable Mr. Justice K. W. Barlee, I.C.S., acted as a Puisne Judge from 17th June to 19th October 1930.

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 1929 was 3,491 including 65 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes. The number instituted during the year 1930 was 2,783 including 14 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes and 391 (including 1 suit received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes) restored during the year. The above totals 3,491, 2,783 and 391 make an aggregate of 6,665 for disposal in 1930 as against 5,912 in 1929.

4. *Original Suits disposed of—(Statement No. 5).*—The number of suits decided was 3,348 including 23 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes. The number left undisposed of at the end of the year was 3,317 including 57 suits received by transfer from the Bombay Court of Small Causes. This number is 174 less than the corresponding number at the end of the previous year. Of those 3,317 suits, 2,158 were ripe for hearing and in arrear, a decrease of 182 suits over the figure of the previous year. There were 2,016 suits whose hearing had been pending for over one year. This is a decrease of 144 suits on the figures of the previous year.