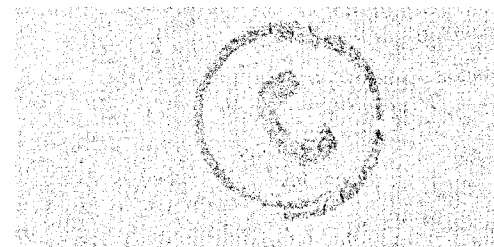


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REPORT

ON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

IN THE

PRESIDENCY OF MADRAS

IN

1896.

I.—Introductory.

The plan of the report is the same as in previous years.

Plan of report.

2. The jurisdiction of the Bench Court at Ranipet was extended to Wallajah. The Courts of the Cantonment Magistrates at Wellington and Ponnammallee were abolished on 1st February 1896. The Sessions Judge of Kurnool was made Joint Sessions Judge of Bellary as a temporary measure.

Changes in jurisdiction.

II.—Tribunals and their Sittings.

3. The number of Courts that exercised criminal jurisdiction in 1895 and 1896 is given below :—

Comparative statement.

		1895.	1896.
(a) <i>In the Mufassal.</i>			
Village Magistrates' Courts	...	5,631	6,333
Bench Magistrates' Courts	{ 1st Class ...	1	1
	{ 2nd do. ...	29	25
	{ 3rd do. ...	25	31
Special Magistrates' Courts	{ 1st Class ...	3	3
	{ 2nd do. ...	1	1
	{ 3rd do. ...	38	36
Cantonment Magistrates' Courts	{ 1st Class ...	1	1
	{ 3rd do. ...	2	1
Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates' Courts.	{ 1st Class ..	4	3
	{ 2nd do. ...	433	444
	{ 3rd do. ...	34	41
Superior Magistrates' Courts ...	...	116	119
Courts of Session ...	...	20	20
(b) <i>In the Presidency Town.</i>			
The Court of the Commissioner of Police for the Town of Madras	...	1	1
The Presidency Magistrates' Courts	...	1	1
The High Court	...	1	1

4. The increase in the number of Village Magistrates is noticeable. It was marked in Ganjam (+419), Coimbatore (+114) and Madura (+93), and may be attributed to the appointment as Munsifs of a larger number of educated men. The decrease in Tinnevely (—155) is due to the fact that the returns of previous years incorrectly included all the Village Magistrates of two Taluks.

Village Magistrates.

Bench Courts. 5. The number of Bench Courts exceeded that in 1895 by 2. This was due to the constitution of a new court at Shevapet in the Salem District and to the Bench at Yercaud, which tried no cases in 1895, resuming its work. The largest number of working days was 255 in Adoni.

Special Magistrates. 6. The transfer of certain Sub-Registrars accounts for the smaller number of Special Magistrates. The number of working days varied from 224 in Ooty to 2 in Nilambur.

Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates. 7. Of the Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates, the three 1st Class Magistrates were a Probationary Deputy Magistrate and two Assistant Magistrates not authorized to hear appeals, and 63 of the Second Class were Tahsildars not ordinarily invested with powers to take cognizance of offences under section 191 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

District Magistrates. 8. The number of working days in the Courts of the District Magistrates varied from 159 in South Arcot to 3 in Vizagapatam.

Courts of Sessions. 9. In the Courts of Session the number of working days varied from 144 days in Salem to 23 in Ganjam.

Presidency Magistrates. 10. The Court of the Presidency Magistrate at Egmore sat on 276, and that at Black Town on 277 days.

High Court. 11. In the High Court 136 Benches sat for the disposal of criminal work. Of these twenty were for the trial of sessions cases and 116 for the disposal of appellate and revisional work. On the appellate side, 76 Benches sat on 76 days for the disposal of criminal business alone, including 9 Benches in the vacation, and 40 Benches sat on 38 other days for the disposal of criminal along with civil work.

III.—State of Crime.

Offences reported. 12. Excluding the cases reported to Village Magistrates, there were 319,598 cases reported in the year as against 320,286 in the previous year, the difference being mainly due to a smaller number of prosecutions under the Indian Penal Code.

Cases dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, and those struck off as false decreased.

Cases returned as true. 13. The total number of cases returned as true has continued to increase since 1886, the number so returned during the year being 307,534 or 568 more than in the previous year. This was again the result of numerous prosecutions under Special and Local Laws, which rose from 193,053 in 1895 to 194,788 in the year under report.

Penal Code. 14. Offences under the Penal Code decreased by 1,167.

Cases affecting life were 698 against 682 in 1895. Murder cases increased from 385 to 438, the chief variations being in Kurnool (+18), Tinnevelly (+12), Madura, Malabar and Vizagapatam (+10 each), Godavari (—9), and North Arcot and Coimbatore (—7 each). Cases of culpable homicide not amounting to murder decreased from 119 to 92, chiefly in Godavari (—8) and Tinnevelly (—7). There was an increase in Cuddapah (+5) and Madura (+4).

The number of robberies and dacoities fell from 447 to 402 and from 388 to 387 respectively. Cases of robbery decreased considerably in Coimbatore (—19), Malabar (—15), Kurnool (—17) and increased in Nellore (+13) and Trichinopoly (+9). Dacoities decreased in Tinnevelly (—13), Madura (—10) and increased in Kistna (+11) and Anantapur (+9).

Cases of theft decreased by 625, chiefly in Madura (—151), Malabar (—109), Tanjore (—106) and increased notably in Godavari (+117) and Vizagapatam (+85).

Cases of forgery rose from 210 to 214.

The number of offences relating to coin and Government stamps fell from 105 to 80.

Offences against public tranquillity decreased from 2,271 in 1895 to 2,080, the variations being considerable in Godavari (—79), Kurnool (—45), Coimbatore (—42), and Vizagapatam (+42).

Offences affecting public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals fell by 871 in 1896, the decrease being large in South Arcot (—1,629) and Chingleput (—233). There was an increase in Kistna (+496) and Ganjam (+403). In South Arcot the fall is ascribed to want of activity on the part of the Police.

Cases of hurt increased by 1,200, chiefly in Vizagapatam (+786) and Tanjore (+244), and fell in Godavari (—305); while those of criminal force and assault fell from 26,961 to 26,624, chiefly in Vizagapatam (—704) and Malabar (—383), and rose in Chingleput (+392) and Madras (+282).

Offences of criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance increased by 543, particularly in North Arcot (+192), Godavari (+160) and Nellore (+158).

Cases of mischief decreased slightly.

15. Offences under Special and Local Laws increased by 1,735.

Special
Local L

Cases under the District Municipalities Act increased by 4,501, the chief variations being in Madura (+4,528), Trichinopoly (+444) and Salem (—534). The improvement in Trichinopoly is ascribed to the appointment of a salaried Chairman to the Municipality.

The number of cases under the Towns' Nuisances Act decreased by 544 cases. There were marked variations in Tanjore (—1,184), Madura (—1,106), the Nilgiris (+610) and Cuddapah (+499).

Cases under the Forest Act increased by 367. There was an increase in South Arcot (+361) and Madura (+353) and a fall in Salem (—424) and South Canara (—279).

Cases under the Salt Act fell by 899, the chief variations being in Tanjore (—703), Madura (—368) and South Arcot (+414).

Offences under the Abkari Act decreased by 965. They fell in Coimbat (—626), where special attempts had been made to put down illicit distillation

rose in Tinnevely (+744) owing to the extension of the tree-tapping system to the whole of the District.

Offences under the Hackney Carriage Act increased by 615.

Cases brought to trial.

16. 108,375 cases under the Indian Penal Code and 189,914 under Special and Local Laws, or 96.12 and 97.49 per cent. respectively of the cases returned as true under these heads, were brought to trial, the percentages being almost the same as in the previous year.

Persons tried and convicted.

17. 469,223 persons were brought to trial during the year as against 470,471 in 1895, the percentage of convictions being 22.09 in cases of offences under the Penal Code, and 84.34 in cases of offences under Special and Local Laws, almost the same percentages as in 1895.

Remarks on convictions under Penal Code.

18. As regards cases of compoundable nature, the percentages of convictions fell from 12.50 to 8.66 in cases of defamation and from 9.46 to 8.95 in cases of criminal intimidation, and rose from 7.98 to 8.04 in cases of criminal force and assault.

The proportion of convictions declined in the case of offences affecting public health, offences of contempt of lawful authority of public servants and those relating to weights and measures, and increased in the case of offences relating to coin and Government stamps.

In cases of more heinous offences, the percentages of convictions fell in offences affecting life and causing miscarriage and rose in offences of rape and kidnapping.

Recapitulation.

19. To recapitulate, the main features of 1896 were:—

- (1). A large increase in the number of Village Magistrates who tried cases.
- (2). A fall in the number of offences under the Indian Penal Code.
- (3). A fall in the institutions under the Madras City Police Act.
- (4). An increase in cases under the District Municipalities Act.
- (5). An increase in the number of cases returned as true.
- (6). As in previous years, a large proportion of convictions in the case of offences of a heinous nature.

IV.—Business in the Courts.

1.—All Courts together.

20. The institutions in the different classes of Courts in 1895 and 1896 are compared below:—

	Original Cases.		Appeals.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.
Village Magistrates' Courts ...	10,839	17,402	...	...
Regular Magistrates' Courts in the Mufassal ...	242,240	242,946	8,271	8,292
Presidency Magistrates' Courts	53,384	51,777	...	...
Courts of Session ...	1,124	1,068	1,214	1,129
High Court...	56	43	725	689
Total...	307,643	307,236	10,210	10,110

Comparative statement of original and appeal cases.

As before, the districts of Tanjore, Malabar and Madura contributed the largest quota, and those of Kurnool, Anantapur and the Nilgiris the smallest.

21. The following table compares the preventive and miscellaneous proceedings taken under the Code of Criminal Procedure in the past two years:—

	Cases disposed of.		Persons disposed of.		Persons convicted.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.
Proceedings against witnesses under Chapters VI and XXXV ...	24	13	31	14	25	12
Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace, section 106 ...	25	21	123	77	112	72
Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X ...	50	156	68	313	4	8
Possession, Chapter XII ...	88	74	528	315	52	28
Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, section 560 ...	1,508	1,409	1,544	1,434	1,527	1,418
Non-attendance of jurors or assessors, Chapter XXIII ...	12	15	13	15	13	13
Maintenance, Chap. XXXVI ...	2,175	2,161	2,176	2,172	707	721
Forfeiture of bail or recognizance, under Chapter XLII.	1,225	1,165	1,401	1,381	1,259	1,270

Comparative statement of miscellaneous proceedings.

The number of persons required to give security to keep the peace varied noticeably in Coimbatore (—25), Chingleput (—23) and Vizagapatam (—21) and Cuddapah (+15).

No persons called upon to remove local nuisances were punished for disobedience to orders made absolute.

The number of persons ordered to pay compensation for lodging frivolous and vexatious complaints were again most numerous in Tanjore, Godavari, Kistna and Malabar.

A sum of Rs. 24,121 was awarded as compensation to accused persons, of which Rs. 21,431 was realized. The average amount recovered was Rs. 15-1-9.

The number of cases of forfeiture of bail or bond fell in Salem (—133), and rose in Trichinopoly (+79). The largest number of cases occurred in Madura and Trichinopoly.

The amount of bail bonds forfeited was Rs. 14,400, and of this, the sum of Rs. 6,924 was recovered.

European
British
subjects.

22. 75 European British subjects concerned in 62 cases were brought to trial in the year. The cases of 73 persons were disposed of with the result that 39 were convicted, 18 of offences under Special and Local Laws and the rest of offences under the Penal Code.

2.—Village Magistrates' Courts.

Work
received
and done.

23. The number of cases in these Courts increased very slightly but not in proportion to the increase in the number of Magistrates. The files were again heaviest in Tanjore. An explanation of the returns from Ganjam has been called for.

The number of persons brought to trial was 18,390, of whom 17,934 were dealt with and 7,695 were convicted, 5,525 persons being simply imprisoned and 2,170 confined in stocks.

3. Regular Magistrates' Courts in the Mufassal.

A.—Original Jurisdiction.

Comparative
statement
of work
received.

24. The table below exhibits a comparative view of the institutions in these Courts in the past three years :—

	1894.	1895.	1896.
Bench Magistrates ...	63,889	64,148	67,187
Special Magistrates ...	4,129	3,654	4,557
Subordinate Magistrates without appellate powers ...	168,634	169,642	166,672
Sub-Divisional Magistrates with appellate powers ...	4,670	4,745	4,458
District Magistrates ...	37	51	72
Total...	241,359	242,240	242,946
1st Class Magistrates...	5,007	5,580	5,116
2nd do. do. ...	190,571	192,884	182,741
3rd do. do. ...	45,781	43,776	55,089
Total...	241,359	242,240	242,946

The variation was most marked in Madura (+2,703), Nellore (+996), Tanjore (—1,857) and South Arcot (—946). The rise in Madura was due to proce-

cutions under the District Municipalities Act and that in Nellore to the increase in offences under the Abkari, Contract and Towns' Nuisances Acts. In Tanjore the number of cases under the District Municipalities Act and in South Arcot that of offences against public health, safety and convenience declined.

25. As regards the files of Benches of Magistrates, the variations were mainly in Madura (+3,424), Malabar (+890), Tanjore (—1,441) and Kistna (—464). Bench Courts.

26. The files of the Special Magistrates varied considerably in the Nilgiris (+592), Coimbatore (+190) and Tanjore (—101). The rise in the Nilgiris was due to cases under the District Municipalities and Towns' Nuisances Acts, while in Tanjore there were only 3 such Magistrates against 4 in 1895. Special Magistrates.

27. In Malabar (—1,219) and South Arcot (—801), the Stipendiary Subordinate Magistrates without appellate powers had lighter files than in 1895, but in the Nilgiris (+668) the reverse was the case. Stipendiary Subordinate Magistrates.

28. The fall in cases before the Sub-Divisional Magistrates was noticeable in Malabar (—204) and Coimbatore (—116). There was an appreciable increase in Nellore (+95) and in Vizagapatam (+59). Sub-divisional Magistrates.

29. The District Magistrate of Coimbatore received the largest number (21) of cases. Six District Magistrates received none. District Magistrates.

30. The subjoined statement presents the distribution of work in the Regular Mufassal Magistrates' Courts for the last 3 years :— Comparative statement of work done.

		Disposed of.			Pending.		
		1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Bench Magistrates ...	...	63,826	64,104	67,037	124	154	202
Special Magistrates ...	...	4,029	3,650	4,533	88	25	23
Subordinate Magistrates without appellate powers ...	...	168,385	169,191	167,274	2,471	2,731	2,011
Sub-Divisional Magistrates with appellate powers ...	...	5,070	5,085	4,820	238	289	282
District Magistrates ...	...	27	52	70	1	3	1
Total ...	...	241,337	242,082	243,739	2,922	3,202	2,519
1st Class Magistrates ...	...	5,429	6,172	5,503	241	293	292
2nd do. do. ...	...	190,326	192,337	182,796	2,368	2,380	1,954
3rd do. do. ...	...	45,582	43,573	55,440	313	529	273
Total ..	...	241,337	242,082	243,739	2,922	3,202	2,519

The decrease in the work of the Sub-Divisional and Subordinate Magistrates was due to the smaller number of offences under the Indian Penal Code that were brought to trial. The apparently large decrease in the number of cases pending at the close of the year is due to the fact that more than 700 cases wherein the accused did not appear before the Magistrates, were incorrectly included in the figure for 1895. This mistake was made in the returns from the Nilgiris.

Arrears generally remained the same as at the close of 1895, and the Courts on the whole met the work satisfactorily and disposed of it with despatch.

Persons
tried and
convicted.

31. The number of persons for trial was 412,216, of whom 405,093 were dealt with during the year, 4,302 being committed or referred to Superior Courts, 217,589 being discharged, 124,226 being convicted on regular trial and 58,976 on summary trial as against 410,557, 403,391, 4,151, 217,438, 125,474 and 56,328 respectively in the previous year.

Boys and
girls.

32. Of those convicted 1,989 were boys and 209 girls.

Comparative
statement
of persons
tried by 1st,
2nd and
3rd Class
Magistrates.

33. The persons whose cases were finally disposed of in 1895 and 1896 are distributed below among the several classes of Magistrates who tried them:—

	Discharged.		Convicted.				Percentage of convictions.	
			On regular trial.		On summary trial.			
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.
1st Class Magistrates ..	8,280	7,579	3,736	3,432	1,241	795	37.54	35.80
2nd do. do. ...	190,937	188,917	111,719	108,462	28,957	23,662	42.42	41.15
3rd do. do. ...	18,221	21,093	10,019	12,332	26,130	34,519	66.49	68.95
Total ...	217,438	217,589	125,474	124,226	56,328	58,976	45.53	45.74

Percentage
of convictions.

34. The percentage of convictions was again the highest on record. Bellary (59.16), the Nilgiris (56.25), Madura (56.14), Vizagapatam Agency (55.71), Tanjore (54.14), Trichinopoly (53.92) and Chingleput (52.87) showed the highest percentages and Cuddapah (34.43) and Kurnool (30.99) the lowest.

Arrears.

35. Of the 7,123 persons pending trial at the close of the year, 729 were in custody and 6,394 were on bail or otherwise at large. 182 persons had been under trial for more than six months, the largest number being in Cuddapah (54), of whom 62 were under trial in the Court of the Deputy Magistrate of Jammalamadugu who was engaged on famine duty. In Madura there was considerable improvement.

Remarks on
punishments.

36. Sentences of fine not exceeding Rs. 10 rose in number. The average fine inflicted was Rs. 4.2 against Rs. 4.6 in the previous year. Of the sentences of imprisonment, 91.28 per cent. were rigorous as against 88.26 in 1895. 333 persons were sentenced to solitary confinement as against 380 in 1895. The largest number of such sentences was 113 in Madura.

The amounts of fine, imposed, realized and paid in compensation, are compared below for 1895 and 1896:—

Imposed.	Realized.	Percentage.	Compensation to complainants.	Percentage to realization.
1895...Rs. 751,978	Rs. 628,551	83.59	Rs. 26,766	4.25
1896... „ 690,089	„ 569,422	82.52	„ 25,857	4.42

Including Rs. 15,362 recovered on account of fines imposed in previous years, the total collections during the year were Rs. 584,784 as against Rs. 640,778 in 1895. The difference is mainly due to the fact that only Rs. 36,817 or 63.27 out of Rs. 58,189 imposed as fines in the District of Malabar could be realized owing to the poverty of many of the persons convicted of offences under the Abkari Act.

The total number of persons sentenced to whipping rose again from 2,124 in 1895 to 2,614 in spite of the decrease in the number of theft cases. Of this

number, 670 were juvenile offenders, of whom 663 were sentenced to whipping in lieu of other punishments. It would appear that the views expressed by Government in regard to sentences of whipping have had due effect, as in 1894, the number of such sentences was only 1,700.

37. 1,881 persons were dealt with under Act XIII of 1859 and other Special Acts and subjected to an order not involving fine or imprisonment as compared with 1,144 in 1895. The largest numbers were in Nellore (531), Malabar (402) and the Nilgiris (244). The considerable number in Nellore is ascribed to the construction of the Bezvada-Madras Railway and the working of mica mines in the District. In Malabar there were 357 cases in which persons were ordered to have their children vaccinated.

38. Benches of Magistrates disposed of 2,933 more cases than in the previous year. The largest number of cases was disposed of in the Madura District. Disposes in Bench Courts.

The average duration was one day, as in 1894.

Of the persons dealt with, 12,865 were discharged, 1,311 convicted on regular and 58,089 on summary trial. The percentage of convictions was 82.20 against 80.32 in 1895.

39. The average duration of cases in the Special Magistrates' Courts was two days as in 1895. Disposes by Special Magistrates.

Of the persons dealt with, 1,435 were discharged and 3,816 convicted, 3,727 on regular and 89 on summary trial. The percentage of convictions was 72.67: in 1895, 72.39.

40. As regards Subordinate Magistrates without appellate powers, the largest number of cases was tried as in last year in Malabar. Disposes by Subordinate Magistrates.

The average duration was again six days.

Of the persons dealt with, 196,195 were discharged and 116,292 convicted, 115,828 being convicted on regular and 464 on summary trial. The percentage of convictions was 37.2 as against 37.8 in 1895.

Arrears decreased from 2,731 to 2,011.

41. Disposals in the Courts of Sub-divisional Magistrates with appellate powers more than kept pace with the institutions. The chief variations as compared with the previous year were in Nellore (+104), Malabar (—209) and Coimbatore (—142). Disposes by Sub-divisional Magistrates.

As regards the Courts of Joint Magistrates the average duration was excessive in Kistna, Madura and Malabar. In Tanjore, Coimbatore and Chingleput, there was some improvement. In Madura, extra work devolved upon the Joint Magistrate in connection with the antikallar movement and in Malabar the delay is attributed to the intricacy of the cases.

The average duration was also high in the Courts of the Deputy Magistrates of North Arcot, South Arcot, Madura and Tanjore. In North Arcot this was

due to changes in the personnel of the Court at Arni and in South Arcot to the lack of a First Class Magistrate in the head-quarters division. In Madura the Deputy Magistrate of Melur had extra Revenue work, while in Tanjore the trial of one case of rioting lasted for six months.

Turning to Assistant Magistrates' Courts, the average duration was high in Trichinopoly, Godavari (Agency), Tinnevely, Malabar and Tanjore.

The number of persons committed to sessions by the Deputy, Assistant and Joint Magistrates increased from 304 in 1895 to 370, but is still inconsiderable in spite of the remarks of the Government in its review of the report for 1895. The Sessions Judge of Salem has drawn attention to the want of care shewn by the Subordinate Magistrates of his district in committing cases to Sessions.

Of the persons dealt with, 7,037 were discharged and 3,648 convicted, 3,324 on regular and 324 on summary trial, the percentage of conviction being 34.14 as against 37.15 in 1895.

Disposals by District Magistrates. 42. The number of cases disposed of by District Magistrates was 70 against 52 in 1895. In Godavari and Tinnevely the average duration was high.

Of the persons dealt with by District Magistrates, 57 were discharged and 46 convicted, 36 on regular and 10 on summary trial. The percentage of convictions rose from 26 in 1895 to 44.66 in the year under report.

Appealable & non-appealable sentences. 43. The following statement shows the number of persons on whom appealable and non-appealable sentences were passed by the Magistracy:—

	Appealable.		Non-appealable.	
	Regular.	Summary.	Regular.	Summary.
Benches of Magistrates	1,310	57,773	1	316
Special Magistrates	3,718	89	9	...
Subordinate Magistrates without appellate powers	115,769	8	59	456
Sub-Divisional Magistrates with appellate powers	2,542	5	782	319
District Magistrates	36	1	...	9
Total...	123,375	57,876	851	1,100
Compare 1895...	124,492	54,975	932	1,353

Appeal test. 44. In the subjoined table the appealable sentences passed are distributed according to the classes of Courts to which appeals were preferred with the number

and results of the appeals and they are compared with the figures for the previous year:—

	1895.	1896.	Percentage.	
			1895.	1896.
Appeals to Superior Magistrates.				
Number of persons against whom appealable sentences were passed by 2nd and 3rd Class Magistrates	176,498	173,627	...	...
Number of persons who appealed				
to Sub-Divisional Magistrates	15,969	15,298	...	...
to District Magistrates	487	753	...	...
Number of persons whose appeals were decided				
by Sub-Divisional Magistrates	16,128	15,339	...	...
by District Magistrates	296	581	...	...
Number of persons whose sentences were confirmed				
by Sub-Divisional Magistrates	9,451	8,985	...	...
by District Magistrates	131	339	...	...
Sub-Divisional Magistrates' Courts.				
Percentage of appellants to appealable sentences	...	...	9.05	8.6
Percentage of sentences confirmed	...	...	58.6	58.6
District Magistrates' Courts.				
Percentage of appellants to appealable sentences	...	...	0.3	0.4
Percentage of sentences confirmed	...	...	44.2	58.3

Appeals to Sessions Courts.

Number of persons against whom appealable sentences were passed by 1st Class Magistrates...	2,969	2,624	...	...
Number of persons who appealed	1,853	1,678	...	...
Do. whose appeals were decided	1,879	1,653	...	...
Do. whose sentences were confirmed.	1,275	1,082	...	...
Percentage of appellants to appealable sentences	...	...	62.4	71.57
Percentage of sentences confirmed	...	...	67.8	65.46

45. The following statement shows the number of witnesses examined and the number detained beyond three days in the several classes of Courts during the year as compared with 1895.

	Examined.		Detained beyond 3 days.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.
Benches of Magistrates	35,160	36,815	94	50
Special Magistrates...	3,159	3,621	1	...
Subordinate Magistrates without appellate powers	329,529	318,994	1,470	848
Sub-Divisional Magistrates with appellate powers	26,963	23,139	297	331
District Magistrates...	257	226	...	...
Total...	396,068	382,845	1,862	1,229

The improvement is marked. No witness was detained more than three days in any Court in South Arcot, Chingleput and Vizagapatam Agency, or in any Bench Courts except those at Cocanada and Negapatam.

No witness was so detained by the Courts of the Stipendiary Sub-Magistrates in 7 districts and the number was less than 30 in 8 others. In Tanjore and Malabar there was considerable improvement, but the number was high in these districts and Kistna. The largest number of witnesses detained was 82 in the Court of the Stationary 2nd Class Magistrate, Tanjore. Over 100 witnesses were detained in Kistna in the enquiry in an important Jaggayyapet dacoity case. 98 of the 119 witnesses detained in the Court of the Joint Magistrate of Madura were to give evidence in cases connected with the antikallar movement.

Expenses of witnesses.

46. The amount paid to witnesses on account of diet and travelling expenses was Rs. 33,102 or Rs. 3,777 more than in 1895; the largest sum was paid in Malabar (Rs. 6,324).

B.—Appellate and Revisional Jurisdiction.

47. 8,292 appeals were preferred by 16,051 persons, the highest figures on record. Madura had the largest number (772) and Malabar (745) came next.

	Disposed of.		Pending.		
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	
Sub-Divisional Magistrates	8,064	7,903	445	405	The marginal statement gives the total appellate work done during the year, as compared with the previous year.
District Magistrates	123	362	9	13	
Total	8,227	8,270	454	421	

The District Magistrate of Coimbatore disposed of 151 appeals, the Magistrate in charge of the Head-quarters division being without appellate powers for most of the year.

The largest numbers of long pending appeals at the close of the year were in the Courts of the Joint Magistrate, Madura, the Deputy Magistrate, Jammalamadugu, and the Head Assistant Magistrate, Trichinopoly.

The average duration of appeals before District Magistrates and Sub-divisional Magistrates was slightly less than in 1895. Among the courts last named it was highest in North Arcot, Bellary, Trichinopoly and Godavari (Agency). Among District Magistrates' Courts it was highest in those of Trichinopoly and South Canara.

Including those persons whose appeals were pending at the beginning of the year, and excluding such as died or escaped, the cases of 16,910 persons came up for disposal. The appeals of 15,920 were disposed of with the following results:—

	Rejected.	Confirmed.	Varied.	Reversed.	Quashed.	New trial ordered.	Referred.
Sub-Divisional Magistrates	1,518	7,467	1,543	4,538	37	229	7
District Magistrates	114	225	73	149	3	17	...
Total	1,632	7,692	1,616	4,687	40	246	7
Compare ... 1895...	1,012	8,570	1,604	4,894	78	266	...
Percentage ... 1895...	6.2	52.2	9.8	29.8	0.4	1.6	...
Percentage ... 1896...	10.3	48.3	10.2	29.4	0.3	1.5	...

The proportion of wholly unsuccessful appellants was 80 per cent. in the Nilgiris, between 60 and 70 per cent. in 7 districts, between 50 and 60 per cent. in 10 districts and under 50 per cent. in Chingleput, Tinnevely and Nellore.

48. 699 revision cases were before the District Magistrates during the year, 536 being on the applications of parties and the rest taken up by the courts *suo motu*. The number for disposal was 750, of which 724 were disposed of. There were no such cases in Ganjam, and only 6 in Kurnool and 8 in the Nilgiris.

The number of persons concerned in the cases before the courts was 2,363, of whom 2,282 were dealt with during the year, the result being as follows:—

	Interference declined.	Proceedings quashed.	Varied.	Committal or enquiry ordered.	Referred to High Court.
1896 ...	1,508	18	9	610	137
Compare 1895 ...	1,639	29	1	491	214

4.—Courts of Session.

A.—Original Jurisdiction.

49. The number of cases committed for trial by the Sessions Courts was 1,068 or 56 less than in 1895. The decrease was large in Tinnevely (—26), Salem (—22), Coimbatore (—20). There was an increase of 23 cases in South Arcot.

There were 1,114 cases involving 2,633 persons for trial, of which 1,083 cases concerning 2,540 persons were tried. The corresponding figures for 1895 were 1,165 cases and 2,847 persons for trial, 1,124 cases and 2,749 persons tried. The number of cases for disposal and disposed of was, as in the previous year, highest in Coimbatore and Tinnevely.

Of the 2,540 persons dealt with in the year, 1,085 were tried by jury and 1,323 by Sessions Judges with the aid of assessors. The Judges entirely disagreed with the jury in the case of 52 persons, and references were made in each case under section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the largest number (17) being from South Canara. 81 sentences of death were referred to the High Court under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

Of the persons dealt with in the year, 1,016 or 42.2 per cent. were convicted as against 46.6 last year. The percentage was above 30 in all districts except in Cuddapah, Ganjam, Nellore and Salem. The Nilgiris being excepted, it was highest in South Canara (77.94) and lowest in Ganjam (25.71).

The aggregate amount of fines imposed was Rs. 16,195 as against Rs. 9,665 in the previous year. A fine of Rs. 5,000 was imposed in the Godavari Agency. Of the fines imposed during the year, Rs. 3,106 or 19.18 per cent. were realized and Rs. 1,061 of the fines imposed in previous years were recovered. No portion of the fine of Rs. 5,000 was recovered.

18 persons were sentenced to whipping against 16 in 1895, 6 of them being juveniles.

Appeal test.

Of the 1,016 sentences passed by these Courts, 994 were appealable and appeals were preferred against 739. 843 appeals were decided in the year, the sentences being confirmed in 687. The percentage of appeals to appealable sentences was 74·3 or 7·9 per cent. less than in the previous year. The percentage of confirmation was 81·5 or 6·7 per cent. above the figure of 1895.

Average duration.

The average duration of sessions trials calculated from the date of commitment was 31 days against 30 in the previous year. It was high in Salem (56 days), Kistna (43), Bellary (42) and Tinnevely (40). In Salem it is attributed to the adjournment of 2 or 3 heavy cases for the production of further evidence; in Kistna to adjournments on account of prisoner's illness and for the production of additional evidence and to a stay of proceedings pending the disposal of a Referred Trial by the High Court. In Bellary the duration was due to the adjournment of 2 cases on account of the temporary insanity of the accused, of another on account of the illness of a material witness and of a third for the production of evidence of a previous conviction. There was some improvement in Tinnevely.

In Salem the trial of 62 cases occupied 144 days, and in Nellore that of 22 cases lasted 48 days.

Witnesses.

4,070 witnesses were detained more than three days as against 4,625 in 1895 and 3,170 in 1894.

The number so detained was largest in Salem (456), above 400 in South Arcot, Bellary and Cuddapah and above 300 in Kistna, Kurnool and South Malabar. In 1895 the number exceeded 300 in 4 districts. It was smallest in Chingleput and Trichinopoly.

The attention of the Sessions Judges has been repeatedly drawn to this matter, and it is hoped that considerable improvement will be effected by the introduction in a larger number of districts of the system of posting particular cases to particular days.

The amount paid as diet money to witnesses was Rupees 47,783 as against Rupees 49,201 in 1895. The largest sums were paid in Bellary, Kurnool, Coimbatore, Cuddapah and South Malabar.

B.—Appellate Jurisdiction.

Appeal cases.

50. 1,129 appeals or 85 less than in the previous year were instituted in Sessions Courts. 54 appeals were pending at the close of the year against 36 in 1895

Average duration.

The average duration of appeals rose from 23 to 27 days as compared with 1895 and was again excessive in Kurnool (42 days) and Vizagapatam (41). In Nellore there was an improvement, while in South Malabar the reverse was the case.

Results.

1,678 persons appealed to Sessions Courts during the year, and the appeal of 68 were pending at the beginning of the year. 1,653 persons were dealt with. All the sentences appealed against were confirmed in North Malabar. Among the other districts, the percentage of wholly unsuccessful appellants was highest in South Arcot (95·12).

Revision cases.

51. The number of revision cases received in the year was 414 as against 428 in 1895. Of these, 306 were on the applications of parties and 108 were taken up by the courts *suo motu*. Including 28 cases concerning 141 persons pending from 1895

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there were 441 cases concerning 1,331 persons for disposal, of which 400 cases concerning 1,196 persons were disposed of.

(5).—Presidency Magistrates' Courts.

52. The Commissioner of Police in his magisterial capacity disposed of 4 cases affecting 6 persons, all of whom were discharged. Work received and done.

29,220 cases were instituted in the Egmore and 22,557 in the Black Town Court, in all 51,777 cases, 1,607 less than in 1895. The difference is attributed to a decline in the number of prosecutions under the Madras City Police Act in the Black Town Court. At the close of the year, there were only 37 cases pending.

Of the 58,643 persons that came up for disposal in 51,795 cases, 58,554 were dealt with, 88 per cent. being convicted as against 89 in 1895. The number of sentences of both kinds decreased. 49 persons were sentenced to solitary confinement against 11 in the previous year. Of the 352 persons sentenced to whipping, 163 were juveniles.

The amount of fines imposed was Rs. 48,091 as against Rs. 53,336 in 1895 and Rs. 42,879 or 89·2 per cent. was recovered as against 91·5 in 1895. Of this sum Rs. 1,167 or 2·7 per cent. against 3 per cent. in 1895 was paid to complainants as compensation; and Rs. 6,385 levied in cases of cruelty to animals was paid to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Appealable sentences were passed on 89 persons during the year. 16 of the persons concerned in 15 cases appealed to the High Court. Including 2 cases (2 persons) pending from the previous year, there were 17 cases (18 persons) before the High Court for disposal, all of which were disposed of, the sentences being confirmed in the cases of 16 persons, varied in one case and reversed in one. Appeal test.

15,061 witnesses were examined in these courts against 15,147 in 1895, and 127 were detained for more than three days, all in the Court at Black Town. The number so detained in 1895 was only 30, the increase being due to two heavy cases of theft on the Madras Railway. Witnesses.

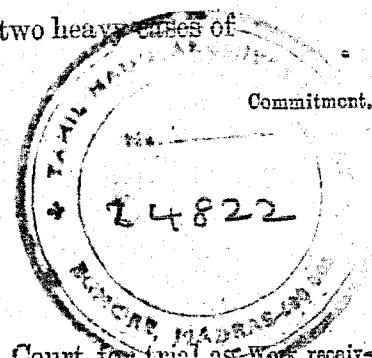
54 persons were committed for trial by the High Court. Commitment.

6.—High Court.

A.—Original Jurisdiction.

(a).—Sessions Cases.

53. 43 cases affecting 58 persons were committed to the High Court for trial as against 56 in the previous year, 20 cases by the Egmore Magistrates, 19 by the Black Town Magistrates, and of the remainder (in which 6 European British subjects were charged, 3 with forgery and 3 with criminal breach of trust by a public servant), 2 by the Joint Magistrate, Madura, 1 by the Head Assistant Magistrate, Malabar, and 1 by the Principal Assistant Magistrate, Vizagapatam. Of the cases committed, 20 were cases of theft, 5 of forgery, 2 of kidnapping, 2 of criminal breach of trust and 1 of murder. 34 cases affecting 48 persons were disposed of in the year, 4 cases on plea of guilty, 22 on trial by common jury and 5 on trial by special jury and 3 on withdrawal. 24 cases (including the one received from Malabar) resulted in the conviction of 28 accused, 5 ended in the discharge or acquittal of 13 accused, Work received and done.



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and in the remaining 2 affecting 4 persons received from Madura, 2 persons were convicted and 2 discharged. 3 persons were concerned in the 3 cases withdrawn.

The percentage of convictions in all the cases taken together rose from 57.0 to 62.5 in the year under report.

255 witnesses were examined and a sum of Rs. 1,863 was paid as batta.

The average duration of the cases from date of commitment was 26 days against 24 in the previous year.

(b). Cases under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.

Results.

54. Including 3 cases pending at the beginning of the year, there were 21 cases submitted by Sessions Judges under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, for disposal; 20 were disposed of, the verdict of not guilty being set aside and conviction recorded in 4 cases, a like verdict upheld and the accused acquitted in 5 cases, a like verdict set aside and re-trial ordered in 1 case, while a verdict of guilty was set aside in 10 cases, the accused being acquitted in 8 and re-trial ordered in the remaining two cases.

The verdict of the Jury was set aside in 75 per cent. of the cases decided during the year as against 46.6 per cent. in 1895 and 87.5 per cent. in 1894.

Jury system.

55. There is nothing to be added to the remarks made on the working of the jury system in previous years' reports.

(c). Cases under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

Results.

56. Including 6 cases concerning 8 persons pending from last year, there were during the year 80 cases affecting 92 persons referred for confirmation of sentences of death passed. Of these, 1 case (1 person) of those pending from 1895, abated, owing to the death of the prisoner and 76 cases (88 persons) were disposed of with the result that 12 persons or 13.64 per cent. were acquitted and 76 or 86.36 per cent. were convicted as against 20.7 and 73.9, the corresponding figures for 1895.

In the case of 57 of the 76 persons convicted, the sentence of death was confirmed, 13 were sentenced to transportation for life and 6 (in whose cases the conviction was modified) to rigorous imprisonment.

B.—Appellate and Revisional Jurisdiction.

Appeals.

57. Besides the 75 appeals from sentences of death that came up for disposal with cases under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code, and the 18 cases under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, treated as appeals, there were 596 appeals received during the year, 15 from the Presidency Magistrates' decisions, 579 from those of Sessions Judges, one from that of the District Magistrate of Malabar, and one from that of the District Magistrate, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Of the 596 appeals, 563 were appeals from 757 convicted persons and 33 from judgments of acquittal affecting 61 persons. Including 129 appeals affecting 291 persons which were pending from last year and excluding one which abated owing to the death of the appellant, there were 724 appeals affecting 1,108 persons for disposal during the year. Of these, 638 appeals affecting 956 persons were disposed of.

The average duration of appeals was 65 days as against 62 in 1895.

58. The following table shows the revision work received in the year, and compares it with that of the previous year:—

compares it with that of the previous year.				1895.	1896.		
Under § 435, Cr. P. C. taken up	{	for revision of	{	Sessions Judges	30	38	
suo motu				{	District Magistrates	1	2
					Other Magistrates	1	...
" § 438 "	{	reported by	{	District Magistrates	1	...	
Sessions Judges				{	Other Magistrates	58	73
					District Magistrates	Other Magistrates	209
" § 439 "	{	on application	{	Sessions Judges	91	102	
Sessions Judges				{	District Magistrates	30	21
					District Magistrates	Other Magistrates	239
Total...				660	596		

The particulars of disposal are given below:—

	Pending from 1895.	For disposal.	Proceedings being			Further enquiry ordered.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1896.
			Quashed.	Varied.	Not interfered with.			
Under § 435, Cr. P. C.	4	44	2	14	16	6	38	6
" § 438, reported by								
Sessions Judges.	8	76	21	13	28	5	67	9
District Magistrates.	9	179	78	23	49	13	163	16
" § 439, Cr. P. C.	36	349	12	8	308	5	333	16
Total ..	52	648	113	58	401	29	601	47
Compare 1895...	104	764	138	72	424	78	712	52

In 66.72 per cent. of the total number of cases decided as against 59.5 per cent. in 1895, the proceedings of the courts below were not interfered with. In 58 per cent. of the cases reported by Sessions Judges and 70 per cent. of those reported by District Magistrates as against 65 and 71 per cent. respectively in the previous year, the proceedings were quashed or otherwise modified.

In 7.5 per cent. as against 17 per cent. in 1895 of the cases in which parties moved the High Court, the proceedings of the lower courts were interfered with.

The results are distributed below among the courts to which they related.

	Quashed.	Varied.	Not interfered with.	Further enquiry ordered.	Total.
Presidency Magistrates	...	...	28	...	28
Other Subordinate Magistrates	106	35	232	22	395
District Magistrates	2	4	23	1	30
Sessions Judges	5	19	118	6	148
Total ..	113	58	401	29	601
Compare 1895...	138	72	424	78	712

Besides these, two references on questions of law were received, one from the District Magistrate of Godavari and the other from the Presidency Magistrates. The latter was answered during the year.

987 calendars of sessions trials and 79 of trials by District Magistrates, 934 of appeals heard by Sessions Judges and 361 of those heard by District Magistrates were received in the year. In all 2,376 calendars were perused during the year, records being called for from the Lower Courts in 29 cases.

59. There were 181 miscellaneous petitions for disposal, and 173 were disposed of.

Recapitulation.

60. To recapitulate, the main features of the year were :—

- (1). A slight increase in the quantity of work received and done by Village Magistrates.
- (2). A large increase of work received and done in the Bench and Special Magistrates' Courts.
- (3). A fall in the work received and done by Subordinate Magistrates with or without appellate powers and a decline in the percentage of convictions.
- (4). An increase in the original and appellate work received and done by District Magistrates.
- (5). A smaller number of witnesses detained beyond 3 days in all classes of Courts except those of Sub-divisional Magistrates.
- (6). A larger number of sentences of whipping.
- (7). Less original and appellate work received and done by Sessions Courts.
- (8). Fewer institutions and disposals in the Presidency Magistrates' Courts.

V.—Financial.

Receipts and charges.

61. The receipts and charges of all criminal courts are shown below :—

		Receipts.				Charges.	
		1895.	1896.			1895.	1896.
Court fees*	... Rs.	2,95,345	3,06,728	Salaries and	... Rs.	17,87,998	13,06,425
Fines	... „	6,97,415	6,33,011	Contingencies	... „	88,126	93,355
Other items	... „	23,618	23,249	Refunds	... „	29,033	27,485
				Compensation	... „		
Total Rupees ...		10,16,378	9,62,988	Total Rupees...		19,05,157	14,27,265

There was on the whole a net expenditure of Rs. 4,64,277 as against Rs. 8,88,779 in 1895. The difference is more apparent than real and is due to the fact that for 1896, the calculation for Magistrates' Courts has followed the proportions observed in the Budget estimates. In former years the time spent on each branch of work was the basis of the calculation.

VI.—Miscellaneous.

Rules framed.

62. The principal matters in respect of which the High Court framed rules in 1896 are mentioned below :—

- (1). Applications for copies of records of Village Magistrates.
- (2). Repayment of fines which Appellate Courts order to be refunded.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, 13th August 1897.

D. W. G. COWIE,

Registrar.

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APPENDIX.

I.—Imperial Statements.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2, PART 1.—(CRIMINAL).

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF CASES.					NUMBER OF PERSONS.				
	Number of Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 203, Cr. P. C.	Cases struck off as false.	Returned during the year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year, including previous years.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
UNDER THE INDIAN PENAL CODE.										
Offences against the Army and Navy, Chap. VII	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against public tranquillity, " VIII	2,260	111	66	2,080	2,142	16,720	10,823	4,761	11	1,125
Offences by or relating to public servants, " IX	100	16	6	78	83	143	110	15	...	18
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chap. X	3,665	68	2	3,595	3,674	4,316	1,616	2,596	4	100
False ovidence and offences against public justice, " XI	1,086	70	12	1,004	1,007	1,657	824	677	1	155
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps, " XII	85	2	3	80	80	130	45	53	...	2
Offences relating to weights and measures, " XIII	323	2	2	319	305	352	135	214	...	3
Offences affecting public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chap. XIV	14,050	64	29	13,957	13,903	16,999	3,203	1,3037	11	93
Offences relating to religion, Chap. XV	122	13	1	108	110	386	241	69	...	25
Offences affecting life ...	720	13	3	698	699	1,261	751	333	7	140
Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and concealment of births ...	46	5	2	39	40	62	43	12	1	6
Hurt ...	19,951	916	224	18,811	18,279	43,134	43,355	5,123	7	643
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement ...	2,429	442	36	2,051	1,957	5,552	4,902	559	2	119
Criminal force and assault ...	28,748	1,814	310	26,624	22,547	53,834	49,185	4,300	7	442
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labor	229	50	3	176	175	507	400	77	...	30
Rape ...	63	15	2	45	45	69	51	12	...	6
Unnatural offences ...	5	...	...	5	5	12	10	2	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chap. XVI	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF CASES.					NUMBER OF PERSONS.					
	Complaints rejected under Section 203, Cr. P. C.	Cases struck off as false.	Returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year includ- ing pend- ing from previous years.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted, transferred to another Province.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Offences against property, Chap. XVII.	16,674	1,627	759	14,238	14,637	33,043	20,209	104,187	16	1,054	
Theft ...	463	82	36	360	371	1,175	985	116	...	73	
Extortion ...	1,009	142	78	789	821	3,086	2,230	594	13	249	
Robbery and dacoity ...	525	80	11	434	435	819	533	259	...	27	
Criminal misappropriation of property ...	2,757	544	91	2,122	2,134	2,909	2,338	432	4	135	
Criminal breach of trust...	463	1	3	459	464	591	243	329	...	16	
Receiving stolen property ...	1,215	375	23	812	890	1,103	878	176	1	43	
Cheating ...	76	12	...	64	63	184	147	27	1	9	
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property ...	7,225	923	124	6,173	6,123	18,441	15,839	2,010	5	527	
Mischief ...	9,877	978	237	8,632	8,844	22,013	16,794	4,676	5	538	
Criminal trespass ...	288	34	...	254	252	1,594	548	309	...	84	
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chap. XVIII.	12	3	...	9	9	18	17	1	...	...	
Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chap. XIX	1,286	139	11	1,137	1,088	2,166	1,980	132	2	52	
Offences relating to marriage, Chap. XX	751	150	13	538	518	1,807	1,160	110	2	35	
Defamation, Chap. XXI	7,729	593	106	7,025	6,770	13,841	12,385	1,217	3	236	
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chap. XXII											
Total...	124,227	9,299	2,182	112,746	108,375	252,374	192,029	54,455	103	5,987	

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UNDER SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS.											
<i>Code of Criminal Procedure.</i>											
Security for keeping the peace (Sections 107, 108 and 119)	...	156	1	...	156	125	418	330	79	...	9
Security for good behaviour (Sections 109 and 110)	...	314	6	...	307	311	459	167	248	2	42
<i>Other laws—relating to</i>											
Abkari, Act I of 1886	...	21,551	5	14	21,532	21,370	22,598	738	21,737	3	120
Arms, Act XI of 1878	...	472	2	9	461	465	483	103	376	1	8
Army Discipline and Regulation, Act of 1879	...	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Boat rules, Act IV of 1842	...	21	...	...	21	21	24	1	23	...	...
Boundary, Acts XXVIII of 1860 and II of 1884	...	52	2	...	50	50	102	73	29	...	...
Barnah Excise Act XXII of 1881	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Canal and Ferry, Act II of 1890	...	10	...	...	10	9	20	16	4	...	...
Cantonments, Act XIII of 1839	...	1,193	1	...	1,182	1,182	1,203	84	1,119	...	...
Cattle Disease Act, Act II of 1863	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Cattle Trespass, Acts I of 1871 and I of 1891	...	2,971	175	37	2,759	2,698	7,745	6,425	1,213	...	107
Christian Marriage, Acts XV of 1873, II of 1891 and II of 1892	...	10	...	...	9	10	34	20	3	...	11
Civil Procedure Code XIV of 1882	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Coffee Stealing Prevention, Act VIII of 1878 (Madras)	...	79	...	...	79	79	136	42	88	...	6
Compulsory Labor, Act I of 1863	...	16	...	...	16	16	49	9	40	...	...
Contract, Act XIII of 1859	...	4,977	174	2	4,801	3,803	5,759	4,222	1,488	2	47
Criminal Procedure Code X of 1882	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Emigration, Act XXI of 1883	...	12	...	...	12	12	13	4	9	...	...
Employers and Workmen, Act IX of 1860	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Forest, Act V of 1882 (Madras)	...	6,403	10	15	6,378	5,931	15,728	6,793	8,891	6	538

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 2, PART 1.—(CRIMINAL)—Concluded.
Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE	NUMBER OF CASES.					NUMBER OF PERSONS.				
	Number of Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 203, Cr. P. C.	Cases struck off as false.	Returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year, including pending from previous years.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hackney Carriages, Act III of 1879	3,800	...	...	3,800	2,867	2867	17	2,850	...	...
Harbour Trust Board, Act II of 1886	12	...	...	12	11	11	...	11	...	...
Income Tax, Act II of 1886	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Indian Explosives, Act IV of 1884	8	...	...	8	8	8	1	7	...	...
Jails, Acts V of 1869 and II of 1889 (Madras)	24	...	...	24	24	31	2	29	...	...
Legal Practitioners Act XVIII of 1879	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Local Boards, Act V of 1884	106	2	...	104	104	296	279	17	...	...
Merchant Seamen, Act I of 1869	5	...	...	5	5	9	...	9	...	...
Municipalities, Act IV of 1884	20,861	23	5	20,833	20,739	21,134	4,785	16,232	8	109
" Act I of 1884 (Madras)	7,666	...	...	7,666	5,223	5,262	1,202	4,000	...	...
Offensive weapons, Act XXIV of 1854	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Opium, Act I of 1873	223	3	...	220	225	262	59	200	...	3
Petroleum, Acts XII of 1866 and II of 1888	10	...	...	10	10	10	3	7	...	...
Police, Act XXIV of 1859. { By Policemen	125	1	...	124	124	140	33	105	...	2
" { By others	398	1	...	397	397	459	81	377	...	1
Police (Town), Act III of 1883 (Madras)	39,860	17	...	39,843	39,834	44,976	2,434	42,512	...	20
Ports, Act X of 1889	188	...	...	188	184	184	33	151	...	...

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Post Office, Act XIV of 1866	17	...	...	17	17	17	4	10	...	3
Prisons, Act IX of 1894	50	...	...	50	50	54	6	48	...	...
Prisoners Testimony, Act IX of 1894	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
Railways, Act IX of 1880	1,211	4	...	1,204	1,193	1,441	164	1,263	...	14
Receiving Soldiers necessaries, Act II of 1867	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Registration, Act III of 1877	18	...	...	18	18	71	41	20	...	10
Rent Recovery, Act VIII of 1865	1	...	...	1	1	6	6	...	...	...
Revenue Recovery, Act II of 1864	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
Salt, Act IV of 1889	10,034	...	...	10,034	10,022	10,036	81	9,992	1	12
Stamp, Act I of 1879	270	...	...	270	266	311	163	119	23	6
Telegraph, Act XIII of 1865	3	...	...	3	3	3	2	1	...	...
Towns Nuisances, Act III of 1889 (Madras)	71,959	42	...	71,894	71,939	74,192	5,208	68,721	11	252
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	10	1	...	9	9	16	8	8	...	...
Vagrancy, Act IX of 1874	9	...	...	9	9	10	5	5	...	...
Weights and Measures, Act XXXI of 1871	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
Total...	195,371	472	111	194,788	189,014	216,649	33,713	181,549	57	1,330
Grand Total...	319,598	9,771	2,293	307,534	298,280	460,223	225,742	236,004	160	7,317

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2,

Statement showing the general result of the trial of European British

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCUSED AND BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE														
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	WITHIN THE YEAR.						Died, escaped or transferred to other Provinces.*	Number actually brought to trial. Received by transfer under Sec. 451 B of the Code.	BY DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND OTHER FIRST CLASS MAGIS- TRATES.							BY COURTS OF SESSION.						
		On complaint, Sec. 191 (a), Cr. P. C.	On police report, Sec. 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate suo motu, Sec. 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from		Total.			Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	To Court of Session.	To High Court.	Transferred by order under Sec. 451 B of the Code.	Total omitting entries in Cols. 11 and 16.	Received by transfer under Sec. 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged. 1 ed.	Transferred to High Court under Sec. 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of Col. 18.			
					Other Courts in the Province.	Another Province.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
False evidence and offences against public officers Chap. XI.	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences affecting decency & morals Chap. XIV	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences affecting the human body, Chap. XVI.	Hurt	...	3	4	...	3	10	...	10	...	4	5	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Wrongful Confinement	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Criminal force and assault	2	8	3	...	3	16	...	16	...	6	10	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences against property, Chap. XVII.	Theft	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Criminal breach of trust	...	1	3	...	...	4	...	4	...	1	...	3	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Mischief	...	1	...	...	4	5	...	5	...	2	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Criminal trespass.	...	1	3	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Forgery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences relating to marriage, Chap. XX	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chap. XXII	...	3	...	...	1	...	4	...	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences under Special and Local Laws	...	17	5	...	1	...	23	...	23	...	18	5	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	2	35	20	...	15	...	72	...	72	...	36	32	...	3	...	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	

PART 2.—(CRIMINAL).

Subjects in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

DISPOSED OF.												NUMBER OF CASES.			SUBSIDIARY TABLE.									
BY HIGH COURT.			TOTAL FOR ALL COURTS.																					
Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Sec. 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in Col. 5, number who applied under Sec. 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Sec. 526 of the Code for transfer of their cases.												
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36					37						
...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	Of the total number of persons shown in					Of cases shown in Col. 31.						
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	Col. 17.	Col. 22.	Cols. 22 & 25.	Disposed of by Magistrates.	Disposed of by Sessions Judges.							
...	...	...	4	5	9	1	10	9	1	...	...	...	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451 A (1) of the Code.											
...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	Number who did not so claim.											
...	...	...	6	10	16	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	Number of those in Column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 451 B of the Code.											
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, Section 451 (3) of the Code.											
2	...	2	3	...	3	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	Number who did not so claim.											
...	...	...	2	3	5	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451 A (1) of the Code.											
...	...	...	1	3	4	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	Number who did not so claim.											
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Being European British Subjects.											
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Other than European British Subjects.											
1	2	3	1	2	3	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	Being European British Subjects.											
...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	Other than European British Subjects.											
...	...	...	1	3	4	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	Being European British Subjects.											
...	...	...	18	5	23	...	19	19	...	...	...	...	Other than European British Subjects.											
3	2	5	39	34	73	2	62	60	2	...	...	...												

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 3.—(CRIMINAL).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.	Total number of cases before the Courts during the year.		Number of persons concerned.	Number of persons discharged.	Number of persons convicted.	Remarks.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chaps. VI and XXXV ...	...	13	14	...	12	...
2. Proceedings under Chap. VIII to prevent breach of the peace...	...	176	493	327	151	...
3. Proceedings under Chap. VIII.—Security for good behaviour...	...	322	499	167	243	...
4. Proceedings against local nuisances, Chap. X ...	...	216	438	21	8	...
5. Possession, Chap. XII ...	...	81	334	82	28	...
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chap. XLVI, Sec. 560 ...	...	1,409	1,434	12	1,418	...
7. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chap. XXIII ...	...	15	15	1	13	...
8. Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI ...	...	2,220	2,231	554	721	...
9. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII ...	...	1,168	1,385	106	1,270	...
Total...	...	5,620	6,849	1,270	3,869	...

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 4.—(CRIMINAL). Statement showing the general result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

CLASS OF COURTS.											
1	2	Total Number of Persons under trial.	PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.					Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.	Average number of days elapsed during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	Remarks.
			3	4	CONVICTED.		7				
					On Regular Trial.	On Summary Trial.					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
Village officers	18,390	...	10,239	7,695	...	...	456	11,419	...	...	...
Special Magistrates under § 14, Cr. P. C.	5,284	1	1,435	3,727	89	2	30	4,538	2	3,621	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates.	333,347	130	208,010	118,494	788	4,107	6,818	171,492	6	340,437	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	72,548	20	12,865	1,311	58,089	...	263	67,037	1	36,615	...
Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347 & 349, Criminal Procedure Code	1,082	...	...	665	...	181	11	609	11	1,758	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts	106	...	54	29	10	12	1	63	9	214	...
Presidency Magistrates	58,643	...	6,744	89	51,667	54	89	51,753	...	15,061	...
Courts of Session	2,642	9	1,391	1,016	...	133	93	1,083	31	10,616	...
Original Jurisdiction	60	...	18	30	...	...	12	34	26	255	...
Under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code	57	...	39	14	...	3*	1	20	...	...	...
Superior Court.	92	1	12	76	...	...	3	76	...	...	...
" 374, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	492,251	161	236,632	133,146	110,613	4,492	7,777	308,129	...	408,777	...

* In the case of these persons new trial was ordered.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5, PART 1.—(CRIMINAL).
Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Courts in the year 1907.																												
PERSONS SENTENCED TO										DETAILS OF PUNISHMENT.																		
CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	IMPRISONMENT.					FINE.					WHIPPING.																	
	Death.	Transportation.	Penal servitude.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Forfeiture of Property.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to find or give security for good behaviour.	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Total amount of Fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of Fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	15 days and under.	6 months and under.	2 years and under.	7 years and under.	Above 7 years.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Village officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(Spl. Magtes. under Sec. 14, Cr. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Benchies of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347 & 348, Cr. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Courts of Session	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Under Section 307, Cr. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
374, "	57	13	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	57	111	...	13,095	9,452	4,214,800	2,987	...	4,406	204,202,334	11,642	644	171	7	2	755,325	631,830	27,469	5,501	12,436	1,534	501,44	738,152	637	14	14	14	

* Of these, 2,170 persons were confined in stocks.
† Of these, 72 persons were ordered under § 106 Cr. P. C. to furnish sureties in addition to other punishments.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5.

PART 2.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other Punishments in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.		NUMBER OF STRIPES AWARDED.														Remarks.
		5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.		
		First Conviction.	Second or subse- quent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Second or subse- quent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Second or subse- quent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Second or subse- quent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Second or subse- quent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Second or subse- quent Conviction.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
1. Theft, as defined in	Sec. 378, I. P. C.	70	...	323	8	444	13	230	15	104	11	94	14	1,326		
	Sec. 380, "	23	...	107	1	166	7	133	10	42	3	49	9	550		
	Sec. 381, "	6	...	50	1	72	1	28	1	8	2	4	...	173		
	Sec. 382, "	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	9		
2. Extortion, as defined in	Sec. 388, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
	Sec. 389, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in	Sec. 411, "	...	...	7	...	3	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	22		
	Sec. 412, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in Section 443	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	11		
5. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in Section 444	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4		
6. House-breaking, as defined in Section 445	...	...	...	14	...	24	1	37	...	16	1	16	...	109		
7. House-breaking by night, as defined in Section 446	...	4	...	28	7	67	3	62	...	34	1	39	3	245		
8. Offences under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Total	...	105	...	531	17	783	25	506	26	211	18	205	26	2,453		

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5.

PART 3.

Showing Whippings inflicted, in addition to other Punishments, Sections 378 to 446, Act VI, 1864,
in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.	NUMBER OF STRIPES.						Total.	Remarks.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A.—SECTION 3.								
1. Theft as defined in Section 378, I. P. C.	...	7	22	57	15	69	170	
2. Extortion, as defined in Section 381, I. P. C.	...	4	44	43	13	37	141	
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in Section 382, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in Section 443, I. P. C.	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	
5. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in Section 444, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
6. House-breaking, as defined in Section 445, I. P. C.	...	1	2	4	2	6	15	
7. House-breaking by night, as defined in Section 446, I. P. C.	...	2	9	14	7	24	56	
8. Offences under Section 14, Act III, 1880.	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	
B.—SECTION 4.								
1. False evidence, as defined in Section 193, I. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in Sections 211 & 377, I. P. C.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
3. Assault, as defined in Section 354, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. Rape, as defined in Section 375, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in Section 377, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6. Robbery, as defined in Section 390, I. P. C.	...	...	1	2	...	3	6	
7. Dacoity, as defined in Section 391, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in Section 393, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9. Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in Section 394, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in Section 413, I. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	
11. Forgery, as defined in Section 463, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in Section 443, I. P. C.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	
13. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in Section 444, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14. House-breaking, as defined in Section 445, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
15. House-breaking by night, as defined in Section 446, I. P. C.	1	...	3	2	3	8	17	
Total ...	1	17	57	126	42	151	424	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5.

PART 4.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts 2 and 3, in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

OFFENCE.		STRIPES.												Total.	Remarks.
		5 & under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.			
		First Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	First Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Under Section 160, I. P. C.	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4		
" " 183 "	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2		
" " 241 "	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2		
" " 249 "	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2		
" " 277 "	...	4	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12		
" " 290 "	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3		
" " 304 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	5		
" " 323 "	...	1	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	7		
" " 324 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 334 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 336 "	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10		
" " 337 "	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2		
" " 338 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 352 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 353 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3		
" " 355 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 376 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1		
" " 392 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 403 "	...	1	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	7		
" " 406 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1		
" " 408 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 420 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 426 "	...	5	...	12	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	18		
" " 429 "	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3		
" " 451 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
" " 454 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Forest Act V of 1882	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Towns Nuisances Act III of 1889.	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4		
Railway Act IX of 1880	1	...	6	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12		
Prisons Act IX of 1884	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Total...	28	...	39	...	30	...	8	1	1	2	1	...	110		

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5.

PART 5.

Showing relative number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments, in cases in which whipping might have been awarded in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
1	2	3
1. Total number of whippings awarded.	2,987	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded ...	11,997	
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2) ...	14,984	
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3) ...	19.93	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 6.—(CRIMINAL).
Statement showing the result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

TRIUNALS.	Number of Persons†														Remarks.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
APPEALS.															
To Chief Magistrates of Districts*	...	16,912	2	1,632	7,692	...	1,616	4,637	40	216	7	990	24	...	
" Courts of Session ...	...	1,750	...	390	632	...	239	318	3	11	...	97	27	...	
" Superior Court† ...	...	1,006	1	361	342	...	103	47	...	8	...	144	65	...	
by persons convicted ...	...	103	...	4	40	...	...	30	...	21	...	8	...	...	
by Government from judgments of acquittal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	...	19,771	3	2,337	8,766	...	1,958	5,082	43	286	7	1,239	...	...	
REVISION.															
By Chief Magistrates of Districts	...	2,363	...	1,100	408	...	9	...	18	610	137	81	10	...	
" Courts of Session ...	...	1,331	...	475	496	...	...	8	11	131	50	135	36	...	
" Superior Court ...	...	1,325	...	504	541	40	47	...	187	79	...	127	...	...	
Total...	...	5,219	...	2,079	1,445	40	56	3	216	820	217	343	...	...	
Grand Total...	...	24,990	3	4,436	10,211	40	2,014	5,085	250	1,106	224	1,532	...	...	

* Or other Magistrates authorized to hear Appeals under Section 407, Cr. P. C.

† Persons concerned in cases under Sections 307 and 374, Cr. P. C. are excluded, as they are separately shown in Statement No. 4.

Note.—Persons in cases taken up for revision of the Courts' own motion are also included.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13.—(CRIMINAL).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in Criminal Courts in the Province of Madras, in the year 1896.

CLASSES OF COURTS IN WHICH JURORS OR ASSESSORS ARE EMPLOYED.	Established or average number of Juries or Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of accused persons in Jury trials.				Number of accused persons in trials with Assessors.				Remarks.
		As to whom the Judge				As to whom the Judge				
		Tried.	Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.	Made reference under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	Tried.	Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more but not from all the Assessors.	Differed from all the Assessors.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, Criminal Procedure Code	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Courts of Session { Jurors ... } { Assessors ... }	* 5	1,085	1,022	63	52	...	919	...	...	...
	* 2	...	...	...	...	1,323	...	147	257	
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction { Jurors ... } { Assessors ... }	9	40	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	...	1,125	1,062	63	52	1,323	919	147	257	

Offences of theft, robbery, receiving and concealing stolen property, house trespass and dishonestly breaking open a closed receptacle and abetment of the above offences were tried by Jury in all Districts except the Agencies of Ganjam, Godavari and Vizapatnam and all other offences with the aid of Assessors. All Sessions trials before the High Court were by Jury.

* Qualifications as prescribed in Sections 319 and 320 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act X of 1892).

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APPENDIX.

II.—Special Statements.

A.—Statement showing the number of Persons concerned in the Cases disposed of under the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code in each District in 1896.

DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses, Chaps. VI and XXXV.	Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace, Chapter VIII.	Security for good behaviour, Chapter VIII.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Privileges or vexatious complaints, Chapter XLVI, Section 500.	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance, Chapter XLII, Section 514.	Total.
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Arcot (North) ...	1	3	6	...	6	98	...	31	24	163
Do. (South) ...	1	1	7	...	...	33	...	57	48	147
Anantapur ...	1	22	12	...	...	37	...	3	19	94
Bellary ...	...	13	90	1	4	6	...	3	21	134
Canara (South) ...	...	49	8	...	8	6	...	10	28	101
Chingleput ...	...	8	9	...	2	51	1	65	19	153
Coimbatore ...	3	24	10	...	3	84	...	79	120	320
Nilgiris ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	4	11
Cuddapah ...	2	95	8	24	4	28	...	15	30	202
Ganjam ...	1	3	...	...	...	64	2	79	56	215
Do. (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari ...	...	10	15	...	1	166	2	80	26	302
Do. (Agency) ...	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	...	...	9
Kistna ...	...	1	121	13	...	165	8	17	68	393
Kurnool ...	3	43	3	...	2	59	...	22	20	150
Madura ...	...	12	21	1	6	71	...	36	176	311
Malabar ...	...	12	16	...	1	124	2	50	145	349
Nellore ...	1	36	14	246	1	41	...	30	10	377
Salem ...	...	40	6	5	5	46	...	53	78	237
Tanjore ...	...	13	70	...	7	166	...	69	117	435
Tinnevely ...	...	56	9	6	18	21	...	33	59	187
Trichinopoly ...	...	34	18	1	3	76	...	72	154	355
Vizagapatam ...	...	6	8	11	3	76	...	216	53	370
Do. (Agency) ...	1	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	63	70
Madras ...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	1,160	33	1,191
Total ...	14	490	457	313	74	1,434	15	2,172	1,381	6,276

B.—Statement showing the relative contribution of the several Districts of the Presidency to the aggregate number of Cases of the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.			APPEALS.		Total of Cases and Appeals.	Percentage to Total.	Remarks.
	Before Village Magistrates' Courts.	Before Regular Courts.	Total.	To Magistrates' and Sessions Judges' Courts.	To High Court.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tanjore ...	2,033	22,744	24,777	641	25	25,443	9.58	
Madura ...	1,405	22,810	24,245	906	45	25,196	9.49	
Malabar ...	231	20,736	20,975	831	89	21,895	8.25	
Arcot (South) ...	735	15,620	16,355	420	53	16,828	6.34	
Godavari ...	550	15,568	16,118	601	14	16,793	6.32	
Do. (Agency) ...	9	453	462	13	3	478	0.18	
Kistna ...	911	13,358	14,269	459	44	14,772	5.56	
Trichinopoly ...	181	12,665	13,046	479	31	13,556	5.10	
Chingleput ...	591	12,351	12,942	269	16	13,227	4.93	
Salem ...	710	11,870	12,580	528	37	13,145	4.95	
Vizagapatam ...	427	11,884	12,311	329	14	12,654	4.77	
Do. (Agency) ...	5	1,671	1,676	75	16	1,767	0.67	
Coimbatore ...	355	10,638	10,988	759	69	11,816	4.45	
Arcot (North) ...	1,315	10,041	11,356	307	46	11,799	4.44	
Tinnevely ...	895	10,094	10,980	566	40	11,595	4.37	
Bellary ...	41	9,227	9,268	357	36	9,661	3.64	
Nellore ...	232	8,592	8,824	215	5	9,074	3.42	
Ganjam ...	429	7,684	8,113	300	5	8,418	3.17	
Do. (Agency) ...	...	341	341	...	6	347	0.13	
Cuddapah ...	133	6,620	6,753	370	22	7,145	2.69	
Canara (South) ...	47	6,245	6,292	151	33	6,476	2.44	
Kurnool ...	59	4,483	4,542	362	23	4,827	1.86	
Nilgiris ...	25	4,218	4,243	60	1	4,304	1.62	
Anantapur ...	75	3,876	3,951	243	...	4,194	1.58	
Total...	11,402	241,014	255,416	9,421	673	265,510	100.00	
Average per District ...	543	11,619	12,162	449	32	12,643	...	
Madras ...	...	51,820	51,820	...	15	51,835	...	
Mysore ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Grand Total...	11,402	255,834	307,236	9,421	689	317,346	...	

C1—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Village Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Village Magistrates actually trying Criminal Cases.	CASES.			PERSONS.				Remarks.
		Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Under trial.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Pending.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Arcot (North) ...	477	1,315	1,315	32	1,775	857	856	62	
Do. (South) ...	378	735	741	1	1,030	235	794	1	
Anantapur ...	50	75	75	...	89	42	47	...	
Bellary ...	28	41	41	...	61	25	36	...	
Canara (South) ...	24	47	43	9	91	53	18	29	
Chingleput ...	281	591	596	...	878	269	604	...	
Coimbatore ...	231	355	352	3	501	158	334	9	
Nilgiris ...	19	25	24	1	41	2	37	2	
Cuddapah ...	91	133	132	2	162	32	133	2	
Ganjam ...	478	429	423	13	760	503	222	35	
Godavari ...	385	550	544	15	861	472	367	22	
Kistna ...	436	911	905	22	1,467	892	557	38	
Kurnool ...	46	59	59	...	71	9	62	...	
Madura ...	1,214	1,405	1,425	15	2,151	1,080	1,039	32	
Malabar ...	135	239	242	1	374	207	166	1	
Nellore ...	165	232	236	...	409	112	267	...	
Salem ...	371	710	726	7	1,100	580	510	10	
Tanjore ...	509	2,033	2,028	73	4,018	3,218	649	151	
Tinnevely ...	380	895	885	27	1,376	802	530	44	
Trichinopoly ...	109	181	180	1	254	54	198	2	
Vizagapatam ...	123	427	430	16	886	597	264	25	
Ganjam (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Godavari (Do.) ...	6	9	9	...	9	...	9	...	
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	2	5	5	...	11	10	1	...	
Total...	6,333	11,432	11,419	238	18,390	10,239	7,695	456	

C2.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Bench Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	DISPOSED OF.					PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
					Under trial.	Acquitted or charged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcot (North) ...	1,684	1,684	...	2	1,894	471	1,423	...	...	...	...	75.13	1,305	...
Do. (South) ...	2,858	2,872	52	1	2,082	647	2,283	...	...	...	52	77.91	2,844	...
Anantapur ...	502	483	15	3	515	111	389	...	...	...	15	77.80	220	...
Bellary ...	5,022	5,002	13	1	5,032	137	4,882	...	...	...	13	97.27	290	...
Canara (South) ...	555	540	6	2	728	362	359	...	...	...	7	49.79	431	...
Chingleput ...	4,371	4,367	6	1	4,851	1,130	3,706	...	...	...	9	76.53	1,924	...
Coimbatore ...	2,276	2,267	4	1	2,515	613	1,890	...	...	...	12	75.50	2,112	...
Nilgiris ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuddapah ...	952	949	...	1	970	169	861	...	...	...	...	88.76	525	...
Ganjam ...	357	357	...	1	472	180	292	...	...	...	...	61.86	339	...
Godavari ...	4,250	4,243	4	2	4,974	1,048	3,921	...	1	...	4	78.90	853	4
Kistna ...	2,918	2,915	1	1	3,357	1,027	2,326	...	3	...	1	69.37	3,390	...
Kurnool ...	433	433	...	1	474	95	379	...	...	...	...	79.95	550	...
Madura ...	11,971	11,947	3	1	12,535	1,129	11,400	...	...	...	6	90.98	12,180	...
Malabar ...	3,080	3,089	19	1	3,386	837	2,459	...	7	...	33	73.40	1,599	...
Nellore ...	2,568	2,561	5	1	2,684	741	1,936	...	2	...	5	72.32	882	...
Salem ...	2,710	2,701	4	1	2,731	258	2,468	...	...	...	5	90.53	947	...
Tanjore ...	9,826	9,824	9	2	10,599	1,739	8,845	...	...	...	15	83.57	2,078	10
Tinnevely ...	2,932	2,919	4	1	3,015	459	2,548	...	2	...	6	83.89	1,992	...
Trichinopoly ...	4,546	4,511	36	2	4,690	373	4,270	...	5	...	36	91.97	571	...
Vizagapatam ...	3,372	3,354	21	1	4,114	1,313	2,757	...	...	...	44	67.74	2,693	...
Ganjam (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	67,187	67,037	202	1	72,543	12,865	59,400	...	20	...	263	82.20	36,815	...

C3.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Special Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Under trial.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
						Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcot (North) ...	13	13	...	1	13	...	13	...	...	...	...	100.00	3	...
Do. (South) ...	372	373	1	4	636	333	300	2	...	...	1	47.39	627	...
Anantapur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bellary ...	292	291	1	1	292	22	269	...	...	...	1	92.44	251	...
Canara (South) ...	13	13	...	1	13	...	13	...	...	...	...	100.00	13	...
Chingleput ...	384	384	...	1	384	22	362	...	...	...	...	94.27	144	...
Coimbatore ...	206	206	...	1	206	15	191	...	...	...	...	92.72	243	...
Nilgiris ...	1,506	1,506	1	1	1,710	603	1,106	...	...	...	1	64.72	479	...
Cuddapah ...	84	29	5	1	34	1	28	...	...	...	5	96.55	28	...
Ganjam ...	117	117	...	1	141	37	104	...	...	...	...	73.76	57	...
Godavari...	177	177	5	13	419	270	138	...	...	...	12	33.82	729	...
Kistna ...	75	68	...	1	78	7	71	...	...	...	...	91.03	93	...
Kurnool ...	68	64	...	2	64	13	51	...	...	...	...	79.69	122	...
Madura ...	248	242	6	1	263	31	231	...	...	...	6	88.17	69	...
Malabar ...	25	25	...	1	28	2	26	...	...	...	...	92.86	18	...
Nellore ...	134	134	...	1	168	18	150	...	...	...	...	89.29	259	...
Salem ...	197	194	1	2	223	25	197	...	...	...	1	88.74	262	...
Tanjore ...	193	196	3	1	199	16	180	...	...	...	3	91.84	59	...
Tinnevely ...	246	244	...	2	245	12	232	...	1	...	...	95.08	88	...
Trichinopoly ...	162	162	...	1	162	8	154	...	...	...	...	95.06	77	...
Vizagapatam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ganjam (Agency)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	4,557	4,538	23	2	5,234	1,435	3,816	2	1	...	30	72.67	3,621	...

C4.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of, pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Stipendiary Subordinate Magistrates (other than Joint, Assistant, Deputy and Cantonment Magistrates), for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	DISPOSED OF.					PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
					Under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcoot (North) ...	8,121	8,114	68	7	15,556	10,395	4,702	185	3	23	246	31.15	16,751	12
Do. (South) ...	12,180	12,189	129	6	21,894	13,418	8,036	122	6	5	297	37.46	21,291	...
Anantapur ...	3,233	3,235	57	6	7,519	4,950	2,230	155	9	26	149	31.06	9,095	26
Bellary ...	3,611	3,606	61	6	7,620	4,937	2,381	170	...	20	112	32.54	5,838	...
Canara (South) ...	5,235	5,411	64	5	8,262	4,017	3,986	131	2	7	119	49.86	7,209	...
Chingleput ...	6,763	6,752	45	3	11,657	6,599	4,875	73	1	23	86	42.49	10,210	...
Coimbatore ...	7,757	7,751	87	7	15,599	9,091	5,759	417	25	40	267	38.78	17,248	26
Nilgiris ...	2,522	2,517	9	3	3,135	1,516	1,595	7	1	1	15	51.27	1,516	8
Cuddapah ...	5,333	5,281	86	4	12,132	5,199	3,484	235	9	19	186	29.82	12,785	22
Ganjam ...	6,975	6,825	144	4	13,832	8,102	5,215	61	4	19	428	39.16	12,596	...
Godavari ...	10,854	10,781	130	5	24,115	17,179	6,319	166	4	33	389	28.19	25,849	19
Kistna ...	10,124	10,229	93	5	20,141	12,493	7,248	115	7	13	265	36.72	24,223	132
Kurnool ...	3,752	3,829	94	7	9,339	6,436	2,495	154	...	52	192	27.75	11,705	30
Madura ...	10,275	10,434	169	10	22,493	13,558	7,784	597	2	32	610	36.47	23,641	53
Malabar ...	17,242	17,233	115	6	26,127	13,292	12,904	236	8	49	239	48.07	20,431	131
Nellore ...	5,551	5,555	94	6	12,620	8,613	3,585	79	1	9	363	29.32	11,726	18
Salem ...	8,524	8,507	132	5	16,745	9,922	6,145	256	2	32	388	38.25	17,050	...
Tanjore ...	12,396	12,398	59	6	21,923	12,889	8,593	231	6	23	181	40.60	18,827	238
Tinnevely ...	6,483	7,058	156	9	12,633	6,786	5,199	252	2	28	366	49.38	15,027	...
Trichinopoly ...	7,818	7,875	110	6	18,936	7,892	5,637	122	1	30	254	41.67	11,559	42
Vizagapatam ...	8,241	8,189	39	3	17,212	11,623	5,372	74	7	10	126	31.61	12,959	22
Ganjam (Agency) ...	310	306	6	12	824	405	358	17	1	3	39	46.86	982	23
Godavari (Do.) ...	440	439	9	16	1,111	666	423	6	1	...	15	35.84	1,081	21
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	1,543	1,536	26	8	3,124	1,293	1,643	124	7	21	80	55.96	4,944	...
Total...	165,563	165,998	1,982	6	319,539	194,362	115,308	3,918	109	522	5,310	37.24	315,140	826

C5.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Deputy Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of	Pending.	Average duration.	Under trial.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
						Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcoot (North) ...	64	65	3	50	143	98	39	..	1	3	2	28.47	326	...
Do. (South) ...	44	85	...	42	191	132	59	...	...	...	...	30.89	318	...
Anantapur ...	49	63	...	19	187	91	94	...	2	...	...	50.81	525	...
Bellary ...	134	125	15	25	312	150	119	2	1	14	26	44.24	599	2
Canara (South) ...	149	154	12	23	418	241	131	2	1	1	42	35.22	932	5
Chingleput ...	233	244	5	7	462	331	112	6	...	5	8	25.28	657	...
Coimbatore ...	105	95	3	8	166	80	73	...	...	...	8	49.37	325	...
Nilgiris ...	11	11	...	10	16	11	5	...	...	...	...	31.25	86	...
Cuddapah ...	190	181	15	14	439	241	96	5	...	5	92	28.49	642	9
Ganjam ...	49	50	1	14	100	52	46	...	1	...	1	46.94	245	4
Godavari ...	170	174	4	17	434	270	143	15	...	...	6	34.62	862	...
Kistna ...	77	99	7	17	232	118	90	7	1	1	15	43.27	593	15
Kurnool ...	82	79	...	21	184	98	83	...	...	...	...	45.86	544	3
Madura ...	103	153	21	27	254	90	132	...	1	3	28	59.46	889	12
Malabar ...	99	115	7	23	304	201	76	2	1	2	22	27.44	575	41
Nellore ...	206	206	5	10	472	392	75	...	...	2	3	16.06	639	3
Salem ...	213	233	10	25	499	289	181	9	...	...	17	38.90	1,073	...
Tanjore ...	96	141	12	27	422	275	97	...	...	2	43	26.08	884	...
Tinnevely ...	251	282	20	22	626	300	257	8	...	5	56	46.14	1,328	...
Trichinopoly ...	238	238	20	12	561	367	148	...	1	1	44	28.73	756	...
Vizagapatam ...	37	34	5	12	60	26	22	2	...	...	10	45.83	160	...
Ganjam (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	2,605	2,862	165	19	6,482	3,853	2,086	61	10	44	428	35.12	12,958	94

CG.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Assistant Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Under trial.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
						Acquitted or charged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcoot (North) ...	69	62	2	18	141	120	17	2	...	1	1	12.40	364	...
Do. (South) ...	90	100	9	17	234	146	62	7	...	...	19	29.80	502	...
Anantapur ...	35	39	...	21	117	56	61	...	...	...	...	52.14	333	...
Bellary ...	82	104	2	18	234	122	127	1	...	...	4	51.00	910	...
Canara (South) ...	58	63	3	19	270	201	56	2	...	...	11	21.78	341	...
Chingleput ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coimbatore ...	84	121	8	23	354	230	103	5	...	...	16	30.93	356	...
Nilgiris ...	58	63	3	11	92	34	49	3	1	2	3	59.04	328	...
Cuddapah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ganjam ...	110	112	6	4	244	145	72	...	...	...	27	33.18	304	...
Godavari ...	...	57	...	4	131	113	18	...	...	...	...	13.74	120	20
Kistna ...	89	101	2	10	214	142	65	35	...	...	2	31.40	651	42
Kurnool ...	67	61	9	20	316	169	64	9	...	1	73	27.47	472	6
Madura ...	74	155	12	18	446	286	119	4	...	3	34	29.38	651	...
Malabar ...	158	190	5	30	458	300	106	30	...	3	10	25.54	881	...
Nellore ...	68	74	2	22	288	221	61	...	4	...	2	21.63	257	...
Salem ...	85	91	1	11	211	170	39	1	...	...	1	18.06	384	26
Tanjore ...	120	182	3	23	549	214	146	93	2	94	...	40.56	1,203	2
Tinnevely ...	...	7	...	36	42	35	7	...	...	...	...	16.07	54	...
Trichinopoly ...	73	61	9	44	189	125	42	...	...	1	21	25.15	326	...
Vizagapatam ...	127	94	11	10	283	206	63	...	...	...	14	23.42	314	...
Ganjam (Agency) ...	18	20	...	12	52	40	11	...	1	...	...	21.57	100	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	9	15	1	38	156	119	23	5	...	...	9	16.19	137	3
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	91	82	5	16	185	75	78	9	...	14	9	50.98	308	...
Cantonments.														
Chingleput ...	543	543	1	1	882	403	477	1	...	1	...	54.20	1,195	...
Nilgiris ...	26	26	...	1	26	...	23	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Total...	2,143	2,441	94	14	6,164	3,681	1,892	207	8	120	256	33.95	10,291	9

7.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Joint Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Under trial.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
						Acquitted or charged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcoot (North) ...	38	67	1	13	101	36	61	2	...	2	...	62.89	177	...
Do. (South) ...	25	26	1	11	45	27	17	...	...	...	1	39.64	62	...
Anantapur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bellary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canara (South) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chingleput ...	22	23	4	19	43	15	12	4	...	...	17	44.44	74	...
Coimbatore ...	67	78	3	16	181	133	38	2	1	2	5	22.22	357	5
Nilgiris ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuddapah ...	51	44	5	14	77	26	35	1	...	1	14	57.88	184	...
Ganjam ...	51	49	3	7	166	142	11	3	...	...	10	7.10	142	9
Godavari ...	68	70	2	2	143	90	50	1	...	...	2	35.71	213	...
Kistna ...	39	63	2	33	103	71	28	...	...	2	2	28.28	317	...
Kurnool ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madura ...	86	105	17	29	532	330	73	65	2	29	33	18.11	516	119
Malabar ...	44	58	1	47	116	60	31	16	...	...	9	34.07	450	...
Nellore ...	43	40	2	12	87	53	32	...	...	...	2	37.65	230	...
Salem ...	69	57	4	19	121	86	28	...	...	...	7	24.56	133	...
Tanjore ...	51	51	4	16	79	30	43	2	...	3	1	58.90	153	...
Tinnevely ...	77	76	3	14	163	110	41	5	...	4	3	27.15	324	27
Trichinopoly ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam ...	83	86	...	11	222	127	94	1	...	...	...	42.53	506	...
Ganjam (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	814	893	52	18	2,184	1,336	594	102	3	43	106	30.78	3,794	169

C8.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of District Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Under trial.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
						Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcot (North) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. (South) ...	4	6	...	6	8	3	5	...	...	...	...	62-50	7	...
Anantapur ...	2	1	1	15	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...
Bellary ...	5	5	...	11	9	4	5	...	...	...	...	55-55	...	...
Canara (South) ...	1	3	...	14	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	14-28	18	...
Chingleput ...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	100-00	3	...
Coimbatore ...	21	21	...	1	34	16	17	1	...	...	...	51-51	61	...
Nilgiris ...	4	1	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	100-00	...	...
Cuddapah ...	3	3	...	16	10	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	16	...
Ganjam...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari...	1	2	...	26	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	60-00	21	...
Kistna ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kurnool ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madura ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malabar ...	1	1	...	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Nellore ...	...	3	...	4	5	3	2	...	...	...	...	40-00	4	...
Salem ...	11	8	...	9	12	9	3	...	...	...	...	25-00	29	...
Tanjore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tinnevelly ...	12	11	...	23	17	12	5	...	...	...	...	29-41	48	...
Trichinopoly ...	4	2	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	100-00	8	...
Vizagapatam ...	2	2	...	11	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	100-00	4	...
Ganjam(Agency)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam(Do.)..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	72	70	1	9	116	57	43	12	...	...	1	44-00	226	...

C9.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the number of Cases and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the results of trial, in the Courts of Session, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.								NUMBER OF WITNESSES	
	Received by commitment or on reference.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Under trial.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.		Number per cent. convicted of the persons in Cols. 7 and 8.	Examined.	Detained beyond three days.
						Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	In custody.	Not in custody.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Arcot (North) ...	52	53	1	13	93	43	41	8	...	1	...	48-81	523	115
Do. (South) ...	49	46	3	26	115	41	70	...	...	4	...	63-06	598	416
Bellary ...	81	83	...	42	182	121	57	2	2	...	...	32-62	852	412
Canara (South) ...	34	36	...	28	89	15	53	21	...	...	...	77-94	399	171
Chingleput ...	29	30	...	29	77	32	44	1	...	...	...	57-89	235	35
Coimbatore ...	117	120	...	33	345	208	120	16	1	...	...	36-59	1,160	99
Nilgiris ...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	100-00	9	...
Cuddapah ...	57	58	2	2	155	108	38	7	...	2	...	26-03	654	412
Ganjam ...	16	15	1	19	37	26	9	1	...	1	...	25-71	134	...
Godavari ...	48	52	...	20	115	73	37	5	...	...	...	33-64	334	109
Kistna ...	36	36	...	43	110	51	55	4	...	...	...	51-89	510	365
Kurnool ...	51	51	2	34	123	57	37	9	...	29	...	39-36	616	329
Madura ...	93	85	...	38	278	159	107	10	2	...	...	40-23	903	161
Malabar (North) ...	24	23	2	32	53	11	33	3	...	3	3	75-00	253	85
Do. (South) ...	63	61	5	27	144	68	55	15	...	5	1	44-72	514	314
Nellore ...	22	24	1	29	45	32	12	...	...	...	1	27-27	242	96
Salem ...	55	62	2	56	170	105	39	5	1	2	18	27-08	659	456
Tanjore ...	57	57	1	35	111	61	40	8	...	...	2	39-60	413	168
Tinnevely ...	93	90	4	40	160	83	59	7	...	4	2	40-14	712	116
Trichinopoly ...	24	27	...	34	62	29	31	2	...	...	...	51-67	266	63
Vizagapatam ...	22	21	...	26	42	18	21	3	...	...	...	53-85	246	71
Ganjam (Agency) ..	13	13	...	3	23	11	8	4	...	...	...	42-10	52	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	4	5	...	5	10	3	7	...	...	...	...	70-00	60	...
Vizagapatam (Do.)	37	34	7	12	102	31	42	2	3	24	...	57-53	242	76
Total...	1,068	1,063	31	31	2,642	1,391	1,016	133	9	66	27	42-21	10,616	4,070

D.—Statement showing, by Districts, the result of trial by Jury and with Assessors in the Courts of Session for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.													
	1	2	3	Number of accused persons in Jury trials.				Number of accused persons in trials with Assessors.				Remarks.	
				Established or average number of jurors or assessors in each case.	As described in Sections 219 and 220, Criminal Procedure Code.	As to whom the Judge		Tried.	As to whom the Judge				
						Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.		Made reference under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more but not from all the Assessors.		Differed from all the Assessors.
				3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arcoet (North)	...	5 Jurs. & 2 Assrs.	...	...	43	39	4	4	40	33	3	4	
Do. (South)	...	Do. do.	...	...	67	67	...	...	39	31	...	8.	
Bellary	...	Do. do.	...	...	43	49	...	...	128	76	15	37	
Canara (South)	...	Do. do.	...	...	32	15	...	...	56	30	9	17	
Chingleput	...	Do. & 3 Assrs.	...	...	31	34	...	...	39	25	4	10	
Coimbatore	...	Do. & 2 Assrs.	...	...	184	173	...	...	148	117	26	5	
Cuddapah	...	Do. do.	...	...	36	34	...	...	117	91	3	23	
Ganjam	...	Do. do.	...	...	17	17	...	...	19	7	...	12	
Godavari	...	Do. do.	...	...	61	61	...	...	33	24	...	9	
Kistna	...	Do. do.	...	...	60	60	...	...	48	43	...	4	
Kurnool	...	Do. do.	...	...	22	22	...	...	73	41	...	5	
Madara	...	Do. do.	...	...	134	134	...	...	112	73	...	27	
Malabar (North)	...	Do. do.	...	...	21	21	...	...	35	19	...	24	
Do. (South)	...	Do. do.	...	...	71	60	...	...	53	31	...	5	
Nellore	...	Do. do.	...	...	9	9	...	...	35	25	...	6	
Nilgiris	...	Do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	9	
Salem	...	Do. do.	...	...	67	62	...	...	70	38	...	...	
Tanjore	...	Do. do.	...	...	49	49	...	...	51	44	...	20	
Tinnevely	...	Do. do.	...	...	68	68	...	...	80	66	...	3	
Trichinopoly	...	Do. do.	...	...	33	33	...	...	15	8	...	9	
Vizagapatam	...	Do. do.	...	...	44	44	...	...	38	22	...	3	
Ganjam (Agency)	...	2 Assrs.	...	...	1	1	...	...	23	19	...	1	
Godavari	...	Do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	6	...	2	
Vizagapatam	...	Do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	50	...	5	
					1,085	1,022	63	52	1,323	919	147	257	
Total...													

E1.—Statement comparing, by Districts, the number of Appeals and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the mode of disposal, in the Courts of Magistrates, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	APPEALS.								PERSONS.								
	Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Number in respect of whom appealable sentences or orders were passed by 2nd and 3rd Class Magistrates.	Number appealing.	Disposed of.						
											Confirmed.	Reduced or otherwise modified.	Reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial ordered.	Referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Pending.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Arcoet (North)	5	5	...	5	342	354	28	41	6,143	598	420	47	156	4	...	...	36
Do. (South)	39	13	...	22	343	338	38	32	10,665	697	456	69	119	7	...	...	67
Anantapur	5	3	...	6	238	240	6	17	2,619	474	263	52	164	4	...	...	9
Bellary	27	23	...	10	248	250	20	33	7,545	516	307	58	157	3	...	...	35
Canara (South)	8	7	...	32	105	110	8	22	4,381	231	135	10	94	1	...	...	9
Chingleput	7	1	...	14	245	259	17	30	8,979	498	244	105	190	3	...	...	42
Coimbatore	162	151	3	30	529	506	31	29	7,887	1,248	792	90	304	15	...	...	55
Nilgiris	52	18	4	14	6	33	...	9	2,727	74	55	4	10	...	...	...	4
Cuddapah	4	4	...	11	330	275	67	21	4,373	747	326	102	162	10	...	...	172
Ganjam	9	9	...	1	257	256	14	20	5,352	638	393	39	212	2	...	...	35
Godavari	23	22	1	5	582	597	9	31	10,401	1,383	836	125	403	13	...	...	49
Kistna	22	24	...	13	400	445	11	21	9,647	652	413	76	224	21	...	...	22
Kurnool	...	...	...	...	337	328	14	14	2,925	620	385	59	148	1	...	...	36
Madura	3	3	...	17	769	741	51	24	19,437	1,802	992	98	548	61	...	...	183
Malabar	21	20	...	6	724	752	13	20	14,796	1,192	709	124	383	41	...	1	23
Nellore	2	5	...	16	212	230	11	24	5,715	401	209	34	170	17	...	...	19
Salem	8	9	...	14	412	443	6	21	8,803	815	475	106	230	7	...	...	24
Tanjore	25	21	4	18	466	510	11	17	17,631	824	650	55	258	...	...	...	23
Tinnevely	19	10	1	25	462	487	9	19	7,965	928	458	91	376	15	7	...	18
Trichinopoly	16	14	...	37	406	392	36	33	10,077	836	441	119	234	5	...	...	100
Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	282	238	6	14	8,185	765	399	143	139	16	...	1	17
Ganjam (Agency)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	353	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.)	...	...	...	...	13	11	3	33	423	16	9	...	5	...	...	...	6
Vizagapatam (Do.)	...	...	...	...	60	59	1	28	1,643	114	57	15	41	...	...	...	1
Total...	462	362	13	21	7830	7908	408	24	1,78,627	16,051	9,324	1,616	4,727	246	7	2	990

22.—Statement comparing, by Districts, the number of Appeals and Persons received, disposed of and pending and the mode of disposal, in the Courts of Session, for the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	APPEALS				PERSONS.								
	Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Average duration.	Number in respect of whom appealable sentences or orders were passed by 1st Class Magistrates.	Number appealing.	DISPOSED OF.						Pending.
							Sentence or order			New trial ordered.	Referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	
							Confirmed.	Reduced or otherwise modified.	Reversed or proceedings quashed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Arcot (North)	50	50	...	16	83	50	41	2	4	...	...	...	...
Do. (South)	38	36	4	24	71	45	39	1	...	1	...	...	6
Bellary	82	80	1	22	323	186	114	38	32	...	...	...	1
Canara (South)	38	36	2	35	124	73	21	11	33	1	...	...	7
Chingleput	17	20	...	31	56	30	30	...	3	...	...	...	...
Coimbatore	63	68	3	31	103	113	62	5	43	...	...	...	6
Nilgiris	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuddapah	36	36	...	14	111	70	31	12	24	3	...	...	...
Ganjam	34	32	4	30	58	62	37	20	6	...	...	...	9
Godavari	51	52	4	26	114	81	55	14	9	4	...	...	4
Kistna	37	41	2	26	114	51	43	3	14	...	...	...	2
Kurnool	25	25	...	42	88	48	20	14	8	...	...	...	...
Madura	134	125	11	22	236	196	157	16	18	1	...	...	19
Malabar (North)	17	19	...	25	140	17	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. (South)	69	72	4	30	88	76	3	12	...	...	...	...	4
Nellore	31	29	2	22	117	56	20	3	8	...	...	...	16
Salem	78	80	...	31	173	110	51	34	32	...	...	...	...
Tanjore	120	113	9	29	216	121	90	13	10	1	...	...	9
Tinnevelly	85	84	1	21	150	114	72	24	20	...	...	...	1
Trichinopoly	57	55	4	22	100	66	28	17	13	...	...	...	10
Vizagapatam	47	43	3	41	124	74	36	5	31	...	...	...	3
Ganjam (Agency)	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (Do)	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (Do.)	15	15	...	19	65	27	22	4	1	...	...	...	...
Total...	1,129	1,111	54	27	2,624	1,673	1,082	239	321	11	...	...	97

F.—Statement showing, by Districts, the number of Revision Cases received, disposed of and pending and the Persons concerned therein, with their results, in the Courts of District Magistrates and Courts of Session, for the year 1896.

COURTS OF SESSION.																		
DISTRICTS.	CASES.				PERSONS.				CASES.				PERSONS.					
	Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Received.	DISPOSED OF.			Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.	DISPOSED OF.			Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.		
					Orders not interfered with.	Proceedings quashed or further ordered.	Referred.				Otherwise.	Orders not interfered with.	Proceedings quashed or further ordered.				Referred.	Otherwise.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Arcot (North)	28	29	...	81	67	15	9	...	...	8	7	2	21	5	5	1	2	9
Do. (South)	54	57	5	196	151	103	9	...	...	10	10	...	29	26	3	...	...	...
Ayantapur	23	23	...	66	40	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bellary	24	25	1	29	17	5	5	...	...	15	14	1	41	32	6	1	...	3
Canara (South)	30	29	1	89	68	4	8	3	6	24	22	3	73	63	1	14	...	8
Chingleput	28	28	...	136	101	33	1	1	...	16	15	2	83	97	2	...	...	3
Coimbatore	69	65	7	250	138	95	13	...	17	18	23	1	43	73	...	12	...	1
Nilgiris	8	9	...	8	3	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuddapah	14	16	...	22	23	9	...	...	...	18	13	...	36	35	...	1	...	...
Ganjam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	1
Godavari	91	90	1	321	73	16	1	...	...	34	28	5	67	39	4	5	...	7
Kistna	24	24	1	24	20	3	1	...	1	33	42	...	87	53	16	8	20	...
Kurnool	6	6	...	21	17	4	...	...	...	7	6	1	10	4	3	2	...	1
Madura	36	53	4	173	160	103	25	4	14	31	32	...	127	124	4	...	...	...
Malabar (North)	...	...	...	153	91	57	5	...	...	{ 23	6	...	42	42	...	6	...	...
Do. (South)	41	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	2	28	16	2	...	4	2
Nellore	15	20	...	20	12	6	7	...	...	7	4	3	7	3	1	...	...	3
Salem	32	32	...	98	14	68	16	...	...	53	53	3	151	103	49	15	7	6
Tanjore	74	77	1	324	270	41	13	...	5	59	41	9	222	110	30	2	...	80
Tinnevely	54	53	4	231	186	37	5	...	26	15	13	...	22	30	...	6	1	...
Trichinopoly	29	29	...	47	34	12	1	...	...	39	26	4	81	56	14	7	...	4
Vizagapatam	19	18	1	19	13	5	...	...	1	16	13	4	27	15	4	...	1	8
Total...	699	724	26	2,098	1,498	629	137	18	81	414	400	41	1,202	928	144	80	44	156

G.—Statement showing, by Districts, the number and result of Appeals to the High Court, for the year 1895.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.										PERSONS.														
	CONVICTION.					ACQUITTAL.					CONVICTION.					ACQUITTAL.									
	Sentence.					Reversed and re-manded.					Sentence.					Reversed and re-manded.									
	Varied.					Reversed.					Varied.					Reversed.									
	Confirmed.	Varied.	Reversed.	Reversed and re-manded.	Appellants.	Confirmed.	Reversed and new trial ordered.	Reversed, conviction recorded and sentence passed.	Upheld.	Modified.	Set aside.	Total.	Summarily rejected.	Confirmed.	Varied.	Reversed.	Reversed and re-manded.	Confirmed.	Reversed and new trial ordered.	Reversed, conviction recorded and sentence passed.	Upheld.	Modified.	Set aside.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Anantapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arctot (North)	26	7	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	2	41	29	10	1	3	...	1	6	3	...	...	4	54
Do. (South)	23	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	45	29	11	3	3	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	67
Bellary	9	9	23	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	39	9	20	11	3	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	52
Canara (South)	9	7	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	24	9	8	3	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	41
Chingleput	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	10*	8	7	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	18
Coimbatore	40	21	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	68	73	46	7	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	143
Nilgiris	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ouddapah	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	1	7	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	19
Ganjam	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	6	8	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	15
Do. (Agency)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
Godavari	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	18
Do. (Agency)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
Kistna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	49
Kurnool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	...	12	15	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	26
Madura	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	30	14	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	69
Malabar (North)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	8	14	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	41
Do. (South)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	24	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	67
Nellore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	5	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7
Salem	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	10	3	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	57
Tanjore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	...	12	16	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	43
Tinnevely	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	44	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	102
Trichinopoly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	6	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	35
Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	5	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	29
Do. (Agency)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	31	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Madras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Mysore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	296	219	46	23	2	9	18	14	11	5	...	15	658	361	312	103	47	8	44	21	30	25	...	31	1,012

H.—Statement exhibiting, by Districts, the mode of disposal of the sentences of death referred for confirmation under Section 374 of the Criminal Procedure Code, in the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	CASES.							PERSONS.						
	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed and acquitted ordered.	Confirmed, &c., as regards some of the appellants.	Reversed and new trial ordered.	Total.	Confirmed.	Commuted to transportation.	Commuted to rigorous imprisonment.	Reversed and acquitted ordered.	Reversed and new trial ordered.	Total.		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Arctot (North)	3	1	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	...	...	4		
Do. (South)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Bellary	3	1	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	...	...	4		
Canara (South)	2	1	1	...	...	4	2	...	1	1	...	4		
Chingleput	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1		
Coimbatore	3	3	1	...	...	7	3	1	...	2	...	11		
Nilgiris	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ouddapah	3	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	3		
Ganjam	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1		
Do. (Agency)	2	2	...	...	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	4		
Godavari	5	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	5		
Do. (Agency)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Kistna	3	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	3		
Kurnool	1	1	1	...	...	3	1	4	...	1	...	6		
Madras	4	2	1	...	...	7	4	2	...	1	...	7		
Malabar (North)	3	...	1	...	...	4	3	...	...	1	...	4		
Do. (South)	7	1	...	...	...	8	8	1	...	...	...	9		
Nellore	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1		
Salem	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tanjore	5	...	...	...	...	5	6	...	...	...	...	6		
Tinnevely	2	...	2	...	...	4	2	...	...	5	...	7		
Trichinopoly	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2		
Vizagapatam	3	...	1	...	...	4	3	...	...	1	...	4		
Do. (Agency)	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2		
Total...	55	13	8	...	...	76	57	19	6	12	...	89		

I.—Statement showing, by Districts, the results of Cases referred under Section 438, Criminal Procedure Code, by Sessions Judges and District Magistrates, in the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	REPORTED BY SESSIONS JUDGES.					REPORTED BY DISTRICT MAGISTRATES.					Remarks.
	Quashed.	New trial or enquiry ordered.	Modified.	Not interfered with.	Total disposed of.	Quashed.	New trial or enquiry ordered.	Modified.	Not interfered with.	Total disposed of.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arcoot (North) ...	...	...	...	1	1	3	1	...	2	6	
Do. (South) ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	
Anantapur ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3	6	
Bellary ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	1	3	10	
Canara (South) ...	3	...	...	1	4	2	...	...	5	7	
Chingleput ...	...	...	1	2	3	1	...	1	...	2	
Coimbatore ...	1	...	...	1	2	2	1	3	1	7	
Nilgiris ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	8	10	
Cuddapah ...	1	...	...	...	1	11	1	...	1	13	
Ganjam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Godavari ...	2	...	...	3	5	11	...	...	8	19	
Do. (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Kistna ...	1	...	1	2	4	6	1	1	2	10	
Kurnool ...	1	...	...	16	2	...	...	...	1	1	
Madura ...	...	...	...	1	1	6	5	1	2	14	
Malabar (North) ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	1	4	16	
Do. (South) ...	2	...	6	5	13	...	...	...	...	...	
Nellore ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	
Salem ...	3	3	1	2	9	5	...	11	1	17	
Tanjore ...	2	...	...	...	2	5	...	1	3	9	
Tinnevely ...	3	...	1	4	8	1	1	...	4	6	
Trichinopoly ...	2	...	1	4	7	...	...	...	1	1	
Vizagapatam ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	4	
Do. (Agency) ...	...	2	2	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	
Madras ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	21	5	13	28	67	78	13	23	49	163	

J.—Statement showing the amount of fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction, the amount realized, and the amount paid as compensation, in the year 1896.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS OF MAGISTRATES.			COURTS OF SESSION.		
	Imposed.	Realized.	Paid as compensation.	Imposed.	Realized.	Paid as compensation.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Arcoot (North) ...	24,103	21,186	1,144	...	...	...
Do. (South) ...	30,881	24,865	1,305	1,620	70	70
Anantapur ...	15,735	14,465	173	...	...	...
Bellary ...	28,226	19,690	341	1,300	1,398	165
Canara (South) ...	25,574	21,943	2,541	670	520	15
Chingleput ...	22,200	20,442	855	65	115	2
Coimbatore ...	46,924	38,167	14,77	...	...	...
Nilgiris ...	4,332	3,504	223	...	...	...
Cuddapah ...	31,395	25,650	782	1,100	150	...
Ganjam ...	23,124	18,358	1,253	...	...	...
Godavari ...	45,486	40,038	2,748	...	...	...
Kistna ...	57,567	50,442	1,079	400	100	...
Kurnool ...	28,117	23,637	694	280	...	...
Madura ...	57,444	52,284	2,205	1,880	650	...
Malabar ...	58,189	36,817	1,020	1,530	187	...
Nellore ...	15,062	13,788	784	...	...	...
Salem ...	40,078	36,930	602	2,100	64	...
Tanjore ...	41,137	37,874	695	50	...	...
Tinnevely ...	25,761	23,155	747	200	913	213
Trichinopoly ...	26,343	25,438	1,922	...	...	...
Vizagapatam ...	31,895	27,181	2,469	...	...	...
Ganjam (Agency) ...	1,065	622	45	...	...	...
Godavari (Do.) ...	2,730	2,179	30	5,000	...	...
Vizagapatam (Do.) ...	6,671	5,229	783	...	...	...
Madras ...	48,091	42,879	1,167	1,000	...	...
Total...	7,381,30	6,27,663	27,924	17,195	4,167	465

* These include also the amounts realized out of the fines imposed during the previous years.

APPENDIX.

H.—Statement showing, by Districts, the Judicial receipts and charges of Criminal Courts for 1896.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.				CHARGES.			
	Court Fees.	Fines.	Others.	Total.	Salaries and contingencies.	Refunds.	Compensation.	Total.
Arcoet (North) ...	16,329	21,156	1,112	38,627	57,506	2,302	1,144	60,952
Do. (South) ...	16,535	24,035	785	42,255	64,175	1,081	1,375	66,631
Anantapur ...	5,640	14,465	513	20,618	27,484	2,558	179	30,216
Bellary ...	9,741	20,445	823	31,014	65,278	3,175	502	68,955
Canara (South) ...	9,215	22,463	239	31,917	48,792	2,370	2,556	53,718
Chingleput ...	10,911	20,557	415	31,883	34,032	3,171	857	38,060
Cimbatore ...	14,673	89,167	590	53,430	61,029	4,304	1,477	66,810
Nilgiris ...	2,756	3,504	51	6,311	16,257	77	229	16,557
Cuddapah ...	11,511	25,800	605	37,916	37,518	4,945	787	43,245
Ganjam ...	8,048	20,022	257	28,327	27,150	1,111	1,252	29,513
Godavari ...	21,017	40,938	1,005	62,960	59,281	5,800	2,743	67,824
Kistna ...	15,509	50,542	927	66,978	55,055	4,378	1,079	60,512
Kurnool ...	8,090	23,617	445	32,152	56,974	2,822	694	60,490
Madura ...	28,759	52,934	1,445	83,138	74,543	9,026	2,205	85,774
Malabar ...	18,852	37,004	629	56,485	64,669	8,631	1,020	74,320
Nellore ...	13,267	13,788	484	27,539	56,169	2,398	784	59,351
Salem ...	16,046	36,994	404	53,444	89,546	4,396	602	94,544
Tanjore ...	25,245	38,024	855	64,124	71,712	2,350	695	74,757
Tinnevely ...	21,063	24,058	756	45,877	55,657	6,582	960	63,200
Trichinopoly ...	14,829	25,438	176	40,443	43,043	3,698	1,922	48,663
Vizagapatam ...	11,804	27,181	457	39,442	37,870	5,260	2,400	45,530
Ganjam (Agency) ...	161	622	120	903	11,520	...	45	11,665
Godavari (do.) ...	810	2,179	2	2,991	8,283	33	30	8,346
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	1,108	5,229	317	6,654	21,820	650	733	23,203
Total...	39,20,12	5,00,132	13,417	90,55,61	11,64,872	81,418	26,318	12,72,608
Presidency Magistrates' Courts.	2,596	42,879	9,832	55,307	48,334	11,337	1,167	61,498
High Court ...	2,120	...	...	2,120	93,169	...	...	93,169
Total...	4,716	42,879	9,832	57,427	141,503	11,337	1,167	1,54,657
Grand Total...	39,24,838	6,33,011	23,249	90,81,106	1,306,425	93,855	27,485	14,27,765

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No. 1393, JUDICIAL, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Registrar, High Court of Judicature, dated Madras, 13th August 1897, Dis. No. 1385.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting fifty-five copies of the report on the administration of Criminal Justice in this Presidency for the year 1896.

ORDER—No. 1393, Judicial, dated 25th September 1897.

The report on the administration of Criminal Justice during 1896, which is in the usual form, reached Government by the prescribed date.

2. *Crime generally.*—The statistics of crime are dealt with in the third section of the report and the disposal of business in the courts in the fourth. The former subject, however, needs little notice here, as its main features have already been discussed in the review on the Police Administration Report for 1896. They were (i) an increase in serious offences against the person and (ii) of prosecutions for criminal intimidation, insult and causing hurt; (iii) a decrease in reported crime under the Salt and Abkari laws; and (iv) a decline in the number of cases struck off by the courts as false. The apparent decline in the number of offences against property noticeable in the statistics of the present report is unreal; for, as has already been noticed by Government, a number of cases of this description occurred towards the end of the year owing to the sharp rise in the prices of food-grains and the consequent prevalence of distress, but were not brought within the judicial cognizance of the courts before its close and so do not appear in the returns.

3. Of the 124,227 cases reported under the Indian Penal Code, 9,299 or 7.5 per cent. were dismissed *in limine* under section 203 of the Code of Criminal Procedure against an average of 8 per cent. in the preceding four years. Taking by themselves cases of hurt and criminal force and assault—which form a very large proportion of the offences instituted on complaint, 4.6 and 6.3 per cent., respectively, of the complaints were rejected under section 203. Only 10.4 per cent. and 8 per cent., respectively, of the accused in these cases were, however, convicted. It appears to the Government from a perusal of these and other similar figures in the case of other forms of crime that a larger proportion of complaints might without hardship or injustice to the complainants be dismissed under section 203, Code of Criminal Procedure. The fact that nine out of every ten persons tried for assault and causing hurt were acquitted seems to show that most of them were brought before the criminal courts on groundless or vexatious charges, or on accusations which were without evidence to support them, and that sufficient care was not exercised in every instance in scrutinizing complaints at the outset and in conducting preliminary inquiries. The attention of District Magistrates will be drawn to the matter.

4. Another measure which should tend to discourage frivolous or vexatious complaints is the grant of compensation under section 560, Code of Criminal Procedure. The attention of the magistracy has been frequently called to the provisions of this section, but they were not as often resorted to as they might have been during the year under report. Only 1,418 persons were directed to pay compensation against 1,527

5. Fewer persons were charged during the year for offences against the Town Nuisances and the Madras City Police Acts, but prosecutions under the Municipal Acts were considerably more numerous than in 1895. Cases under the Hackney Carriages Act also increased—a result mainly attributable to the extension of the Act to Vellore in 1895. Convictions for robbery and dacoity and for offences affecting human life decreased. Owing probably to a rise in the number of compromises filed in court or inferred from the absence of complainants, the percentage of convictions fell also in cases relating to marriage, defamation, and criminal intimidation and insult.

6. The total amount of original and appellate work received by all courts taken together was slightly less than in 1895. The decrease in original business occurred almost entirely in cases coming before the Presidency Magistrates, and that in appellate work in the appeals presented to the Sessions Courts. On the whole disposals and arrears remained much the same as in the previous year, but there was a general improvement in promptness in the disposal of original work. The reverse occurred in the case of appeals.

7. The operations of the several classes of criminal courts are noticed below.

8. *Village Magistrates' Courts.*—Institutions in these courts rose from 10,839 to 11,402 cases. As usual the extent to which these courts were resorted to varied largely in different districts, the cases coming before them ranging from 4 per cent. of the total original work in Bellary to 11.6 per cent. in North Arcot. They appear to have been most popular in Tanjore, Madura and North Arcot, which taken together, contributed more than 40 per cent. to the total of the criminal business dealt with by them; but in no district had Village Magistrates a larger average file than four cases per court in the year. The work seems, on the whole, to have been satisfactorily performed.

9. *Bench.*—The number of Bench Courts varied but little, but the cases filed in them advanced considerably. All except seven districts showed increases and these were more marked in Madura (3,424) and Malabar (890). A further decrease, on the other hand, occurred in Tanjore. The outturn of work by Bench Magistrates showed an improvement. A larger number of cases was disposed of; a higher percentage of conviction was obtained; and business was transacted with greater promptitude. Fewer cases were pending in South Arcot at the close of the year, and Gódvári improved in regard to the detention of witnesses beyond three days; but, as in 1895, these districts were again at the bottom of the list in these respects.

10. *Special Honorary Magistrates.*—There were no Special Magistrates in Anantapur and Vizagapatam. In the remaining districts these officers numbered forty or two less than in 1895. The statistics of the work dealt with by them show very similar results to those relating to Bench Magistrates, viz., an advance in institutions and disposals and an increase in the proportion of convictions. Cases were disposed of expeditiously, except in Gódvári again, where the average duration was not less than thirteen days—a fact which calls for the attention of the District Magistrate. Among other districts the transaction of business was most prompt in the Nilgiris.

11. *Stipendiary Subordinate Magistrates.*—The number of these Magistrates rose from 471 in 1895 to 488; but, owing to the diminution in the number of offences under the Indian Penal Code which were brought to trial during the year, the cases coming before them were considerably less in number. The decrease occurred mainly in Malabar and South Arcot, in both of which districts, however (and also in Tanjore), the files were, as usual, very heavy. Disposals continued to advance. Witnesses were in fewer instances detained for more than three days. The average duration of cases and the proportion of successful prosecutions did not greatly vary from the results of the previous year. An apparent reduction was effected in arrears; but this seems to be unreal, being due to the fact that, owing to the incorrectness of the returns furnished by the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris in 1895, more than 700 cases were wrongly shown as pending in that year. Arrears were particularly numerous in Madura, and, excluding the Agency tracts, where the circumstances are peculiar, the average duration of each case was also the longest there. In Tanjore and Malabar witnesses were detained less frequently for more than three days, but the proportion in these districts was still excessive.

12. *Superior Magistrates in the Mufassal.*—(i) Deputy Magistrates received for disposal 228 cases more than in 1895. The number of persons awaiting trial increased, and was particularly large in Cuddapah (97) and Tinnevely (61). In the former district 62 persons were under trial for more than six months in the court of the Deputy Magistrate of Jammalamadugu, and the District Magistrate will be requested to submit to Government the explanations of the officers responsible. No reason is apparent for the high proportion of pending cases in Tinnevely or in Trichinopoly. The average duration remained stationary on the whole, and was the longest in North Arcot and South Arcot. Malabar (though it improved) showed the largest number of witnesses detained for more than three days.

(ii) The courts of Assistant and Head Assistant and Special Assistant Magistrates disposed of fewer cases than usual during the year. This was in a measure due to the smaller number of offences under the Indian Penal Code which were tried during the year under review. The average duration of cases was longer, and witnesses were detained in a larger number of instances for more than three days, particularly in Kistna. The delay in disposal was conspicuous in Trichinopoly and Tinnevely. Cantonment Magistrates were, as usual, prompt in the transaction of business, all the cases instituted in the year having been decided before its close and the average duration extending only to one day.

(iii) The features of the work done in Joint Magistrates' courts were very similar to those noticed in the case of Assistant and Head and Special Assistant Magistrates. Out of 160 witnesses detained more than three days, 119 or over 74 per cent. were detained in Madura; but the file in this district was heavier than any other and many of these witnesses were examined in cases connected with the anti-Kallar movement.

(iv) The original work coming before District Magistrates slightly increased. They also disposed of more than twice as many appeals as in 1895, a large proportion (151) having been dealt with by the District Magistrate of Coimbatore. There was, on the other hand, an appreciable decrease in the number of revision cases dealt with by them and in those reported to the High Court for orders. Original cases were disposed of more expeditiously and a higher percentage of conviction was secured. By far the largest amount of original work was done by the District Magistrate of Coimbatore.

(v) The number of persons committed to Sessions Courts by the Deputy, Assistant and Joint Magistrates rose from 304 in 1895 to 370 in 1896. The Government agrees with the Honourable the Judges of the High Court in the remarks in paragraph 41 of the report on this subject. The attention of the District Magistrates is directed to the matter.

(vi) The number of appealable sentences passed by second and third class Magistrates slightly increased; but, proportionately, fewer sentences were appealed against and a larger percentage of appeals was unsuccessful. The figures relating to appeals against the decisions of first-class Magistrates present a striking contrast to these results, viz., a smaller number of appealable sentences passed, an advance in the ratio of appeals preferred and a fall in the percentage of original sentences confirmed by appellate courts.

13. *Sessions Courts.*—In Sessions Courts the original criminal work shows a falling off, 1,083 cases having been decided against 1,124 in 1895. The files were, as usual, heaviest in Coimbatore and Tinnevely; but the largest increase, as compared with the preceding year, occurred in South Arcot. The file was in no court much congested, and, on the whole, fewer witnesses were detained for more than three days. In Salem, South Arcot, Bellary and Cuddapah, however, more than four hundred witnesses were so detained. The Government shares the hope expressed in paragraph 49 of the report. Tinnevely improved in the despatch of business. The percentage of convictions declined. It was highest in South Canara (77.94) and lowest in Ganjam (25.71). The Judges approved, or did not express dissent from, the verdict of the jury in the case of 95.2 per cent. of the persons tried and reformed the cases of 52 persons under section 307, Code of Criminal Procedure, for the orders of the High Court, with the result that the verdict was set aside in 75 per cent. of the cases decided.

14. *Presidency Magistrates' Courts.*—The statistics relating to the work of these courts call for no remarks. As has already been noticed, institutions in these tribunals declined slightly, but the figure (51,777) was still higher than that recorded in any year preceding 1895. Only thirty-seven cases were pending at the close of the year.

15. *High Court.*—The number of cases committed to the High Court for trial was 43 or 13 less than in 1895. The percentage of convictions rose from 57.0 to 62.5. The Honourable the Judges decided more appeals than were instituted in the year, and the arrears dropped in consequence by about 30 per cent. The cases dealt with in exercise of the court's revisional power were less numerous than in the preceding year.

16. *Punishment.*—There appears to have been an improvement in the method of dealing with offenders. A larger proportion of prisoners were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment; punishment by fines was less frequently resorted to; and a greater number of criminals were awarded sentences of whipping. The proportion of short sentences, however, slightly increased. 670 juveniles were punished with whipping as against 616 in 1895 and 622 in 1894. Owing to the insufficiency of accommodation in the Reformatory School at Chingleput, only fourteen youthful offenders were ordered to be detained in that institution during the year. Judicial statement No. 5, Part 4, appended to the report shows that four boys were sentenced to whipping for infringement of the provisions of Town Nuisances Act and one for an offence under the Forest Act. The sentences passed in these cases appear to have been illegal—*vide* High Court's Proceedings, No. 456, dated 10th March 1880.

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