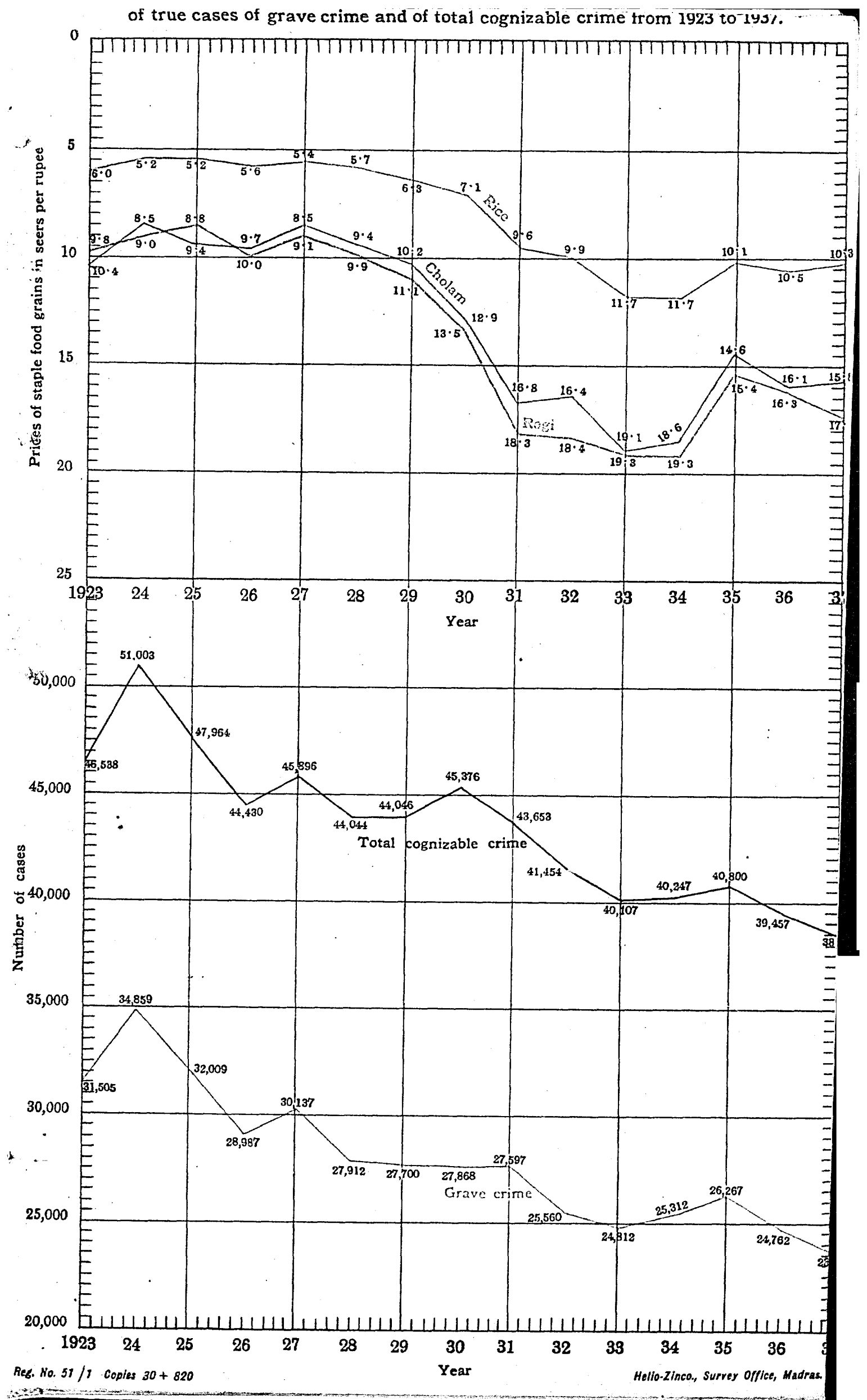
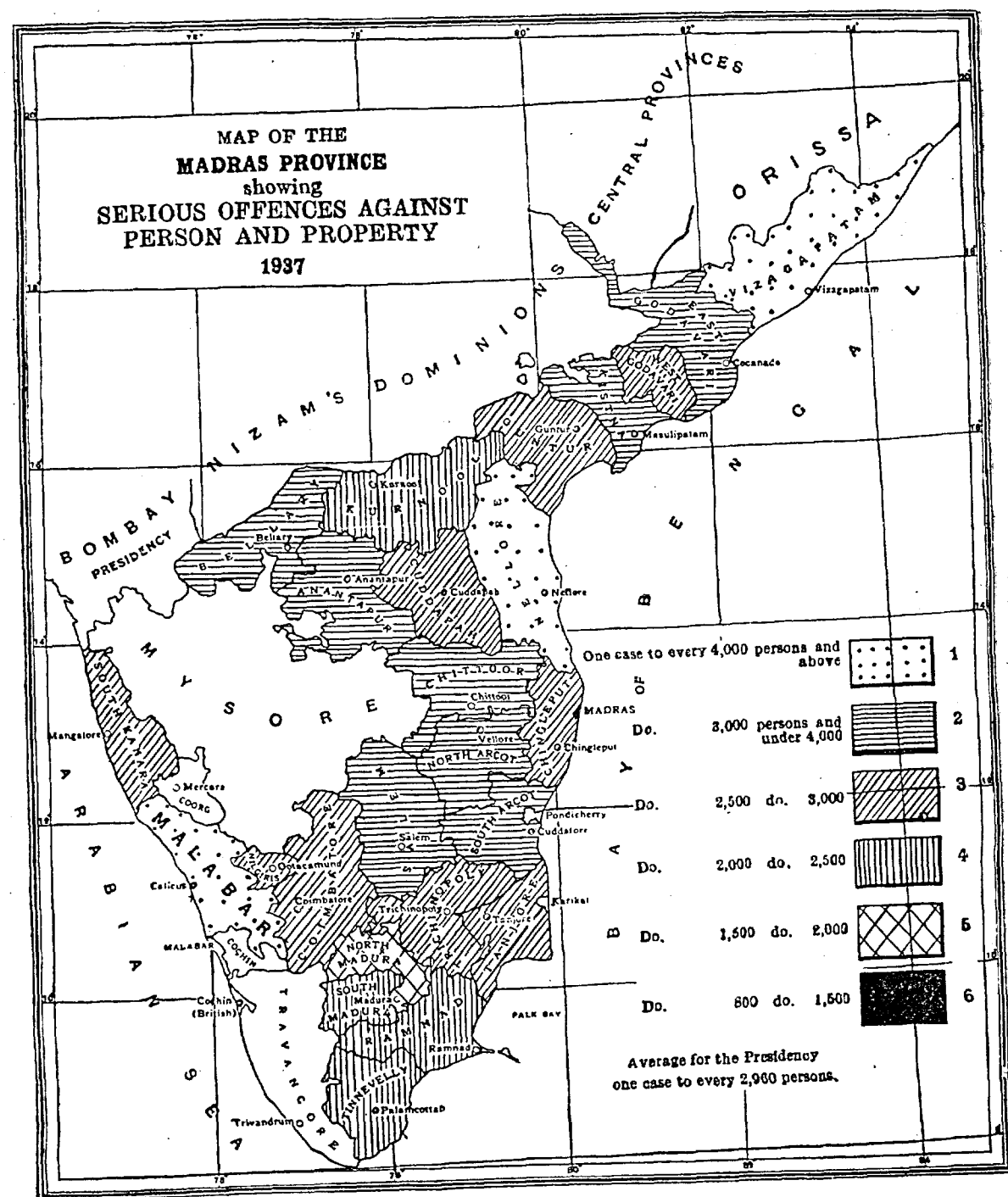
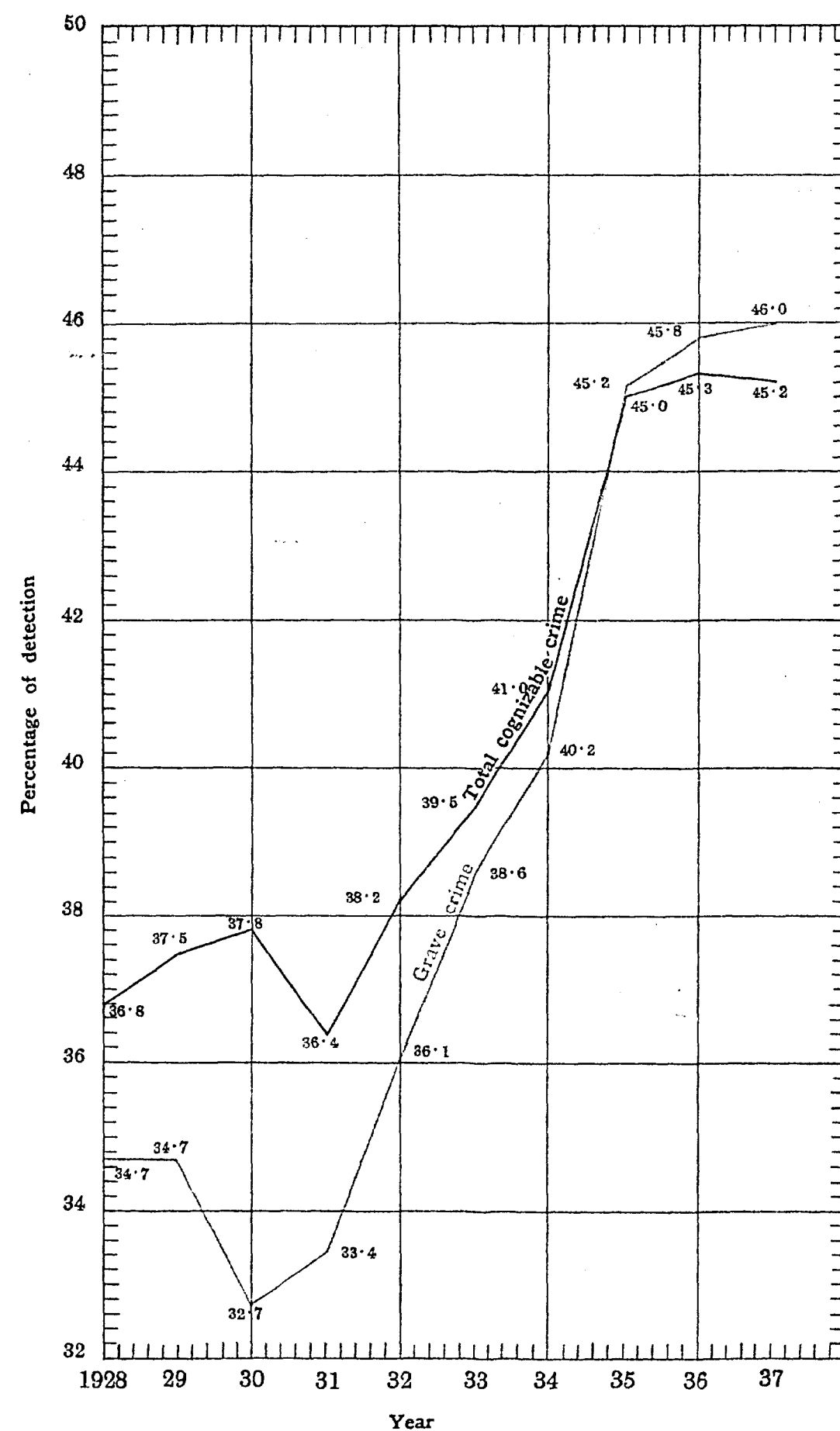




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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE POLICE OF THE MADRAS PROVINCE 1937

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on the last day of the year was 26,952 or 77 more than in the previous year.

The following circumstances were mainly responsible for the change in strength :—

(1) The reorganization of the Traffic Department of the Madras City Police resulting in the addition of 1 Sergeant-Major, 3 sub-inspectors, 1 head constable and 54

police constables and the reduction of 1 sergeant.

(2) The Government House Guard of 2 head constables and 14 constables for employment both at Madras and Ootacamund which had been on a temporary basis being made permanent.

(3) The formation of a District Intelligence Bureau in the Malabar district.

32. **PROPERTY LOST AND RECOVERED.**—A statement showing the value of property stolen and recovered during the last three years is furnished below :—

Property lost and recovered (Police cases).

Districts.	1935.			1936.			1937.		
	Lost.	Recov- ered.	Per- cent- age.	Lost.	Recov- ered.	Per- cent- age.	Lost.	Recov- ered.	Per- cent- age.

Return of known depredators, receivers of stolen goods and suspected persons for the year 1937.

Class of persons.	Number brought under surveillance during the year.						Of the number in columns 2 to 6, number removed from the register during the year.						Number at large on 31st December 1936, i.e., excluding those added during the year.	Of the number shown in column 12, number out of view.	Number at large on 31st December 1937.	Of those included in columns 2
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The following table compares crime in the Salem district from 1st October to 31st December 1937 with that in the corresponding quarter in the previous three years :—

	For the period from 1st October to 31st December.			
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
I. Total of Indian Penal Code cases excluding those under nuisance sections.	1,146	1,007	1,010	748
II. Number under each head of grave crime—				
Murder	23	28	24	15
Dacoity				

STATEMENT A—continued.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1937—continued.

PART I.—Return of cases—concluded.

Serial number.	Law.	Offence.	Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation (cols. 4 + 5 - 6).	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistake of law or fact or declared non-cognizable.	Number pending at end of year.	Convicted.	Discharged or acquitted.	Not detected or apprehended.	Total true cases (cols. 6 + 11 + 12 + 13).	Total magistrates' cases.	Total magistrates' cases ending in conviction.	Grand total of true cases (cols. 14 + 15).
CLASS																

STATEMENT A—concluded.
RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1937—concluded.
PART II.—Return of persons concerned in cases—concluded.

Serial number.	Law.	Offence.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	Persons concerned in magistrates' cases.	
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STATEMENT AA.
RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1937.
PART I.—Return of cases.

Serial number.	Law.	Offence.	Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation (cols. 4+5+6).	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mis- take of law or non-cognizable.	Number pending at end of year.	Convicted.	Discharged or acquitted.	Not detected or apprehended.	Total true cases (col. 6+11+12 +13).	Total magis- trates' true cases.	Total magis- trates' pending in con- viction.	Grand total of true cases (col. 14+15).
1	289, 277, 279, 280, 283, 28															

STATEMENT B.
RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1937.
PART I.—Return of cases.

Serial number.	Law.	Offence.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
						Number pending at beginning of year.	Cases reported in the year.	Total for disposal (columns 4 and 5).	Number dismissed without trial.	Cases in which accused died, escaped or became insane during trial, or in which charges were abandoned.	Discharge or acquittal.	Conviction.	Number pending at close of year.	Number declared by the court never to have occurred		

STATEMENT B—concluded.
RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1937—concluded.
PART II.—Return of persons concerned in cases—concluded.

(1) Serial number.	(2) Law.	(3) Offence.	(4) Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of the year, namely, whom trial or against whom process had issued.		(5) Persons against whom process issued.		(7) Persons not arrested because they absconded or evaded or failed to comply with summons during the year, and persons outstanding at end of the year.
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STATEMENT C.

Property stolen and recovered.

Offence.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was stolen.	Amount of property stolen.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property stolen.	Remarks.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
A.—Cognisable.							
1. Theft ...	a. In conjunction with lurking house-tres						

APPENDIX C.

REMARKS OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATES ON THE POLICE ADMINISTRATION
REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS OF THE MADRAS
PROVINCE FOR 1937.**Vizagapatam.**

The police of the district behaved admirably during the very difficult time at the beginning of the year when a strike on the Bengal-Nagpur Railway terminated only a few days before the commencement of the elections.

2. Both the strike and the elections were dealt with most efficiently for which the District Superintendent of Police and all ranks deserve great credit.

3. The Naval Authorities expressed to me their keen appreciation of the arrangements made, and the co-operation especially in signalling, extended by the police during their visit.

4. The administration throughout the year has been most satisfactory.

discipline and conduct of the force were well maintained, and there was a further substantial reduction in the percentage of departmental punishments to its strength, though the number of dismissals increased. The Government observe with satisfaction that the percentage of cases in which it was found necessary to cancel or modify punishments on appeal decreased.

6. The work of the C.I.D. during the year continued to achieve a high standard. The efficiency and discipline of the District Armed Reserves, the Presidency General Reserve and the Malabar Special Police were well maintained.

7. There was a very substantial increase in the year in the number of Criminal Tribe members who were granted "abeyance" from the necessity of reporting to the Police and village officers. Though the results of the intelligent application of the abeyance system have been gratifying, the Government trust that the importance of complete elimination from the Criminal Tribe register of all deserving individuals will receive full attention. The widespread agitation for an amendment of the Criminal Tribes Law is receiving the Government's consideration. Steady progress continued in all branches of reclamation work.