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No. 46. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq.. Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th March 1859, No. 10.

In forwarding the usual Return of gang and highway robbery for the fourth quarter of the year 1858, I have the honor to submit the following remarks on the state of crimes in the different Districts, as shewn by these Returns.

2. *Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Rajahmundry, Masulipatam and Guntoor.*—The Northern Circars continue comparatively free from grave crime.

3. *Cuddapah.*—The Returns shew an increase of crime under both heads, as well as in the amount of property lost. 16·9 per cent of the latter was recovered; but no single person was committed for trial.

4. *Bellary.*—A decided improvement appears under both heads, and three convictions (highway robbery) were obtained, but very little property was recovered.

5. *Kurnool.*—Crime is unimportant.

6. *Nellore.*—Gang robbery has not decreased, and the amount of property lost was large (10,000 Rupees.) Five convictions were obtained.

7. *Chingleput.*—Crime has been unimportant

8. *North Arcot.*—Crime has continued heavy. The loss of property (25 000) was very large; and not $0\frac{8}{9}$ per cent. of the property lost was recovered. Six convictions were obtained.

9. *South Arcot.*—The number of gang robbery (13) has continued the same in the 3rd and 4th quarters. Highway robbery has decreased from 31 to 17. No convictions were obtained, and little or no property was recovered.

10. *Salem.*—In Salem the state of crime is most distressing. By gang robberies (57 in number) 16,000 Rupees worth of property was lost, of which 2·2 per cent. only was recovered, and the conviction of one individual only was obtained. Highway robberies doubled as compared with the preceding quarter. 3 convictions were obtained.

11. *Coimbatore.*—The Returns from Coimbatore shew a marked improvement as compared with the preceding quarter. Gang robbery had fallen from 58 to 28 in number 4·96 per cent of the lost property was recovered, but no single conviction followed in any one case either of gang or highway robbery.

12. *Trichinopoly.*—There has been no increase of crime. Five per cent. of the property lost was recovered, but no conviction was obtained.

13. *Tanjore.*—The occurrence of grain riots in Combaconum and its neighbourhood in the month of November last, swells the Returns of gang robbery for Tanjore; and the value of property lost amounted to nearly 36,000 Rupees. About 10 per cent. of the property, was recovered, and convictions (31 persons) were obtained in six cases. There was no increase under the head of highway robbery.

14. *Madura and Tinnevelly.*—A marked improvement is observed in Madura under the head of gang robbery, while in Tinnevelly the number of cases rose from 7 (Rupees 1,315) to 14 (Rupees 4,926.) In highway robbery there was an improvement.

15. *Malabar and Canara.*—Have been comparatively free from crime.

16. I here add a Comparative Statement shewing in Abstract the state of these crimes throughout the Presidency during the 4 years first passed.

Comparative Statement shewing the number of Gang and Highway Robberies in the 20 Districts during the last 4 years.

	Crime.	Number of cases committed and attempted.	Amount of property said to have been stolen.	Proportion of stolen property recovered.	Per-centage of property recovered on loss.	Number of parties convicted.
1855	Gang and Highway Robbery.	2,302	2,72,643 0 0	7,708 0 0	2·82	637
1856	Do.	1,907	2,96,644 0 0	19,173 0 0	6·46	430
1857	Do.	1,833	5,25,546 0 0	14,496 0 0	2·75	706
1858	Do.	1,982	4,04,325 3 10	21,477 2 9	5·31	398

17. In 1858, about 2,000 cases of gang and highway robbery were reported, and the property lost exceeds 4 lacks of Rupees. Of this 5·31 per cent only was recovered. The convictions fell short of 400 individuals or less than one in every fifty engaged, if 10 persons be assumed as a probable average of the number engaged in each of these grave outrages.

18. I regret that my absence in Calcutta has prevented my submitting these statements at an earleir date, and also that I am precluded from submitting the remarks of the respective Magistrates. The correspondence which accompanied the returns was forwarded to Calcutta to me, but I missed it and the packet has not yet been returned.

Comparative Statement of Gang and Highway Robberies in the Districts under the Madras Presidency during the 3rd and 4th Quarters of the year 1858.

Gang Robbery.

Districts.	3rd Quarter of 1858.			4th Quarter of 1858.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.		Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.		Cases.	Amount of property stolen.		Cases.	Amount of property stolen.	
		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
Ganjam	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0
Vizagapatam	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	14	8 0	0	0	0 0
Rajahmundy	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	57	12 0	0	0	0 0
Masulipatam	0	1,801	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	1	1,801	0 0
Guntoor	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0
Cuddapah	18	7,001	0 0	21	14,370	5 0	3	7,369	5 0	0	7,369	5 0
Bellary	22	8,838	0 0	17	958	10 0	0	0	0 0	5	7,879	6 0
Kurnool	1	3	0 0	3	2	10 0	2	0	0 0	0	0	0 0
Nellore	18	10,277	0 0	17	1,121	14 0	0	0	0 0	1	9,155	1 8
Chingleput	1	43	0 0	1	314	13 0	6	471	13 0	0	0	0 0
North Arcot	24	10,430	0 0	22	25,140	4 0	6	14,710	4 0	2	0	0 0
South Arcot	13	514	0 0	13	1,212	5 6	0	698	5 6	0	0	0 0
Salem	61	4,565	0 0	27	16,301	0 0	0	11,736	0 0	4	2,024	10 2
Coimbatore	58	5,039	0 0	38	3,014	3 10	0	0	0 0	20	2,024	10 2
Trichinopoly	12	2,335	0 0	9	655	1 0	0	0	0 0	3	1,679	15 0
Tanjore	11	1,130	0 0	49	35,901	11 7	38	34,771	11 7	0	0	0 0
Madura	15	1,852	0 0	6	647	14 8	0	0	0 0	9	1,204	1 4
Tinnevelly	7	1,315	0 0	14	4,926	11 0	7	3,611	11 0	0	0	0 0
Malabar	4	2,153	0 0	1	156	4 0	3	1,806	11 8	0	0	0 0
Canara	4	995	0 0	2	372	5 2	0	77	5 2	2	0	0 0
Total	271	57,653	0 0	262	1,05,548	7 11	55	75,695	7 5	58	23,860	8 1
Net								51,874	7 2	3		

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd March 1859.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 381; dated 22nd March 1859.

The Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police forwards a statement, shewing the number of cases of gang and highway robberies committed or attempted, in the Districts of the Madras Presidency during the quarter ending 31st December last, and remarks on the state of crime in the different Districts.

2. The condition of the Salem District is most deplorable, and demands immediate attention. There were 57 gang robberies in that District during the quarter, and of 16,000 Rupees worth of property lost, only 2·2 per cent was recovered, and the conviction of one individual only obtained. Highway robberies doubled as compared with the preceding quarter. Three convictions were obtained.

3. It is evident from this, that the hands of the Magistrate require to be strengthened, and the Government consequently resolve to place the services of the Superintendent of Police Lieutenant Tennant, at his disposal temporarily for Police duty in the District. Lieutenant Tennant, who is now at Madras, will therefore proceed to Salem as expeditiously as possible, and placing himself in communication with Mr. Hathaway, will receive his instructions as to the arrangements which he is to carry out for the present. It will be Lieutenant Tennant's duty to follow up the gangs in question—to visit the scenes of their depredations—obtain and report to the Magistrate all information procurable respecting the circumstances of the robberies—the quarter whence the robbers are supposed to have come and whither they have retreated—on whom the suspicions of the parties who have been robbed, rest—and all particulars likely to lead to their apprehension. Not being invested with a recognized office, Lieutenant Tennant cannot legally exercise any specific authority—he cannot issue processes, take depositions, or make arrests. Everything of this kind will have to be done through the Native Police Officer, who may be in attendance on him, or through the Native Police Officers of the Talook, in which he may be. Mr. Hathaway will make due provision so that no inconvenience be experienced on this account.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

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Address to Mamlatdar of Kalyan

a/22 Aug 1839

From the Chief Commissioner
of Police dated
28th November 1839.

Received the Mamlatdar's letter
addressed by the Chief Commissioner
of Police, dated 28th November
1839, and in reply to direct
the Mamlatdar to afford every
assistance to the Native Police
Officers of the Talooka in the
execution of their duties.

Bombay Castle
22nd August 1839

Mamlatdar of Kalyan

Chief Commissioner of Police

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