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No. 3. Read the following Returns from the several Districts of Gang and Highway Robberies for the second quarter of 1857.

Statement shewing the number of cases of Gang and Highway Robbery, committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the three months from 1st April to 30th June 1857.																				
Description of Crimes.	Committed.			Attempted.		Total.			No. of cases in col. 7, in which parties have been apprehended and No. of such parties.			No. of cases in col. 9, in which parties have been committed by the Courts and No. of persons connected.			Proportion of stolen property entered in col. 4, that has been recovered.		Operations of Police in regard to cases occurring prior to the quarter under report.			
	Number of cases.	Number of persons supposed to have been concerned.	Value of property said to have been stolen.	Number of cases.	Number of persons supposed to have been concerned.	Number of cases, col. 2 and 5.	Number of persons, col. 3 and 6.	Number of cases.	Number of parties.	Number of cases.	Number of parties.	Number of cases in which parties have been apprehended.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted by the Court.	Value of property recovered.	Remarks.				
Arcoot.....North	21	329	5,358	4	47	25	416	8	43	3	5	3	12	31	71					
Arcoot.....South	21	227	1,603	2	22	23	249	1	7	...	...	1	10	1	6					
Bellary.....	14	208	1,404	1	4	15	212	4	8	...	...	1	10	...	1					
Canara.....	3	37	5,232	...	...	3	37	2	23	...	...	...	4	...	...					
Chingleput.....	30	308	8 annas	1	8	3	38	...	96	...	...	...	50	...	...					
Coimbatore.....	40	434	3,244	2	7	42	441	15	59	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Cuddapah.....	6	300	12,600	...	...	6	300	5	54	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Ganjam.....	1	54	3,908	...	...	1	54	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Guntoor.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Karnool.....	1	30	183	...	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Madura.....	10	293	2,514	...	...	10	293	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Malabar.....	7	94	1,179	...	3	8	97	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Masulipatam.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Nellore.....	7	62	104	1	150	8	212	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Rajahmundry.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Salem.....	25	313	7,531	4	31	29	344	6	37	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Tanjore.....	7	125	6,136	...	...	7	125	3	30	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Tinnevely.....	11	346	4,174	1	10	12	356	6	17	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Trichinopoly.....	15	182	5,205	1	5	16	187	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Vizagapatam.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Total.....	194	3,104	60,435	18	287	209	3,391	68	450	9	13	1,389	20	136	40	545				

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 6th October 1857.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1262; dated 30th September 1857.

In the comparative Statement in which the results of these returns are set side by side, the Districts of the Presidency are classed alphabetically. In future they will be ranged geographically, in the following order. The Northern Circars; the Ceded Districts and Kurnool; Nellore, Chingleput and North and South Arcot; Salem and Coimbatore; Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura and Tinnevelly; and lastly, Malabar and Canara.

2. The continued absence of crime in the five districts which compose the Northern Circars is very remarkable. In four out of the five there has not occurred a single *Dacoity*, and in the remaining district there was one such offence only. Highway robbery is almost as rare an occurrence. Two districts* are entirely free from it. In *Masulipatam* one instance occurred. In *Ganjam* there were six, and in *Guntoor*, the southernmost of all, nine.

3. *Kurnool*. The return for this small district is highly satisfactory. The only serious crime during the quarter under review was one *Dacoity*, committed by a gang of 30 men.

Bellary and Cuddapah. There is a sensible decrease of offences in both these large Zillahs during the past quarter viz., 12 cases in the former and 11 in the latter. One very bad case in *Cuddapah*, the plunder of an entire village, was committed by the *Rohillas* in their raid from the *Nizam's* country.

4. *Nellore*. There is a decrease here of 5 cases. The number this quarter was 21, and 131 persons are said to have been engaged. The Acting Magistrate is of opinion that this statement is considerably in excess of the truth. The Government believe the same may be said every where. It is very natural, especially in *Dacoities*, committed as these are at night, that the prosecutors and witnesses, confused by the glare of torches, the shouting and general uproar, should exaggerate the number of their foes. In one of the *Nellore* cases for the past quarter, one of the robbers, it is stated, was shot by a villager.

The Acting Magistrate will report whether he availed himself of his authority under the Regulations to reward this "meritorious service," and if so, to what extent and under what circumstances of publicity.

Chingleput. Crime is not very prevalent in this district. The total of gang and highway robberies for the quarter is 7. This return exhibits a decrease of 2.

North Arcot. The state of crime in North Arcot, which lately called forth the severe censure of Government, is improving. The Government are glad to learn that the Magistrate has taken occasion to incite the ryots to offer a stout resistance to the *Dacoits*. He should also visit in person the two great Zemindaries of *Cavelnuggur* and *Calastry*, and that portion of his district which lies west of *Palmanair*, where, as yet, as the Government have reason to know, he has never once set his foot.

South Arcot. It is unsatisfactory to observe an increase of nine offences here.

6. *Salem and Coimbatore*. Crime still continues rife in these districts. The first named Zillah is the great resort of *Coravars* or *Lumbodies*. Mr. Brett's suggestions concerning them have been disposed of separately. His further suggestion that gang robbery in houses and the same in fields shall be separated in the Tables of crime has been approved. The Government will look for an improvement in these two districts, during the current quarter.

7. *Tanjore*. This district, which is usually free from highway robbery, owing to the proximity of the villages one to another, as has been on a former occasion observed, exhibits 3 cases of this crime in the present return.

Trichinopoly, Madura and Tinnevelly. There is a palpable increase of acts of gang robbery in each of these Districts. The serious attention of the Magistracy is directed to this fact.

8. *Malabar and Canara*. A slight decrease is observable in both these provinces, where, considering the area of each, serious crimes against property are comparatively of rare occurrence.

(Signed) E. MALTRY.
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Tirunelveli - 6	12	
Trichinopoly - 9	16	

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