

Feb. 1857

ASSISTANT

SECTION

DEPARTMENT

REFERENCE ISSUED.

REPLY ON FURTHER COMMUNICATION.

and
Jm-
L. E.
Nature, number
gment
Clerk.

Feb. 1857

ASSISTANT

SECTION

DEPARTMENT

REFERENCE ISSUED.

REPLY ON FURTHER COMMUNICATION.

Form and Sub-number.
(9)
Date.
(10)
To whom.
(11)
Current number and date.
(12)
From whom
(13)
Outside number and date.
(14)
Nature, number and date of final disposal.
(15)
Acknowledgment of Record Clerk.
(16)

Gono. 1666

Dated 23. 12. 1857.

B/11-2003 ~~amirany~~ h. 20.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1663

Press
Mis.

32-33

Dated 23. 12. 1857.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

No. 32. Read the following Returns of gang and highway robberies in the several Districts for the third Quarter of 1857.

Statement shewing the number of cases of Highway Robbery, committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the three months, from 1st July to 30th September 1857.

Statement showing the amount of property stolen from 1st July to 30th September 1897.																			
Districts.	Committed.				Attempted.		Total.		No. of cases in column 7 in which parties have been apprehended and No. of such parties.		No. of cases in column 9 in which parties have been committed by the Courts and No. of persons convicted.		Proportion of stolen property entered in column 4 that has been recovered.		Operations of Police in regard to cases occurring prior to the Quarter under report.				Remarks.
	No. 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.	No. of cases.	No. of persons.	Cols. 2 and 5.	Cols. 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 Courts.	Value of property recovered.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Highway Robbery.																			
Ganjam.....	5	19	163	1	4	23	6	23	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Vizagapatam.....	0	28	59	0	0	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Rajahmundry.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Masulipatam.....	1	3	62	0	0	3	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Guntoor.....	2	7	570	0	0	7	2	462	7	22	4	1	1	30	1	3	0	66	
Cuddapah.....	29	444	718	3	18	32	36	140	10	26	4	4	4	7	1	3	0	54	
Bellary.....	36	140	1,484	0	0	0	1	3	1	45	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Kurnool.....	1	3	21	0	0	0	1	182	11	45	1	1	3	6	2	44	0	0	
Nellore.....	34	179	554	1	3	35	1	49	1	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Chingleput.....	8	49	596	0	0	0	8	175	5	12	3	3	5	3	0	1	4	0	
North Arcot.....	23	162	1,004	2	13	25	8	229	4	15	2	2	8	9	1	5	0	0	
South Arcot.....	39	212	2,110	3	17	42	10	100	4	10	0	0	0	987	0	0	0	0	
Salem.....	18	100	805	0	0	18	18	89	12	40	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Coimbatore.....	18	89	1,322	0	0	0	0	36	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Trichinopoly.....	8	36	242	0	0	0	8	29	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tanjore.....	4	29	26	0	0	0	4	94	1	2	0	0	0	37	3	7	0	0	
Madura.....	9	94	1,813	0	0	0	9	32	6	18	1	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	
Tinnevely.....	7	32	452	0	0	0	7	9	3	6	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	
Malabar.....	2	9	165	0	0	0	2	165	2	9	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Canara.....	5	45	549	0	0	0	5	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	251	1,680	12,715	10	55	261	1,735	75	240	15	46	1,122	9	63	1	124			

Highway Robbery.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23^d December 1857.

Comparative Statement of Gang and Highway Robberies in the Districts under the Madras Presidency, during the 2nd Quarter of 1857 and the 3rd Quarter of 1857.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

No. 33.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1663; dated 23rd December 1857.

The Returns for the Quarter under review exhibit a net increase of no less than 172 cases; viz., 91 gang robberies and 81 highway robberies. The increase of crime however has not been general, the Returns being swelled by the unsatisfactory condition of some of the larger districts as follows:

	Increase of gang robbery. Cases.	Increase of highway robbery. Cases.
Cuddapah...	... 12 ...	... 15
Bellary...	... 21 ...	... 12
Nellore...	... 3 ...	... 20
South Arcot...	... 8 ...	... 19
Coimbatore...	... 18 ...	... 7
Madura...	... 39 ...	... 2
Canara...	... 8 ...	... 1

2. To take the districts in their Geographical order, beginning from the north. The *Circars*.—In *Ganjam* and *Guntoor* the Returns for 'gang robbery' are blank. In *Masulipatam* there were three such cases, and in *Rajahmundry* and *Vizagapatam* one each only. That in the former of these two districts is probably the outrage committed by *Soobba Reddy* and others, tried by the Commissioner, as 400 men are stated to have been engaged in it and property to the value of Rupees 7,533 was plundered.

The paucity of 'highway robberies' is likewise notable. In *Ganjam* there were five, three of which occurred in *Kimedy*, beyond the actual frontier, and in *Vizagapatam* two, both in *Golcondah*. None in *Rajahmundry*, in *Masulipatam* one, and in *Guntoor* two. In the last mentioned district this is a decrease of seven, which may no doubt be ascribed to the pains recently * First, Mr. Newill and then taken by the local authorities* to arm and organize a portion of their Mr. R. R. Cotton. Police force.

3. *Cuddapah* and *Bellary*.—Crime here is exceedingly rife, nor does the number of offenders apprehended bear any proportion to the number engaged. Neither Magistrate has offered any explanation. *Kurnool*, as usual, is remarkably free from crime.

4. *Nellore*.—The increase here is mainly in 'highway robbery' (20 cases above the Returns of the 2nd Quarter) and is attributed partly to the imprudent withdrawal of certain *Cuttoobadies* from the jungle passes in August last. This false step was subsequently retraced.

Last Quarter, the Government† seeing it stated that a *Dacoit* had been shot by a villager, called upon the Acting Magistrate to 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?" Mr. Taylor, who is now Acting Magistrate of *South Arcot*, explains in reply, that he did not think it necessary to do more than applaud the villager, and, "for the encouragement and imitation of others" to chronicle the achievement in the District Gazette. The Government are glad to find that the man's courage attracted the Acting Magistrate's attention, but unaccompanied by any substantial reward, they consider the notice taken of his daring, will hardly be found to stimulate the great body of the Ryots of *Nellore* in resisting armed violence to the extent wished for. Mr. Elton, who has now returned to his charge, will present the man with a suitable donation in money.

5. *Chingleput*.—There occurred 13 serious crimes in this small district during the last Quarter, being an increase of six. In *Conjevaram*, a large Brahminy town, three houses were plundered the same night, apparently by one and the same gang, the wealth and timidity of the residents of the place affording equal inducements to the ill-disposed. It is satisfactory to find that 5 out of 11 criminals concerned in highway robberies of the preceding Quarter have been convicted.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

6. *North Arcot* shows an increase of 4 cases in 'highway robbery,' but a decrease of 8 in 'gang robbery.' On the whole, therefore, there is a slight improvement. Mr. Whittingham, agreeably to the orders of Government, is visiting the outlying quarters of the district.

7. *South Arcot*.—Crime is very prevalent. It is ascribed to an unfavourable season.

8. *Salem*.—A decrease of 5 cases. In 13 that occurred, the accused have been apprehended.

9. *Coimbatore*.—Crime abounds. No less than 60 cases of gang robbery alone, a number without parallel.

10. *Trichinopoly* calls for no remark. *Tanjore* is very free from crime.

11. *Madura*, in 'gang robbery' stands next to *Coimbatore*, 49 cases occurred, and this though extra Police and pensioned Sepoys have been enrolled. The lateness of the monsoon threw the *Cullers* out of work and raised the price of all grains.

12. *Tinnevelly* and *Malabar*.—Returns satisfactory.

13. *Canara* appears unusually disturbed. There is an increase of 8 gang robberies.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Dec 1857

ASSISTANT

Dec 23 1857

32-33

Judicial Dept

No 1663

Encl of 23^d December 1857

Recd the following Returns
of Gang & Highway Robberies
in the several Districts for the
Third Quarter of 1857.

} here enter etc.

The returns for the quarter under
review exhibit a net increase of
no less than 172 cases; viz- 91 Gang
Robberies & 81 Highway Robberies.

The increase of crime however has
not been general, the returns being
swelled by the unsatisfactory con-
dition of some of the larger districts,
as follows.

Increase of Gang Robbery. Cases.	Increase of Highway Robbery. Cases
Cuddalore 12	15
Mullay 21	12
Vellore 3	20
S. Arcot 8	19
Chingleput 18	7
Madura 39	2
Canara 8	1

2. To take the districts in their geographi-
cal order, beginning from the North.
The Circars. In Ganjam & Guntur the
returns for 'Gang Robbery' are blank.
In Matulipatam there were 3 such
cases, and in Prasannahdy & Vijayapur

one each only. That in the former of these two districts is probably the outrage committed by Tootha Reddy & others, tried by the Commissioner, as 400 men are stated to have been engaged in it & property to the value of Rs 7533 was plundered.

The paucity of Highway Robberies is likewise notable. In Gauzan there were five, three of which occurred in Kinady, beyond the actual frontier, and in Vingafatam two, both in Golcondah.

None in Rajahmundry, in Manlipatam one, and in Guntur two. In the last mentioned district there is a decrease of seven, which may no doubt be ascribed to the pains recently taken by the local authorities to arm & organize a portion of their Police Force.

3. Cuddapah and Bellary. Crime here is exceedingly rare, nor does the number of offenders apprehended bear any proportion to the number engaged. Neither Magistrate has offered any explanation. The G.O. has the notice a great improvement for the fourth quarter. Kurnool, as usual

is remarkably free from crime.

4. Nellore. The increase here is mainly in 'Highway Robbery' (20 cases above the returns of the 2nd quarter), and is attributed partly to the independence with drawal of certain Cultoochadies from the jungle papers in August last. This false step was subsequently retraced.

Last quarter, the G.O., seeing it stated that a Sacrit had been shot by a villager, called upon the Acting Magistrate to report "whether he availed himself of his authority under the Regulations to reward his meritorious service"; and if so, to what extent & under what circumstances. "Set of publicity?" Mr. Taylor, who is now acting Magistrate of S. Arcot, explains in reply, that he did not think it necessary to do more than appraise the villager, and, "for the encouragement & imitation of others" to chronicle the achievement in the District Gazette.

The G.O. are glad to find that the man's courage attracted the as Magistrate's attention, but unaccompanied by any substantial reward, they consider the notice taken of his daring will hardly be found to stimulate the great body of the Prigat Nellore in resisting armed violence to the extent wished for. Mr. Elton, who

Encl. No 1262

By 30th Sept/57
Para 4.

From Ag. Magistrate of S. Arcot
No 291. D/19th Oct/57.

* First, Mr. Samuel
and then Mr. R. R. Colman

has now returned to his charge, & present he man with a suitable donation in money.

5. Chingleput. There occurred 13 serious crimes in his small district during the last quarter, being an increase of 6. In Conjevaram, a large Brahmin town, three houses were plundered the same night, apparently by one & the same gang, the wealth & timidity of the residents of the place affording equal inducement to be ill disposed. It is in his fact to find that 5 out of 11 criminals concerned in Highway robberies of the preceding Dec. have been convicted.

6. N. Arcot shows an increase of 4 cases in "Highway Robbery" but a decrease of 8 in "Gang Robbery". On the whole, therefore, there is a slight improvement. Mr. Whitney Lane, a greatly respected officer of Govt, is visiting the outlying quarters of the district.

7. P. Arcot. Crime is very prevalent. It is ascribed to an unfavourable season.

8. Salem. A decrease of 5 cases. In 13 that occurred, the accused have been apprehended.

9. Covv. taluk. Crime abounds. No less than 60 cases of Gang Robbery alone - a number without parallel. The Govt cannot take into his activity to take measures to be generally satisfied with the state of the country.

10. Tiruchinopoly calls for no remarks. Tanjore is very free from crime.

11. Madura in Gang Robbery stands next to Covv. taluk. 49 cases occurred, & this though extra Police & Pensions Depts have been enrolled. The last week of the Monsoon there he culled out of work & raised the price of all grains.

12. Tinnevely a Muldore. Re-turns to his factory.

13. Canara appears unusually disturbed. There is an increase of 10 cases. In 15-16-18-19.

of the Judge of the Court of } District 24

In Court-23^d Dec.

Judicial-1857 Report

N^o 16/13

Extract Memoirs of Courts

23^d December/57.

[Faint signature]