

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Jurial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 482

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th April 1857.

No. 50. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th April 1857, No. 482.

The serious attention of the Government has been given to the state of crime in the District of North Arcot as regards the graver offences against property.

2. In the Return for the last quarter of 1856, being the latest which the Government have from North Arcot, the gang robberies during the period in question were 39, the highway robberies 28, the total being 67.

3. In only one other District were the gang robberies equally numerous, in only one had the highway robberies been more frequent. But these were different Districts. In no one District under the Madras Presidency did the number of gang and highway robberies in this quarter jointly equal the number of those crimes committed in North Arcot in the three months, October, November and December 1857.

4. The robberies in the District have also been distinguished, not only by their number but by the daring manner in which they were perpetrated. But recently, attacks have been made by large gangs on stores under the escort of parties of European or Native soldiers, and the most frequented highroad in the Presidency or that from the Railway Station of Amoor to the Mysore Frontier is notoriously unsafe for travellers.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to call upon the Magistrate of North Arcot to report to Government, direct and without delay, why crime is thus rife in the Province under his charge and what measures he has taken to check it. He will state by what classes of persons these robberies, gang and highway, are supposed to be committed, by whom the perpetrators are believed to be supported and where they find shelter. He will likewise explain what patrols he has organized or tannahs he has established for the protection of any roads or tracts of country, what orders he has issued, what notice he has taken either of good service rendered, or of want of energy exhibited, by his Native Police in the detection of offenders, whether he has offered rewards for the discovery of any of these marauders, or if his own Police be insufficient has applied to Government for an increase permanent or temporary, and in fine what have been his exertions and those of his Covenanted Assistants to terminate a state of things so gravely impeaching their efficiency as Magistrates.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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