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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 26th May 1857.

No. 34. From E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 25th May 1857, No. 617.

Sir,

1. The subject of the classification of crimes and misdemeanors and of all offences coming before the Criminal Courts has lately come under the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and he has observed that the information derived from the present Returns is very unsatisfactory; more particularly in regard to the means for comparing this Criminal state of this Presidency with that of other parts of India or other countries. This inconvenience is occasioned by the dissimilarity of the classification which prevails, and in some cases evidently from an indistinctness in the division of crimes and of the classes under which they are placed.

2. In England, the Returns are understood to be made under six heads or classes: viz.

1 Offences against person.
2 ,, ,, property with violence.
3 ,, ,, ,, without violence.
4 Malicious offences against property.
5 Forgery and offences against currency.
6 Other offences.

This arrangement is considered good as far as it goes, but his Lordship in Council is of opinion, that it should be extended beyond the few general heads here specified, and that the details of each should be separately given.

3. It is possible that this subject is under the consideration of the Legislative Council, in connection with the Civil and Criminal Codes about to be introduced into India; but to remove any doubt, and to secure a full investigation, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to solicit the attention of the Government of India to it, with a view to the formation of tables for Returns of the abovementioned nature, which might be adopted generally throughout India.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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