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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 15. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palamanair, 15th July 1857, No. 45.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, a statement showing the number of cases of gang and highway robbery committed, or attempted in this district, during the second quarter of this year.

2. During this quarter, I have resumed charge of the Police duties of my division, Mr. Banbury having relieved me by order of Government, of the immediate supervision of the revision of the Assessment and having been directed by Government to confine his attention entirely to that work, on the ground that it is sufficiently important to engage the entire time of one officer.

3. In Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 9th June 1857, No. 664, and 18th June 1857, No. 693, I have been severely censured for making over to the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate, those Police duties that were not performed by the Joint Magistrate, and Head Assistant Magistrate; and Government have observed that I should not have done so, "notwithstanding the revision of the Assessment;" but I trust, I may be permitted respectfully to remark, that if the task of revising the Assessment is considered sufficient to occupy the time and attention of an officer, who has no other duties to perform, that task could not have left much leisure for Police duties to an Officer, who had in addition, many others of great importance to perform, such as English correspondence, appeals, accounts, and the general revenue management of the district.

4. Accordingly, I found it necessary to place Mr. Banbury in charge of the Police of my division, in the same way as Mr. Sullivan, the Joint Magistrate, has charge of the Police of his division. I exercised the same supervision in each instance, but left the details of management to each officer; and when it was found that the result of Mr. Banbury's management was not as satisfactory as Mr. Sullivan's, and that by far the greater number of crimes were committed in Mr. Banbury's division, it was naturally to that officer that I looked for the explanation I was called on to submit to Government.

5. However reprehensible, the Government may consider it in me to have divested myself so much of my Police duties, that necessity was imposed upon me by there being added to my other duties, a work which it has since been admitted, requires the undivided attention of a public officer. The duties I made over to Mr. Banbury, are no more than usually fall to the lot of a Joint Magistrate, and if he failed, after well directed endeavours exerted during 9 months, to reduce the amount of crime in the division entrusted to him, the blame cannot in justice fall on his superior, who denied him no assistance, and gave a ready assent to every proposition calculated to aid the endeavours made by him to suppress crime.

6. I have not confined myself to issuing proclamations, and writing circular orders. At the recent Jummahbundy settlement, I took the opportunity of the village and talook Police officers being assembled, to endeavour personally to inspire them with zeal and activity in the discharge of their duties; and I have reason to believe that these endeavours have been attended with success.

7. The number of gang and highway robberies that occurred in the 3 months under report, is rather less than what is exhibited in column 7; for owing to some reports from the heads of Police having been delayed till after the transmission of the statement for the quarter ending the 31st March, 4 cases of highway, and 3 cases of gang robbery, which were perpetrated in the previous quarter, appear in the statement now submitted. The cases that actually occurred in the quarter now reported on, were, therefore, 15 highway, and 22 gang robberies. Every endeavour was made to obtain a correct account of the actual number perpetrated up to the 30th June, so that it is hoped that none have been omitted in the present statement.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,

Magistrate.

Statement showing the number of cases of Gang and Highway Robbery committed, or attempted, &c., in the district of North Arcot, during the months from 1st April to 30th June 1857.

Description of Crimes.	Committed.		Attempted.		Total.		No of cases in column 7 in which parties have been apprehended and number of such parties.		No. of cases.		No. of parties.		No. of cases.		No. of parties.		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.	No. of persons supposed to have been concerned.	Value of property said to have been stolen.	No. of cases.	No. of persons supposed to have been concerned.	No. of cases in columns 3 and 5.	No. of persons in columns 3 and 6.	No. of cases.	No. of parties.	No. of cases.	No. of parties.	No. of cases.	No. of parties.	No. of cases in which parties have been apprehended.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted by the Court.	Value of property recovered.	No. of cases in which parties have been apprehended.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted by the Court.	Value of property recovered.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18						
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Gang robbery.....	21	369	5358 8 0	4	47	25	416	8	43	3	5	282 10 0	3	12	31	71 5 0							
Highway robbery.....	18	99	440 12 2	1	1	19	100	5	11	4	6	6 12 0	2	2	22								
Total.....	39	468	5799 4 2	5	48	44	516	13	54	7	11	289 6 0	5	14	53	71 5 0							

North Arcot, Magistrate's Office,
Palmanair, 15th July 1857.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

No: 16:

ORDER THEREON, No. 912; dated 30th July 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALYBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Indy to Cons. 22 June 1857.
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Judicial Dept
1857
In Dy from: 4th August
From
The Magistrate
of North Arcot
To Secy. Chief Secretary
to Govt.
Fort St. George
Dated 15th July 1857
Received 17th
No. of letters 65
No. of letters 1
No. 1109.
Forwarded with
certain observations
a statement showing
the number of cases of
Gang & Highway
Robbery committed
or attempted in North
Arcot during the 2nd
quarter of 1857.
No 912
30 July 1857 to be recorded