

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	719	Press
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Dated	8-7-	1918

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th July 1858.

No. 14. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police for the Town of Madras.
(Here enter 25th June 1858, No. 82.*)

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 919; dated 8th July 1858.

The foregoing letter and its enclosures illustrate the operations of the Police and Magistracy at the Presidency, during the past year.

2. In 1856, the number of cases brought before the Magistrates was 12,138. In 1857 it amounted to 16,168, including 70 cases ultimately committed to the Supreme Court and 1,282 cases in which Police Peons were defendants, and which were disposed of by the Commissioner of Police himself and his Deputies.

3. In these 16,168 cases, the number of prisoners and defendants came to 21,352, which is 843 in excess of the return for the year before last. For this slight difference in the number of prisoners taken in connection with the marked increase in the number of cases, Colonel Boulder-son has offered no explanation. The latter seems however from the "Comparative Statement" to be attributable to the operation of the new Police Act, and the Conservancy and Wheel Tax Acts. All of these created numerous offences, each of which, however petty, must be entered as a case. If the defendants included in these cases are deducted, the number of persons charged in 1857 will fall considerably below that for 1856.

4. Paras. 15 @ 17 and the Mortality Statement referred to will be communicated to the Director General of the Medical Department.

5. Para. 20. In this para. the Commissioner adverts to, what he terms, "Infanticide." It is observed that the enquiries of the Police have not yet led to the discovery of any additional facts, and for the reasons assigned in his review of the Report for 1856,

Para. 13, Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1554, dated 26th November 1857.

the Governor in Council must continue to doubt the correctness of the designation applied to these cases.

6. The "Town Police Court" presents returns of work far heavier* than that of the other two Divisions. The presiding Officer has further had to dispose of 69 cases under the Merchant Shipping Act and 84 cases under the Boat Act. It is true he is assisted three days in the week by the Officer presiding over the Vepery Court. Of course, however, this is at the expense of the due administration of public justice to the inhabitants of that extensive quarter. A proposal for the appointment of a fourth Magistrate is now before the Honorable Court of Directors and may, it is hoped, receive early sanction, when existing anomalies can be remedied.

7. Resolved, finally, that the Report and its enclosures be printed as usual, and that the foregoing remarks be subjoined. In future a nominal list of the Lunatics and Paupers sent to the Monegar Choultry may be omitted, as may statement A (in red ink) as the information it contains is repeated in the Comparative Statement B.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

* Printed separately.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Judicial Dept

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to deal very lightly with such
offences as 'Drunkenness' and
'Corruption' on the part of his Ponds.
Twenty six Police officers were charged
with the former, and of the 41 con-
-victed, 36 were fined only -
Six were convicted of the latter
and three of them are still retai-
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29-6-56

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No 1554.

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'Ringside' 4139
'Vespene' 3552.

To the Com of Police

Dr. General M. Leff.

Supt. of Police, with
any Rep. & its enclosures

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Perusing the letter from
the Commissioner of Police and
its enclosures illustrating
the operations of the Police
and in acquiring at the
Providence during the
past year - and decided
that the same be printed
and issued with certain
revisions to the public.

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