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

No. 42. Read the following Returns from Zillah Magistrates of cases of "Gang and Highway Robbery" for the 1st Quarter of 1858.

Statement shewing the number of cases of Gang Robbery, committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the three months from 1st January to 31st March 1858.																									
Districts.		Committed.			Attempted.		Total.		No. of cases in column 6 in which parties have been apprehended and No. of such parties.		No. of cases in column 8 in which parties have been committed by the Courts and No. of persons convicted.		Proportion of stolen property entered in column 3 that has been recovered.		Operations of Police in regard to cases occurring prior to the Quarter under report.					Remarks.					
		Number of cases.		Value of property said to have been stolen.		Number of cases.		Number of cases cols. 2 and 5.		Number of parties.		Number of parties.		Rs.		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	19	20						
Gang Robbery.																									
Ganjam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Vizagapatam	1	3,970	0	0	1	15	1	8	3,314	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						
Rajahmundry	17	3,549	0	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Masulipatam	2	230	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	0	0						
Guntur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Cuddapah	15	2,781	6	21	6	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	0	0						
Bellary	16	1,802	3	19	6	29	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Kurnool	2	4,885	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Nellore	20	6,835	3	23	15	120	2	8	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Chingleput	4	6,812	0	4	2	20	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
North Arcot	14	3,030	1	15	7	41	1	0	107	0	2	3	25	3	14	3	39	0	0						
South Arcot	20	3,867	0	20	26	20	3	8	64	0	2	0	66	7	39	0	16	0	0						
Salem	56	3,857	3	59	25	117	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	36	0	7	0	0						
Coimbatore	51	6,828	3	54	3	133	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0						
Trichinopoly	9	409	2	11	3	10	0	0	60	0	0	0	125	2	7	1	0	0	0						
Tanjore	11	3,976	1	12	4	33	1	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Madura	27	19,272	6	33	11	120	2	33	53	0	3	26	16	3	26	0	74	10	1						
Tinnevely	14	4,342	0	14	6	53	1	0	8	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0						
Malabar	6	756	0	6	4	47	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Canara	18	2,604	1	19	6	37	2	0	361	0	1	11	0	1	11	0	0	0	0						
Total	303	79,805	29	332	129	870	16	77	4,299	0	33	279	17	233	33	279	17	233	0						

Statement shewing the number of cases of Highway Robbery, committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the three months from 1st January to 31st March 1858.

Districts,	Committed.		Attempted.		Total.		No. of cases in column 6 in which parties have been apprehended and No. of such parties.		No. of cases in column 8 in which parties have been committed by the Courts and No. of persons convicted.		Proportion of stolen property entered in column 3 that has been recovered.		Operation of Police in regard to cases occurring prior to the Quarter under report.					Remarks.
	Number of cases.	Value of property said to have been stolen.	Number of cases.	Total.	Number of cases.	Total.	Number of cases.	Number of parties.	Number of cases.	Number of parties.	Rs.	No. of cases in which parties have been apprehended.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted by the Courts.	Value of property recovered.			
Highway Robbery.																		
Ganjam	3	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Vizagapatam	2	20	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Rajahmundry	1	13	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	13	0	0	0	0	0		
Masulipatam	9	303	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Guntur	4	426	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cuddapah	24	2,109	5	29	10	64	1	1	1	1	45	3	6	0	0	0		
Bellary	24	1,027	3	27	11	33	2	1	1	1	0	5	8	0	0	0		
Kurnool	7	95	0	7	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Nellore	24	3,809	1	25	5	7	0	0	3,039	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Chingleput	9	9,686	0	9	5	52	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
North Arcot	16	1,438	1	17	7	14	2	2	2	2	421	0	0	0	0	0		
South Arcot	21	274	1	22	5	26	2	4	2	4	32	1	0	1	0	0		
Salem	24	1,383	2	26	14	50	3	12	3	12	118	1	0	0	0	0		
Coimbatore	14	612	0	14	9	48	0	0	0	0	297	2	5	4	13	0		
Trichinopoly	8	394	1	9	6	29	1	3	0	3	78	0	0	0	0	0		
Tanjore	5	278	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Madura	8	263	0	8	0	29	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0		
Tinnevely	5	2,824	0	5	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0		
Malabar	1	564	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Canara	2	41	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0		
Total.....	211	25,568	14	225	82	372	15	37	4,075	19	41	11	32					

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Comparative statement of Gang and Highway Robberies in the Districts under the Madras Presidency, during the 4th Quarter of 1857 and the 1st Quarter of 1858.

Districts.	Gang Robbery.						Highway Robbery.					
	4th Quarter of 1857.		1st Quarter of 1858.		Increase.		4th Quarter of 1857.		1st Quarter of 1858.		Increase.	
	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases.	Amount of property stolen.
Ganjam	0	5,261	0	3,970	0	0	0	214	3	9	0	0
Vizagapatam	7	9,046	1	3,549	0	0	2	0	2	20	0	0
Rajahmundry	14	2,010,699	17	230	0	0	0	123	1	13	0	0
Masulipatam	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	9	303	5	180
Guntur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	426	4	426
Cuddapah	11	721	15	2,781	4	2,060	0	2,743	24	2,109	0	634
Bellary	17	6,436	16	1,802	0	0	30	464	24	1,027	2	563
Kurnool	0	0	2	4,885	2	4,885	4	115	7	95	0	0
Nellore	17	2,607	20	6,836	3	4,228	42	775	24	3,809	3	3,034
Chingleput	4	773	4	6,812	0	0	5	144	9	9,686	4	20
North Arcot	15	5,642	14	3,030	0	0	22	1,536	16	1,438	0	0
South Arcot	20	5,540	20	3,867	0	0	23	3,118	21	274	0	98
Salem	48	4,564	56	3,857	8	2,651	16	1,309	24	1,383	8	2,844
Coimbatore	59	4,177	51	6,828	0	0	25	1,309	14	612	0	0
Trichinopoly	10	6,209	9	409	0	0	10	458	8	394	0	64
Tanjore	3	382	11	3,976	8	3,594	2	176	5	278	0	0
Madura	35	17,526	27	19,272	0	0	9	453	8	263	0	190
Tinnevely	14	3,813	14	4,342	0	529	4	265	5	2,824	1	0
Malabar	7	6,334	6	756	0	0	2	302	1	564	0	0
Canara	5	2,359	18	2,604	13	245	5	1,243	2	41	0	1,202
Total.....	289	2,82,459	303	79,805	41	25,977	227	13,631	211	25,568	34	17,880
Net.....	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,937
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No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, No. 937; dated 9th July 1858.

The number of these crimes recorded in the present Returns is 514, for the entire Presidency, against 516 for the preceding quarter. In some Districts there has been a considerable decrease of crime, while in *Canara*, *Tanjore* and *Salem* there is a marked increase.

The disturbed state of the country probably accounts for the extension of Dacoitee in the first mentioned District, which is in ordinary times very free from it.

2. The most noticeable circumstance in the present statements is the continued prevalence of serious crime in the contiguous Districts of *Salem* and *Coimbatore*. As far back as the date* of their review of the Returns for the second quarter of 1857, the Government had occasion to notice the state of crime in these Zillahs. It then stood as follows:—

	Gang robbery.	Highway robbery.
<i>Salem</i>	29 cases.	21 cases.
<i>Coimbatore</i>	42 „	11 „

A hope was expressed that matters would improve during the ensuing quarter. As regards *Salem* this was realised, there being a decrease of five cases. But in *Coimbatore*, the number of 'Highway' cases had risen from 11 to 18, while Gang robberies evinced an increase of no less than 18; the entry being 60 cases, "a number" as the Government then observed "without parallel."

In the 4th quarter of the year, however, matters were still worse.

The total of the *Salem* cases stood at 64, and that of *Coimbatore* at 84; that is, two Districts alone contributed 148 cases to a total for the whole Presidency of 516; or, in other words, while the Returns of eighteen Zillahs amounted to 368, the Returns of the two remaining Zillahs reached the sum of 148!

And this state of things continues. The number of "Gang" and "Highway" robberies for the first quarter of the present year amounts, as already stated, to 514 cases, and the aggregate of the Returns for *Salem* and *Coimbatore* comes to 145, as under:—

	Gang robbery.	Highway robbery.
<i>Salem</i>	56 cases.	24 cases.
<i>Coimbatore</i>	51 „	14 „

The Magistrates of these Districts will immediately furnish the Government with any explanations they may have it in their power to offer for this extent of crime in their respective jurisdictions.

3. *North Arcot*.—The Magistrate remarks that 14 out of the 30 cases entered for the past quarter were committed in the *Zemindaries*, where, as usual, the number of such offences is out of proportion to the number for the rest of the Police Divisions. It is observed that in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1262 of the 30th September last, Mr. Whittingham was directed to "visit in person the two great Zemindaries of *Cavetnuggur* and *Calastry*, and that portion of his District which lies west of *Pulmanair*, where, as yet, as the Government have reason to know, he has never once set his foot." He will report how far he has done this.

4. For the prevalence of crime in these Zemindaries, the Magistrate has assigned a reason, which has caused the Government considerable surprise. He remarks that the Magistrate cannot exercise any efficient control over the Village Police in those *Talooks*, because their emoluments are disbursed entirely by the *Zemindars*. The principal Zemindaries or *Palyems* in *North Arcot* are those noted in the margin. As respects the first two, they belong to the class known as "the Western Zemindaries," and the Government are aware that it has been held* by the Court of Sudder Udalt, that, the Government has no concern with such *Lakheraj* lands as come within the scope of Regulation IV of 1831, and Act XXXI of 1836. But they never before understood that there was any thing in these Zemindars' *Sunnuds*, which takes the control of lands or fees immemorially assigned to the support of Police establishments out of the hands of the Government. The misappropriation of these emoluments is to be checked, and the due efficiency of these Offices C. O. Board of Revenue, is to be maintained by the Collector of the District, vide Regulation VI of 1831, an enactment which the Sudder Court has declared applicable to Zemindaries without reservation of any, the office of Village *Curnum* being alone excepted from its operation. Mr. Whittingham will therefore fully and at once furnish Government with a report on this matter, taking the case of each of the four Zemindaries separately.

5. The Government notice considerable delay in the transmission of some of these Returns, which should leave the Magistrates' office by the 15th of the month next after the quarter.

(Signed) T. PYC. JFT, Chief Secretary.

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E. M. C. 29 July 1858

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Coimbatore	51	14

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