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1	From the Director General, Medical Department.	20th March...	Intimates that 300 copies of the Mortuary Reports of the Presidency for 1855, have been printed, and solicits instructions as to their distribution. Question the accuracy of the present returns, and suggests that a census of the population should be taken.
2	Order thereon.....	31st March...	Request the Director General to forward the copies to Government, and direct the distribution of the same in the manner specified. Notice that Colonel Boulderson has been requested to give the subject of the Mortuary Returns his particular attention as President of the Municipal Commissioners, and observe with reference to the taking of a census of the population, that a census of the whole population of India is intended to be made in 1861, and that the Supreme Government will not sanction any partial census in the meantime.
3	.....	.....	Returns of Gang and Highway Robberies in the several Districts for the 4th Quarter of 1857.
4	Order thereon.....	31st March...	Remark that the Returns are not satisfactory. Notice that the season has been an adverse one in the Central District, but call at the same time the serious attention of the Magistrates in those localities to the prevalence of crime.
5	From Mr. E. B. Glass, Civil Judge of Chicacole.	8th March...	With a view to obviate the inconvenience and delay caused in the Department of Public Works by public servants being at times called away from their duties, to give their evidence before any Civil Court, suggests that in such cases interrogatories may be sent to the Officer in charge who should take the answers from the party and return them to the Court.
6	Order thereon.....	1st April.....	Intimate that Government can issue no such instructions as are applied for by the Civil Judge, and that Mr. Glass should address the Court of Sudr Adalut on the subject.
7	From the Commissioner of Police.	19th March...	Submits for sanction a Bill for Rupees 70, on account of the salary of the extra Writers employed in making a Registry of Arms in Madras.
8	Order thereon.....	1st April.....	Sanction the Bill.
9	From the Acting Magistrate of Malabar.	13th March...	With reference to para. 3 of Extract Minutse Consultation of the 3rd Instant, No. 284, states that Syed Hamud, the late Tahsildar of Betutnaad, who failed to report the information which had reached him, respecting the intentions of the assassins of Mr. Conolly, has been employed as salt Peschcar at Calicut since June last.
10	Order thereon.....	1st April.....	Recorded.
11	From the Inspector of Prisons.	4th March...	Urges the necessity of having a proper Prison for Europeans sentenced to penal servitude, and also of a secure Central Jail, for the confinement of such of the Native Convicts as it is of great moment effectually to secure. States that the small Prison at Ootacamund

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			was designed by him to meet for the present the requirements of a Jail, for the former class of Convicts, and suggests that a small and secure Jail be erected at Chingleput for the imprisonment of Native Convicts.
12	Order thereon.....	1st April	Desire the Chief Engineer to furnish without delay the estimate already called for, of a general Prison for the confinement of Europeans; and notice that the estimate for a small Jail at Ootacamund has been included in the Budget of 1858-59, and resolve to solicit the Supreme Government, to give it their early sanction. State that Government are by no means disposed to approve the erection of any Jail at Chingleput, and that it would be far more preferable to proceed at once with the Central Jail, and intimate that on the Chief Engineer submitting a proper estimate for the same the project will at once be laid before the Government of India, for their special sanction.
13 & 14	From the Tamil and Teloogoo Translators to Government.	4th & 20th March.	Submit as requested their report respectively on the Tamil and Teloogoo versions of Mr. Strange's "Manual of Hindoo Law" by G. Lutchmeenursoo Chetty.
15	Order thereon.....	1st April	Authorize the purchase of 120 copies of the Tamil and 132 copies of the Teloogoo translation of the Manual, and request G. Lutchmeenursoo Chetty to forward the Books to the Government Office with a Bill for the cost of the same.
16	From the Commissioner of Police.	22nd March...	With reference to an enquiry made by the Bombay Government as to the Regiment to which certain Sepoys of the Bombay Army, who were lately at Madras with Passports permitting them to visit their Native country, belonged, states that the number of the Regiment is not known but that both he and the Town Major believe it to be the 28th Bombay Native Infantry.
17	To the Government of Bombay.	1st April	Communicate the foregoing.
18	Extract Minutes Consultation, Military Department.	20th March...	Communicate a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, stating that the services of Lieutenant F. W. Dobree of the 43rd Regiment Native Infantry, can be spared temporarily for employment with the Golcondah Sibbundies.
19	Order thereon.....	1st April	Direct that Lieutenant Dobree be posted temporarily to the Golcondah Sibbundies for the purpose of assisting in drilling and organizing the additional levies ordered to be raised in that Corps.
20	From the Acting Magistrate of Malabar.	19th March..	Submits for sanction an Indent for ankle-boots required for the use of the Malabar Police Corps for the year 1858.
21	Order thereon.....	1st April.....	Sanction the Indent.
22	From the Magistrate of Madura.	17th March...	In reply to a reference reports that the Peon brought to notice by Major Kerr, as having given some injurious reports regarding the object of Government in enlisting men for the Army, is on the establishment of the Commissioner of Police, to whose notice the conduct of the Peon has been brought.

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2.	Order thereon.....	1st April	Desire the Commissioner of Police to report what notice has been taken of the conduct of the Peon referred to.
24	From the Teloogoo Translator to Government.	20th March ...	Reports as requested upon the 3rd Volume of N. Vencatasoobiah's Edition of the Regulations in Telugu.
25	Order thereon.....	1st April ...	Resolve to take 50 copies of the entire work. Vencatasoobiah consenting to sell that number to Government at Rupees 15 per copy, and also 10 copies more of the third Volume at Rupees 5 the copy for transmission to the Honorable Court, a similar number of each of the previous Volumes having been already furnished to them. Direct the distribution of the 50 copies of the entire work in the manner specified, and request Vencatasoobiah to submit a Bill for Rupees 800 with the Books.
26	From the Joint Magistrate of Canara.	16th March...	Forwards copy of a letter addressed by him to the Magistrate, relating to the aspect which the affairs connected with the rebellion on the frontiers of his District have at present assumed, and intimates that the Hurryhur Detachment comprising of 250 men has joined his camp under the command of a Captain.
27	From the same.	19th March...	Encloses some further correspondence connected with the progress of events in the frontiers of Canara. Offers a few observations on the strength of the enemy, and the advantages afforded him by the nature of country. Deprecates the plan of employing any European Detachment against the insurgents and submits the uselessness of Cavalry or a seige train in the country. States the measures adopted by him with a view to re-establish confidence, and secure the punishment of the guilty. Requests under circumstances of the case, that Mr. Ballard be associated with him in the Commission which has been issued to him under Act XIV of 1857.
28	Order thereon.....	1st April ...	Assure Mr. Robinson that he will receive every support from Government in the measures he has adopted. Direct that the Military questions involved in the present correspondence be considered in the proper Department. Refer the request preferred by the Joint Magistrate in respect to Mr. Ballard, to the Magistrate and forward to Mr. Fisher a Commission accordingly that the same may be furnished to Mr. Ballard in the event the measure should seem to him to be necessary.
29	From the Magistrate of Canara.	24th March...	Reports his arrival at Sedashigur, and the proceedings and the strength of the Rebels and the alarm entertained by the people in the neighbourhood. Submits the uselessness of the Bellary Detachment which consists chiefly of seige train and Cavalry, in such a country as Soopah, and that he has in consequence requested Major Hodson to proceed from Mangalore to Sedashigur with all the men available. States for reasons given, that the rapid movement of a strong body of Troops through the ghauts country would at present have the best possible effect. Alludes to the

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30	Order thereon.....	6th April....	Approve the measures adopted by the Magistrate. Refer the subject of the inutility of Cavalry and heavy Artillery to the Commander in Chief with a request that measures may be adopted for strengthening the force of Native Infantry. Resolve in the event of Mr. Robinson being obliged from failure of health to retire from the scene of activity to transmit a Commission to Mr. Fisher authorizing him to act under Act XIV of 1857, if he should find it necessary to do so, and intimate that the Magistrate may confidently rely on full consideration being given to the difficulties of his position.
31	From the Session Judge of Masulipatam.	25th March...	Reports the shipment for Madras of a desperate Convict named Ismael Khawn with two others concerned in the late attack made on Brigadier Mackenzie at Bolarum, and requests that they may on arrival be transmitted to the Jail at Chingleput.
32	Order thereon.....	7th April ...	Communicated to the Commissioner of Police.
33	From the Acting Joint Magistrate of Masulipatam.	12th March...	Reports the death of Ramasing, one of the two Seikhs of the "Loodianah Regiment" apprehended in the Nundegamah Talook, and that also the other Seikh is lying in the Hospital in a precarious state of health.
34	Order thereon.....	8th April....	Ordered to be communicated to the Government of India, who have directed the detention of the men pending the enquiry which is being made into their cases.
35	To the Government of India	8th April....	Forward the report made by Mr. Chase, respecting the two Seikhs.
36	From S. Parthasarady Chetty	7th April....	Solicits the patronage of Government to his Supplement to to the Tamil Criminal Code, published by his late brother Runganaicoolu Chetty.
37	Order thereon.....	8th April....	Referred for the report of the Tamil Translator to Government.
38	From the Collector of Bellary.	30th March...	Requests to be furnished with 50 copies of the Teloogoo translation of Act No. 1 of 1858 for distribution, and proposes to re-print the required number at his own Press if no copies are available in the Government office.
39	Order thereon.....	8th April....	Desire the Collector to have the required number re-printed at his office.
40	From the Magistrate of Coimbatore.	22nd March...	Forwards a list of 10 men taken up during the past year and detained as suspicious characters, and recommends their release. Intimates that two more persons kept in custody under similar circumstances, will be released at the expiration of three months.
41	Order thereon.....	8th April....	Do not think it for the present expedient that the parties referred to should be set at liberty, and intimate that the application may be renewed at the end of three months.
42	From the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.	27th March...	Report as directed upon the working of the Rule recently adopted in regard to the summoning of public servants as witnesses in Police cases.

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43	Order thereon.....	8th April....	Ordered to be communicated to the Honorable Court in reference to para. 10 of their Despatch, No. 15 of 1857.
44 & 45	From the Magistrate of Salem.	22nd March..	Submits translations of the decrees passed by the Moofty Sudr Ameen of Salem in O. S. Nos. 23 and 13 of 1856, with copies of the Appeals prepared by him (Magistrate) on behalf of the defendants, and requests under circumstances explained, that the appeals be preferred in the case of the defendants at the public expense.
46	Order thereon.....	8th April ...	Communicated to the Board of Revenue for their report.
47	From the Commissioner of Police.	12th March...	Reports that he has drawn from the Treasury the amount sanctioned for the repair of the Saddlery of the mounted branch of the Police, viz., Rupees 1-12 per month for each Saddle, and proposes to entertain a regular establishment to maintain the articles in repair and to dispense with the services of the Mootchee and Chuckler lately entertained for the purpose. Suggests that the cost of the materials hitherto obtained from the Commissariat Department, and of the work done by the Ordnance Department up to 28th February last, be debited to the Judicial Department. Submits for sanction an Indent for 10 Saddles and Bridles required to complete the establishment, and requests that authority may be granted for the execution in the Arsenal of such repairs as may be necessary to the Arms and Accoutrements of the mounted Police.
48	Order thereon.....	8th April ...	Approve the arrangement proposed by the Commissioner for keeping in repair the Saddlery referred to, and direct that the expenses hitherto incurred in the Commissariat and the Ordnance Departments, on account of the Saddles be, as recommended, debited to the Judicial Department. Sanction the Indent for more Saddles and Bridles and authorize the execution in the Arsenal of the repairs of the Arms and Accoutrements of the mounted Police.

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49	From the Government Agent, Ganjam.	5th April ...	Under the circumstances stated, recommends that his Assistant Captain Smith may be vested under the provisions of Act IV of 1857, with the powers of an Assistant Magistrate in the District.
49 A	Order thereon.....	9th April ...	Authorized accordingly.
50	From the Collector and Government Agent, Vizagapatam.	20th March...	Reports the death of one Somasoondur Deo a State prisoner under surveillance at Vizagapatam on the receipt of a stipend of Rs. 30 per mensem, and recommends under the circumstances stated, that the allowance be continued during the life time of his Widow for the maintenance of herself and her children.
51	Order thereon.....	9th April ...	Resolve to refer the case for the decision of the Supreme Government.
52	To the Government of India.	9th April ...	Recommend under circumstances stated, the grant of a pension of Rupees 20 per month to the Widow of the deceased.

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53	From the same.....	9th March...	Forward copy of a correspondence submitted by the Government of Bengal, relative to the successful operations against the rebels at Annajoora and Taklikole in the Cuttack District subsequent to the repulse of Captain Woodbridge's Detachment in which that Officer was killed.
54	Order thereon	9th April ...	Recorded.
55	From the Magistrate of Chingleput.	29th March...	Reports upon the daring gang robbery which was lately committed in Sydapettah and the measures adopted to discover the perpetrators, and submits the necessity of the establishment of a separate Police for the protection of the village.
56	Order thereon.....	9th April ...	Desire the Magistrate to state the population of, and number of houses in, Sydapet now and in 1850.
57	From the Commissioner of Police.	29th March...	Submits for sanction a Bill for expenses incurred on account of warm clothing supplied to the Police Peons sent to Ootacamund with Lady Canning's baggage, amounting to Rupees 138-4.
58	Order thereon.....	9th April ...	Sanction the Bill.
59	From the Collector and Magistrate of Bellary.	11th March...	Reports as directed the arrangements made for providing supplies to the Regiment of Her Majesty's 12th Lancers in its late march through his District and explains the alleged deficiency of supplies at Codoor brought to notice by the Officer Commanding the Regiment. States that Colonel Fyler, Commanding the men has transmitted Rupees 100 imposed upon him as a fine for assaulting the Cutwall of Palasamoodrum of which Rupees 50 has been paid to the latter and the balance carried to the credit of Government. Brings to notice that the full price of the articles taken by the Regiment has not been paid and submits a statement shewing an amount of Rupees 297-2-10, as being due by the several Regiments that have lately passed through his District.
60	From the same.	23rd March...	Transmits a letter from his Head Assistant in charge of the Sub-Division forwarding one from Colonel Fyler, explaining the articles that were deficiently supplied to his Regiment during its halt at Codoor.
61	From Colonel L. Fyler, Commanding H. M.'s 12th Lancers.	18th March...	States the cause of the delay in the payment of the fine inflicted upon him, and offers some explanation regarding the accusations made against him by the Honorable Mr. D. Arbuthnot, the Joint Magistrate of Bellary.
62	Order thereon.....	9th April....	Desire the Collector to at once advance the amount of Rupees 297-2-10 outstanding on account of provisions supplied to the Regiments referred to, to the Sutlers, recovering the sum from the Officers Commanding the several Corps. Consider it unnecessary at this distance of time to weigh the contradictory statements apparent in the present correspondance relative to the conduct of the Collector's Subordinates in the matter of the supplies to H. M.'s 12th Lancers. Accept Colonel Fyler's explanation in regard to the payment of the fine inflicted on him by the Joint Magistrate, as satisfactory.

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63	From the Adjutant General of the Army.	28th March...	Gives the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that the mode of dealing with the disturbances which have arisen in Canara, has been very unsatisfactory and that the Collector and Magistrate should afford the Miiltary authorities the fullest information of the state of affairs, leaving it to them to adopt such measures as they may consider best adapted to the restoration of tranquillity.
64	Order thereon.....	9th April....	Concur with the Commander-in-Chief as far as the general rule is concerned, but are of opinion that emergencies may arise which will necessitate independent action on the part of the Civil authorities when time may be wanting for a reference to distant Officers. Forward copy of the Adjutant General's letter and this Extract to the Collector and Magistrate of Canara for his information and guidance, but intimate that there may be no necessity at present for employing Troops in Canara as it is understood that the Sawunt brothers have left the District and retreated into the Bombay territory.

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