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No. 47. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Chittore, 24th August 1859, No. 22.

1. I have the honor to submit abstract statement of gang and highway robbery for the 2nd Quarter of 1859.

	Gang Robbery.	Highway Robbery.
1st Quarter..................	200	138
2nd Quarter..........	227	145
	27	6

2. There [illegible] increase of crime as compared with the 1st Quarter; and it occurred in Cuddapah; where highway robbery has been specially rife; Coimbatore, Tinnevelly and Canara. The returns from the latter district probably include the Supah Táluq outrages. Improvement is perceptible in North Arcot and Salem.

3. The operations of the Police and Courts in regard to gang robbery must be termed most unsatisfactory, 50 convictions were obtained against 227 cases. Thus one individual was convicted to every 4½ cases of outrage of the gravest character, in out of which 10 to 20 ruffians were engaged, 15 per cent. of the lost property was recovered.

4. The number engaged in each highway robbery is very much smaller. 41 individuals (cases 139) were convicted during the quarter, and 10 per cent. of the property was recovered.

Statement shewing the number of cases of Gang Robbery, committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the three months from 1st April to 30th June 1859.

Districts.		Committed.		Attempted.	Total.	No. of cases in column 5, in which parties have been apprehended and No. of such parties.		No. of cases in column 6, in which parties have been convicted 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.			
		No. of Cases.	Value of property said to have been stolen.	No. of cases.	No. of cases cols. 2 and 4.	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 Courts.	Value of property recovered.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Rs. A. P.							Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.
Ganjam...	Gang Robbery.	2	24 11 0	...	2	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	......
Vizagapatam...		...	......	...	......	......	....	......	......	.....	......	......	....	......
Rajahmundry		...	......	...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	......
Masulipatam...		2	32 7 0	...	2	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	......
Guntoor...		...	......	...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	......
Cuddapah		13	1,861 1 5	9	22	15	74	......	......	51 11 6	4	39	....	......
Bellary...		25	2,536 1 0	2	27	5	23	1	1	0 6 0	......	.....	....	......
Kurnool...		4	5,916 12 0	...	4	1	10	1	8	5,575 4 0	......	......	....	......
Nellore...		11	5,975 7 3	2	13	4	13	......	......	......	1	11	....	......
Chingleput...		...	......	1	1	......	......	1	2	......	......	......	....	......
North Arcot		22	2,744 8 8	1	23	1	5	1	5	24 3 0	1	13	11	2,590 8 9
South Arcot...		13	842 8 7	...	13	1	7	......	......	5 1 0	1	8	....	......
Salem...		22	8,746 0 0	1	23	7	67	1	1	72 9 0	......	......	....	......
Coimbatoor...		28	1,897 1 0	2	30	11	63	2	10	175 14 0	......	......	....	......
Trichinopoly...		8	1,871 3 0	2	10	4	8	1	3	37 15 0	2	6	....	66 8 0
Tanjore...		5	128 14 4	2	7	......	......	......	......	......	2	13	....	3,083 1 0
Madura...		8	2,345 10 0	...	8	4	13	......	......	0 8 8	1	13	....	......
Tinnevelly...		16	1,013 11 0	...	16	13	60	2	4	0 1 0	5	21	....	......
Malabar...		4	295 8 0	...	4	4	23	......	......	1 9 11	......	......	....	......
Canara...		22	1,989 15 2	...	22	5	32	2	5	34 8 4	......	......	....	......
Total...		205	38,221 7 5	22	227	75	398	12	39	5,979 11 5	17	124	11	5,740 1 9

Statement shewing the number of cases of Highway Robbery, committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the three months from 1st April to 30th June 1859.

Districts.		Committed.		Attempted.	Total.	No. of cases in column 5, in which parties have been apprehended and No. of such parties.		No. of cases in column 6, in which parties have been convicted 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.			
		No. of cases	Value of property said to have been stolen.	No. of cases.	No. of cases in cols. 2 and 4.	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 Courts.	Value of property recovered.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Rs. A. P.							Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.
Ganjam...	Highway Robbery.	5	20 8 0	...	5	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Vizagapatam...		1	21 15 10	...	1	1	4	1	3	20 4 6	......	......	......	......
Rajahmundry...		3	7 6 0	...	3	1	1	1	1	3 10 6	......	......	......	......
Masulipatam...		5	39 12 9	...	5	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Guntoor...		1	2 14 0	...	1	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Cuddapah...		19	5,143 10 7	7	26	10	61	......	......	1,071 7 8	3	21	2	498 2 6
Bellary...		12	1,782 0 0	1	13	4	10	1	1	......	......	......	......	......
Kurnool......		5	668 12 0	...	5	3	9	1	3	3 15 0	1	5	......	......
Nellore...		13	355 0 10	1	14	5	12	2	2	46 7 0	2	2	......	......
Chingleput...		3	172 15 0	...	3	......	......	1	4	......	1	7	7	......
North Arcot...		12	203 13 4	...	12	1	2	1	2	2 11 1	2	2	1	......
South Arcot...		16	884 4 1	1	17	3	11	1	5	20 8 6	......	......	......	......
Salem...		2	1,239 0 0	10	12	6	35	1	5	77 6 6	......	......	......	......
Coimbatore...		9	258 12 8	...	9	7	15	1	2	2 6 0	......	......	......	......
Trichinopoly...		2	234 1 9	...	2	1	7	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Tanjore...		4	238 12 0	...	4	2	10	1	2	......	......	......	......	......
Madura...		4	130 7 4	...	4	3	14	1	1	2 15 0	......	......	......	......
Tinnevelly...		7	732 14 11	...	7	4	8	......	......	......	4	30	......	......
Malabar...		...	......	...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Canara...		2	8 0 0	...	2	......	......	......	......	... ..	......	......	......	......
Total...		125	12,145 1 1	20	145	51	199	13	31	1,251 11 9	13	67	10	498 2 6

Comparative Statement of Gang and Highway Robberies in the Districts under the Madras Presidency, during the 1st and 2nd quarters of the year 1859

Districts.	Gang Robbery.								Highway Robbery.							
	1st Quarter of 1859.		2nd Quarter of 1859.		Increase.		Decrease.		1st Quarter of 1859.		2nd Quarter of 1859.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases attempted and committed.	Amount of property stolen.	Cases.	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.	Cases.	Amount of property stolen.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Ganjam...	......	......	2	24 11 0	2	24 11 0	...	....	......	....	5	20 8 0	5	20 8 0	...	....
Vizagapatam..	......	......	......	....	...	....	...	....	......	....	1	21 15 10	1	21 15 10	...	....
Rajahmundry..	1	2,738 8 0	......	....	...	.. ..	1	2,738 8 0	1	46 8 0	3	7 6 0	2	....	...	39 2 0
Masulipatam...	2	68 5 6	2	32 7 0	...	....	...	35 14 6	1	1 12 0	5	39 12 9	4	38 0 9	...	....
Guntoor...	......	......	......	....	...	....	...	....	3	127 14 8	1	2 14 0	...	....	2	125 0 8
Cuddapah......	16	10,306 13 8	22	1,861 1 5	6	....	...	8,445 12 3	13	2,846 0 9	26	5,143 10 7	13	2,297 9 10	...	....
Bellary...	26	3,487 12 0	27	2,536 1 0	1	....	...	951 11 0	21	2,160 4 0	13	1,782 0 0	...	....	8	378 4 0
Kurnool...	1	2,217 8 10	4	5,916 12 0	3	3,699 3 2	...	....	5	128 2 8	5	668 12 0	...	540 9 4	...	....
Nellore...	15	1,512 14 6	13	5,975 7 3	...	4,462 8 9	2	....	25	2,646 7 8	14	355 0 10	...	....	11	2,291 6 10
Chingleput ...	2	321 9 4	1	....	...	....	1	321 9 4	3	660 7 3	3	172 15 0	...	....	...	487 8 3
North Arcot...	32	59,587 0 11	23	2,744 8 8	...	....	9	56,842 8 3	19	2,329 1 4	12	203 13 4	...	....	7	2,125 4 0
South Arcot...	16	1,283 13 2	13	842 8 7	...	....	3	441 4 7	12	169 14 1	17	884 4 1	5	714 6 0	...	....
Salem...	35	6,933 0 0	23	8,746 0 0	...	1,813 0 0	12	....	15	2,120 0 0	12	1,239 0 0	...	....	3	881 0 0
Coimbatore....	21	5,050 4 4	30	1,897 1 0	9	....	...	3,153 3 4	4	29 5 7	9	258 12 8	5	229 7 1	...	....
Trichinopoly..	9	2,589 0 0	10	1,871 3 0	1	....	...	717 13 0	4	264 14 0	2	234 1 9	...	....	2	30 12 3
Tanjore...	4	13,354 8 0	7	128 14 4	3	....	..	13,225 9 8	1	33 10 0	4	238 12 0	3	205 2 0	...	....
Madura...	7	1,192 6 0	8	2,345 10 0	1	1,153 4 0	...	....	7	258 15 0	4	130 7 4	...	....	3	128 7 8
Tinnevelly...	7	458 4 0	16	1,013 11 0	9	555 7 0	...	....	4	282 12 10	7	732 14 11	3	450 2 1	...	....
Malabar...	1	4 2 11	4	295 8 0	3	291 5 1	...	....	......	....	......	....	...	....	...	....
Canara...	5	554 7 0	22	1,989 15 2	17	1,435 8 2	...	....	1	15 3 0	2	8 0 0	1	....	...	7 3 0
Total...	200	1,11,660 6 2	227	38,221 7 5	55	13,434 15 2	28	86,873 13 11	139	14,121 4 10	145	12,145 1 1	42	4,517 12 11	36	6,494 0 8
Net...	... ..	......	......	....	27	....	...	73,438 14 9	......	....	......	....	6	....	...	1,976 3 9

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Chief Commissioner.

Office of the Chief Commissioner of
Mofussil Police, Chittoor, 24th August 1859.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 17th to 23rd September 1859.

Comparative Statement shewing the state of Crime, &c., in the 20 Districts of the Madras Presidency, during the last four years, and the current 1st half year.

	Crime.	No. of cases committed and attempted.	Amount of property said to have been stolen. Rs.	A.	P.	Proportion of stolen property recovered. Rs.	A.	P.	Percentage of property recovered on loss.	Number of parties convicted.
1855 ……	Gang and Highway Robberies.	2,302	2,72,643	0	0	7,708	0	0	2·82	637
1856 ……	do ……	1,907	2,96,644	0	0	19,173	0	0	6·46	430
1857 ……	do ……	1,833	5,25,546	0	0	14,496	0	0	2·75	706
1858 ……	do ……	1,982	4,04,325	3	10	21,477	2	9	5·31	398
1st and 2nd Quarter 1859 ……	do ……	711	1,76,148	3	6	10,137	8	8	5·75	125

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Chief Commissioner, Mofussil Police.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1859, No. 1281.

The Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police will in future submit half yearly instead of quarterly Returns of gang and highway robbery.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Comparative Statement Shewing the State of Crime &c in the 20 Districts of the Madras Presidency during the last Four Years and the Current 1st half Year

	Crime	No. of Cases Committed and attempted	Amount of property said to have been Stolen			Proportion of Stolen property recovered			Percentage of property recovered on Loss	Number of Parties Convicted
1855	Gang and Highway Robberies	2302	272643	"	"	7708	"	"	2·82	637
1856	D°	1907	296644	"	"	19173	"	"	6·46	430
1857	D°	1833	525546	"	"	14496	"	"	2·75	706
1858	D°	1982	404325	3	10	21477	2	9	5·31	398
1st & 2d Quarter 1859	D°	711	176148	3	6	10137	8	8	5·75	125

W Robinson
Chief Commissioner
Mofussil Police

No. 48

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The report for the preceding year also was reviewed in an order of Govt- but such reviews seem to me of little value- They merely repeat what is said by the Commissioner or show in words what is exhibited by figures in the Tables- In fact since these returns have been sent in thro' the Commissioner he is the reviewing Officer. It is for him to bring to the notice of Govt anything deserving of special remark- In the present case there does not appear to be any-

I would also ask whether these

Comparative Statement of Gang and Highway Robberies in the Districts under the Madras Presidency during the 1st and 2d Quarters of the Year 1859

District	Gang Robbery																Highway Robbery															
	1st Quarter of 1859				2d Quarter of 1859				Increase				Decrease				1st Quarter of 1859				2d Quarter of 1859				Increase				Decrease			
	Cases attempted and Committed	Amount of Property Stolen			Cases attempted & Committed	Amount of Property Stolen			Cases	Amount of property Stolen			Cases	Amount of Property Stolen			Cases attempted & Committed	Amount of property Stolen			Cases attempted & Committed	Amount of property Stolen			Cases	Amount of Property Stolen			Cases	Amount of Property Stolen		
Ganjam	-	-	-	-	2	24	11	-	2	24	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	20	8	-	5	20	8	-	-	-	-	-
Vizagapatam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	21	15	10	1	21	15	10	-	-	-	-
Rajahmundry	1	2,738	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2,738	8	-	1	46	8	-	3	7	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	39	2	-
Masulipatam	2	68	5	6	2	32	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	14	6	1	1	12	-	5	39	12	9	4	38	-	9	-	-	-	-
Guntoor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	127	14	8	1	2	14	-	-	-	-	-	2	125	-	8
Cuddapah	16	10,306	13	8	22	1,861	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	8,445	12	3	13	2,846	-	9	26	5,143	10	7	13	2,297	9	10	-	-	-	-
Bellary	26	3,487	12	-	27	2,536	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	951	11	-	21	2,160	4	-	13	1,782	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	378	4	-
Kurnool	1	2,217	8	10	4	5,916	12	-	3	3,699	3	2	-	-	-	-	5	128	2	8	5	668	12	-	-	540	9	4	-	-	-	-
Nellore	15	1,512	14	6	13	5,975	7	3	-	4,462	8	9	2	-	-	-	25	2,646	7	8	14	355	-	10	-	-	-	-	11	2,291	6	10
Chingleput	2	321	9	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	321	9	4	3	660	7	3	3	172	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	487	8	3
North Arcot	32	59,557	-	11	23	2,744	8	8	-	-	-	-	9	56,812	8	3	19	2,329	1	4	12	203	13	4	-	-	-	-	7	2,125	4	-
South Arcot	16	1,258	13	2	13	842	8	7	-	-	-	-	3	471	4	7	12	169	14	1	17	884	4	1	5	714	6	-	-	-	-	-
Salem	35	6,933	-	-	23	8,746	-	-	-	1,813	-	-	12	-	-	-	15	2,120	-	-	12	1,239	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	881	-	-
Coimbatore	21	5,050	4	4	30	1,897	1	-	9	-	-	-	-	3,153	3	4	4	29	5	7	9	258	12	8	5	229	7	1	-	-	-	-
Trichinopoly	9	2,589	-	-	10	1,871	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	717	13	-	4	264	14	-	2	236	1	9	-	-	-	-	2	30	12	3
Tanjore	4	13,354	8	-	7	128	14	4	3	-	-	-	-	13,225	9	8	1	33	10	-	4	238	12	-	3	205	2	-	-	-	-	-
Madura	7	1,192	6	-	8	2,345	10	-	1	1,153	4	-	-	-	-	-	7	258	15	-	4	180	7	4	-	-	-	-	3	128	7	8
Tinnevelly	7	468	4	-	16	1,013	11	-	9	555	7	-	-	-	-	-	4	282	12	10	7	732	14	11	3	450	2	1	-	-	-	-
Malabar	1	4	2	11	4	295	8	-	3	291	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canara	5	534	7	-	22	1,989	15	2	17	1,435	8	2	-	-	-	-	1	15	3	-	2	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	3	-
Total	200	111,660	6	2	227	38,221	7	5	55	13,434	15	2	28	86,873	13	11	137	14,121	4	10	145	12,145	1	1	42	4,517	12	11	36	6,494	-	8
Net	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	27	"	"	"	"	73,438	14	9	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	1,976	3	9

Office of the Chief Commr of
Mofussil Police, Chittoor
26th August 1859

W Robinson
Chief Commissioner

Statements might not for the future be submitted ~~qua~~ half yearly instead of quarterly - The first would I cannot think be quite often enough

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No. 1281 _ 23d Septr. 1859.

The Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police will in future submit half yearly instead of quarterly Returns of Gang & Highway Robbery.

The Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police. } Despd. 27th

J Robinson
Chief Commissioner
of Mofussil Police