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1	Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca.	26th Oct.....	Transmits Annual Return of Casualties amongst Madras Convicts at the Straits Settlements for 1858-59, exhibiting 8 escapes and 82 deaths.
2	Order thereon.....	21st Nov.....	The Statements forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails, &c.
3	To the Commissioner of the territories of the Rajah of Mysore.	21st Nov.....	Forward Extract from the Statements.
4	To the Resident at Hyderabad.	21st Nov.....	
5	Acting Commissioner of Police.	17th Nov.....	Submits observations relative to the Prisoners in the Grand Jail being transferred to the Penitentiary. Forwards Statement of the number of Prisoners committed each fortnight between Sessions and Sessions. Suggests that life Prisoners, &c, be sent to Mofussil Jails.
6	Order thereon.....	21st Nov.....	Await the expression of Colonel Boulderson's views on the subject. Call for a Return of the total number of Prisoners in the Grand Jail.
7	Chief Engineer Public Works Department.	4th Nov.....	Submits Estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,650, for building a District Munsiff's Court at Sunkerry Drúg in the Salem District.
8	Order thereon.....	21st Nov.....	Sanctioned. Copy of the Proceedings communicated to the Collector, with instructions to secure the site selected by the Civil Judge.
9	Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.	26th Oct.....	Submitting letter from the Collector of Bellary, with their recommendation that he be authorized to purchase 3 new carts, valued at Rupees 150, for use on the Cantonment roads, in lieu of 6 old carts, which have been sold for Rupees 73-9-6.
10	Order thereon.....	21st Nov.....	Authorized.
11	General Superintendent of the operations for the suppression of Thuggee and Decoite.	26th Sept.....	Submits report on the state of the crime of Decoite in the Madras Territories, and proposes the employment of his Department for its suppression.
12	Order thereon.....	22nd Nov.....	The letter, with its enclosures, &c., forwarded to the Inspector General of Police.
13	Magistrate of Malabar.....	15th Nov.....	Reports that the Mountain Train was detached from the Police Corps on 1st May.
14	Order thereon.....	22nd Nov.....	Communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit.
15	Magistrate of Madura.....	11th Nov.....	States that his Report of 18th October, respecting Convict Nagoor Ravutun, was made upon the receipt of letter from the Acting Magistrate of South Arcot, intimating that the Convict had escaped on the 11th Idem.
16	Magistrate of South Arcot.	16th Nov.....	Reports that the Convict was re-apprehended on the 14th October and forwarded on to Madras, and that the Peons from whose Custody he escaped have been sentenced to imprisonment, with hard labor in Irons.
17	Order thereon.....	22nd Nov.....	Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.
18	W. C. Reade, Esq., Madras Civil Service.	27th Oct.....	Submits a Memorial, with Appendices, addressed to the Secretary of State for India, detailing evidence in his favor, which was not brought forward before the Commissioner, who pronounced him guilty of the charges preferred against him in the matter of his

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			dealings with the Rajah of Vizianagrum, and and seeking relief from the imputations cast upon him, as well as restoration to public employ. Or, if the facts adduced are not considered to clear his character, claiming the right of a new trial on account of the discovery of additional and important evidence.
19	Minute by the President.....	29th Oct.....	States that he has not been influenced by anonymous Petitions in his proceedings, and explains how the Vizianagrum Raja's complaints against Mr. Reade came before him, &c., also :
20	Do. do.	12th Nov.....	That when he found from Mr. Reade's Pamphlet, describing his tour to Jeypoor, he was not a fit person for the Office he held, he had determined to transfer him to some Regulation District ; but, after his denial of having borrowed the Raja's horses, it was impossible to avoid a public inquiry. Is of opinion that nothing since adduced, has shaken the Commissioner's verdict, the proof of Mr. Reade's offence being in no way affected by the Raja's inconsistencies.
21	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	31st Oct.....	Considers the letters submitted with the Memorial, are important, for on comparing them with the Raja's testimony before the Commissioner, it is manifest that he has in essential points varied his statements, and that from circumstances alluded to in the Memorial, his evidence is open to still further doubt, in fact, is so wanting in truthfulness, as to render it no longer right on such testimony to pronounce a verdict against Mr. Reade. Denies that he ever, directly or indirectly, had any communication with Dr. Blackwell.
22	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	31st Oct.....	Agrees with Mr. Morehead.
23	Minute by the Honorable W. Elliot.	12th Nov.....	Does not draw the same inference as Mr. Morehead, but, from personal knowledge of the Raja's characteristic want of decision, &c., can understand how the discrepancy arose. Denies having admitted Mr. Reade's Head Seristadar to an undue degree of intimacy, and describes how he dealt with Dr. Blackwell's communications, &c.
24	Order thereon.....	22nd Nov.....	Copies of the papers forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.
25	Mrs. M. J. Alexander, widow of the late Serjeant Major S. Alexander, Nair Brigade, (Memorial.)	31st July.....	Under the painful circumstances detailed, prays for the interference of Government in the matter of her late husband's Estate.
...	.....	15th Oct.....	Forwarded to the Officiating Resident for report.
26	Assistant Resident of Travancore and Cochin, in charge.	2nd Nov.....	Details the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to take an inventory of the late Serjeant Major's Effects, and reports that the Memorialist has no real grievance to bring forward, the duties of the Committee having been conducted in fairness and justice to all parties, the personal property sold in conformity with the usual custom, and Mrs. Alexander treated with every consideration and kindness, &c.
27	Order thereon.....	22nd Nov.....	The explanation being satisfactory, the Petitioner informed that Government are of

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			opinion she has no ground whatever to consider herself aggrieved ; that her reflections upon the conduct of the Officers of the Committee are unwarrantable, and her representations regarding the disposal of the property undeserving of credit.
28	Magistrate of Masulipatam..	10th Nov.. ...	Requests sanction to the expenditure of Rupees 55-12-9 incurred in the erection of Sheds at certain frontier Stations for the Guards of the Sibbundy Corps at the passes in Tirvoor and Juggiapett.
29	Order thereon.....	23rd Nov.....	Sanctioned.
30	Sayva Souprayanaiker of Vannya caste, residing at Pondicherry, (Petition.)	20th Oct	Complains that the Weavers of Mylon in the Tindevanum Talúq have been allowed to perform the massacre of a giant named Sourin during the festival of Kandachetty, and represents that it is an innovation upon established custom and is highly offensive to the people of his caste. Prays that the Tahsildar may be directed to prevent it in future.
...	.....	25th Oct.....	Referred to the Magistrate of South Arcot.
31	Magistrate of South Arcot.	9th Nov.. ...	Reports that the festival was kept last year without any opposition being offered by the Vaneyans, and, as the 'giant' ceremony is not of an objectionable nature, does not see any necessity for the interference of the Magistracy, &c.
		23rd Nov.....	The Petitioner informed accordingly.
32	Order thereon... ...	16th Nov.. ...	Submits Plan and Estimate, amounting to Rs. 31,550, for constructing a Court House at Cuddalore, for entry in the Budget for 1860-61.
33	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.		
		23rd Nov.....	Sanctioned accordingly.
34	Order thereon...	24th Nov.....	Resolved, in consideration of Mr. Holloway's services, that a deputation allowance of Rupees 300 per mensem be passed to him from the date of his giving over of the Sub Court of Calicut to that of his joining the Office in which he has been appointed to act.
35	Proceedings of Government		
36	Officiating Register to the Court of Sadr 'Adálat.	14th Nov.....	Re-submits a corrected Statement for the temporary increase of the establishments of the Civil Court of Calicut and District Munsif of Ernaud.
37	To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Department.	24th Nov.. ...	Forward the Statement for sanction.
38	Accountant General.....	25th Oct.....	Forwards a comparative Statement shewing the strength and cost of the Armed Police maintained in this Presidency, on 1st May 1858, and on 1st May 1859, with a Abstract thereof.
39	Order thereon...	24th Nov.....	Copies of the Statements supplied to the Inspector General of Police.
40	To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Department.	24th Nov.....	Transmit the Statements.
41	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	15th Nov.....	Communicating copy of Home Despatch, expressing satisfaction at the measures taken by this Government for the reduction of Military expenditure.
		24th Nov.....	Recorded.
42	Order thereon.....	22nd Nov.. ...	Reports that the Ghurry received on the 7th July for the use of Her Majesty's Jail with a crack, has been broken, and requests to be supplied with a new one in lieu of it.
43	Sheriff of Madras...		
44	Order thereon.....	25th Nov.....	Direct the Inspector General of Ordnance to issue a new Ghurry.

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45	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	22nd Nov.....	Forwards Plan and Estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,10,300, for a new Court House for the Sudr 'Adálat, for entry in the Budget list, No. 1.
46	Order thereon.....	25th Nov.....	Deferred.
47	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	18th Nov.....	Communicating Home Despatch, stating that the Indent for Carbines, &c., is under consideration.
48	Order thereon.....	25th Nov.....	Communicated to the Inspector of Police.
49	Acting Commissioner of Police.	21st Nov.....	With reference to Order, 15th November, No. 1556, paragraph 6, proposes to strike 11 Troopers off on the 30th, and recommends a gratuity of 2 months' pay to each.
50	Order thereon.....	26th Nov.....	Sanction the disbursement of the gratuities. Direct that the supernumerary horses be sold, and the servants connected with them discharged.
51	Officiating Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.	24th Nov.....	Submits the case of Sevanandy and 10 others convicted, by the Session Court of Tinnevelly, of *escape*, and sentenced to transportation, with the Judges' recommendation that the sentence be reduced to one of 3 years' imprisonment, to take effect from the date of the expiry of the original sentence.
52	Order thereon.....	23th Nov.....	Commuted accordingly.
53	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	28th Oct.....	Requests that the services of Assistant Surgeon Walter may be placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government, in order to his being appointed Deputy Superintendent of the Penal Settlement at Port Blair.
	.....	15th Nov.....	Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
54	Adjutant General of the Army.	23rd Nov.....	States that the services of Assistant Surgeon Walter can be spared.
55	Order thereon.....	26th Nov.....	Resolved accordingly.
56	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	26th Nov.....	Intimate that the services of Assistant Surgeon Walter have been placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government.
57	Officiating Sessions Judge of Tinnevelly.	5th Nov.....	Reports the committal to Jail of a criminal lunatic named Aroonachellum, and submits a letter from the Principal Sudr Ameen and the Medical Officer's opinion, with the report of trial.
58	Order thereon.....	26th Nov.....	Direct the Sessions Judge to ascertain whether the Lunatic's relatives will take charge of him, &c.
59	Magistrate of Tinnevelly....	14th Nov.....	Reports that seven of the 10 remaining persons charged with riot in Tinnevelly Town, who absconded, have surrendered themselves, &c.
60	Order thereon.....	26th Nov.....	Direct them to be released and their property relieved from attachment, with a caution.
61	Commissioner of North Canara.	12th Nov.....	Submits copy of 2 sentences (one of death) passed by him on a Bund Prisoner, and translations of depositions, with his remarks.
62	Minute by the President.....	21st Nov.....	Approves of the sentence.
63	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	.....	Concur.
64	Minute by the Honorable W. Elliot.	21st Nov...	
65	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	.....	
66	Order thereon.....	26th Nov.....	Approve of the sentence and direct it to be carried into execution.
67	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 24 of 1859.)	1859. 20th Oct.....	Intimates that 100 copies, Clarke's code of Regulations and Acts will be forwarded by an early opportunity.
68	Order thereon.....	28th Nov.....	Communicated to the Board of Examiners.
69	Sir A. Grant, Bart., Waltair.	6th Nov.....	Explains his reasons for having addressed the Magistrate of Vizagapatam on the mode of the murderer Murád Khán's confinement, and submits that he was not only entitled but was in duty bound to draw Mr. Thornhill's attention to the matter. Brings to notice the laxity of the arrangements and the apathy which has characterized the investigation into the case as far as the local authorities are concerned, and complains that no proper steps were taken by them to obtain conviction.
70	Minute by the President...	16th Nov.....	Does not think that Sir A. Grant is to be blamed for feeling strongly, or for expressing himself openly. Observes that the circumstances of a murderer being confined in a private house was owing to the unsafe state of the Jail. Is of opinion there is nothing which calls for the interference of Government.
71	Minute by the Honorable Walter Elliot.	—November..	The ends of justice having been accomplished, concurs with the President.
72	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	18th Nov	Is of opinion that the Magistrate should submit a full explanation of the reasons why the Prisoner was kept at the late Captain Leycester's house, for if the Jail were unsafe, some other more fitting places might have been found.
73	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	—November..	Concur with Mr. Morehead.
74	Minute by the President....	25th Nov.....	
75	Order thereon.....	28th Nov.....	An Extract from Sir A. Grant's letter forwarded to Mr. Thornhill, with directions to furnish full explanation of the arrangements made for the custody of Murád Khán and his accomplices, &c.
76	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	21st Nov.....	Referring, for orders, Estimates for the purchase of 4 rice godowns on the North beach, on the site of which it is proposed to build a Police Tannah and Inspector's Quarters, submitted by the Civil Architect for entry in Budget Statement, No. 2, for 1860-61.
77	Order thereon.	29th Nov.....	Await a reply from the Commissioner of Police to a reference made to him in Order, 13th September, No. 1235. Observe that the Estimates may be included in the Budget.
78	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	23rd Nov.	Communicating Orders issued to the Chief Engineer for providing funds for the Utakamund Jail.
79	Order thereon.....	29th Nov.....	Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails.

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