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No. 44. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 31st October 1860, No. 1,058.

I have the honor to submit the Return of Gang and Highway Robbery for the 1st half-year of 1860.

2. I must apologize for the great delay which has occurred. I was called to Calcutta before all the information required had been furnished. I found on my return that further inquiry and explanation were necessary; and as I have been travelling ever since, I have been unable to observe the punctuality that I could have wished. This will not occur again.

3. GANG ROBBERY.—The Return of Gang Robbery shows on the whole, a slight increase. The Northern *Circars* have not been so free from crime as usual. In Cuddapah, the increase has been very significant; the prospect of a bad season and want of rain have pressed heavily on the Ceded Districts. In North Arcot, Chingleput, and South Arcot, there has been a marked decrease of Gang Robbery. In the former some very successful operations on the part of the Police in regard to the detection of this crime, will, I hope, cause a still further reduction during the current half-year. The large increase in Tanjore has caused me serious anxiety. The new Police came into operation quite at the latter end of the half-year under review, and the result of inquiry recently made by me on the spot, enables me to promise marked improvement in the Returns of the current half-year. In Malabar and Canara, we have improvement.

4. I am satisfied that the extending action of the New Police will gradually arrest this most baneful scourge of certain Districts.

5. HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—In the crime of Highway Robbery likewise, there is an increase. This is most marked in Kurnool (not then under the new Police), in North Arcot and in Coimbatore (then very partially under the New Police). I premise that my experience leads me to distrust all Returns not obtained under the new system, and even *we* do not hear of every case. The crime is practised in *Ghauts* and in out-of-the-way places. It is generally committed on wayfarers who are tempted to pass on their journey, and the occurrence is not heard of. The special attention of the New Police is turned in securing the safety of the highways; and we are grappling with the offence in earnest in North Arcot, and with some success; but it is a very difficult crime to put down and one which will only gradually be eradicated.

6. The operations of Police under both heads continued unsatisfactory, but there has been no marked falling off. I am in hopes that the transition state is passing over in several Districts with a promise of improvement.

Statement showing the number of cases of Gang Robbery committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the six months, from 1st Jan. to 30th June 1860.

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.			Operation of Police in regard to cases occurring prior to the half-year under report.				Remarks.
		No. of cases.	Value of property said to have been stolen.		No. of cases.	No. of cases in columns 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 parties 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
			Rs.								Rs.							
Ganjam	Gang Robbery.	4	63	6 0	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Vizagapatam		1	10,000	0 0	...	1	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Godaveri District		...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Kristna District		...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43 14 0	
Cuddapah		31	4,661	3 5	25	56	29	182	...	...	173	8 6		7	48	...	...	
Bellary		29	18,769	0 0	7	36	9	63	1	1	...	...	...	3	8	1	...	
Kurnool		3	1,813	13 0	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	
Nellore		23	1,480	14 12	2	27	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	
Chingleput		1	15,466	8 0	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North Arcot		26	21,383	4 5	2	28	6	66	...	...	299	12 11		6	36	23	342 4 2	
South Arcot		21	3,309	4 8	...	21	4	16	2	4	68	1 8		1	9	6	130 7 9	
Salem		53	13,020	0 0	2	57	19	112	1	1	262	0 0		7	70	6	357 0 0	
Coimbatore		22	2,692	0 8	1	25	10	52	1	1	40	8 0		...	...	...	...	
Trichinopoly		11	10,168	11 0	3	14	5	17	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	
Tanjore		22	7,835	9 0	4	26	5	34	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	
Madura		9	4,337	2 10	...	9	2	31	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	
Tinnevelly		3	2,113	14 10	...	3	2	8	1	1	4	0 0		2	9	1	4 0 0	
Malabar		6	6,626	13 5	...	8	2	52	3	7	2,702	12 10		...	...	...	...	
North Canara		2	197	12 0	...	2	2	8	2	8	197	12 0		...	...	...	...	
South Canara		11	3,188	0 1	...	11	6	51	...	...	84	10 6		...	...	...	...	
Total		289	1,27,127	5 6	46	335	112	717	12	24	3,833	2 5		32	191	38	877 9 11	

Statement showing the number of cases of Highway Robbery committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts, during the six months, from 1st January to 30th June 1860.

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.			Operation of Police in regard to cases occurring prior to the half-year under report.				Remarks.
		No. of cases.	Value of property said to have been stolen.		No. of cases.	No. of cases in columns 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	15
			Rs.								Rs.							
Ganjam	Highway Robbery.	12	107	3 0	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	
Vizagapatam		4	4,932	13 0	...	4	1	6	1	2	2,258	4 0		1	4	...	182 14 0	
Godavery District		4	98	12 8	...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Kristna District		3	709	6 0	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cuddapah		36	4,920	0 2	5	41	26	122	...	...	79	2 2		3	38	...	...	
Bellary		31	1,706	0 0	4	35	11	35	2	2	...	...	...	2	10	1	...	
Kurnool		21	1,343	0 4	1	25	15	43	4	6	125	2 0		2	5	...	3 4 0	
Nellore		27	1,840	1 3	10	37	7	17	...	...	36	0 0		...	...	...	...	
Chingleput		2	187	2 0	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North Arcot		57	4,788	7 11	3	60	9	29	5	12	41	5 9		2	10	13	1 12 1	
South Arcot		21	190	11 2	1	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Salem		52	1,489	0 0	5	57	23	87	2	3	48	0 0		3	13	7	25 0 0	
Coimbatore		31	2,764	0 11	...	31	16	58	...	...	24	14 2		1	...	...	...	
Trichinopoly		11	652	5 0	...	11	7	20	3	8	18	12 0		2	4	...	...	
Tanjore		6	330	0 3	1	7	3	10	1	2	11	12 0		...	...	...	...	
Madura		3	113	2 8	...	3	1	1	...	...	30	0 0		...	...	...	...	
Tinnevelly		3	622	9 2	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Malabar		2	3	11 2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North Canara		2	53	12 0	...	2	1	3	...	...	35	12 0		...	...	...	...	
South Canara		1	107	14 0	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total		332	26,960	1 1	30	362	123	438	18	35	2,609	0 1		17	93	21	212 14 1	

Comparative Statement of Gang and Highway Robberies in the Districts under the Madras Presidency during the 2nd Half-year 1859 *and 1st Half-year* 1860.

	Gang Robbery.								Highway Robbery.							
	2nd half-year 1859.		1st half-year 1860.		Increase.		Decrease.		2nd half-year 1859.		1st half-year 1860.		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	...	...	4	63 6 0	4	63 6 0			...	...	10	202 1 0				194 14 0
Vizagapatam	...	...	1	10,000 0 0	1	10,000 0 0			...	...	7	231 1 9				... ...
Godavery District	...	...	...	... ...	...	... ...			...	...	...	... ...				... ...
Kristna District	2	203 7 0	...	... ...	...	... ...	2	203 7 0	...	...	8	98 12 8				98 12 8
Cuddapah	36	8,804 6 0	59	4,661 3 5	23	4,701 11 8		4,143 2 7	43	5,198 9 5	46	5,198 9 5	3	98 12 8		
Bellary	28	25,591 8 0	35	18,769 0 0	8	98 12 8		6,822 8 0	37	1,640 2 0	57	1,706 0 0	20	610 10 0		
Kurnool	4	561 5 2	3	1,813 13 0	1	1,252 7 10	1	4,896 2 2	16	209 14 2	25	1,343 0 4	9	1,133 2 2		
Nellore	27	6,377 0 4	27	1,480 14 2			3	4,896 2 2	39	2,076 9 6	37	1,810 1 3				236 8 3
Chingleput	4	5,920 0 9	1	15,464 8 0	9,516 7 3		3	981 14 3	8	691 14 6	2	187 2 0				504 12 9
North Arcot	41	26,373 9 1	28	21,383 4 5			13	4,990 4 8	42	1,977 8 1	60	4,788 7 11	18	2,810 15 10	8	1,013 1 0
South Arcot	25	1,983 13 5	21	3,309 4 8	7	9,493 0 0			30	1,223 12 2	22	190 11 2				
Salem	50	3,527 0 4	57	13,020 0 3			3	981 14 3	42	1,128 0 0	57	1,489 0 15	15	361 0 0		
Coimbatore	28	3,676 14 11	25	2,602 3 8					27	919 13 3	31	2,764 0 11	4	1,814 5 0		
Trichinopoly	25	3,050 7 0	14	10,168 11 0	7,118 4 0		11	4,611 3 0	8	514 4 6	11	652 5 6	3	138 1 0		
Tanjore	7	6,065 6 0	29	7,835 8 0	1,770 3 0		6	1,418 4 2	11	324 11 1	8	330 0 3		514 4 1		
Madura	15	5,755 7 0	9	4,337 2 10		2,078 6 10			6	3,960 7 0	5	115 2 9				3,847 4 4
Tinnevelly	3	35 8 0	3	2,113 14 10		6,304 13 7	4			216 10 0		622 3 11		377 15 2		
Malabar	12	1,321 15 10	8	6,623 12 5		603 11 8	9			... ...		311 7 2		311 7 7		
North Canara	22	2,692 0 5	15	3,385 12 1					18	161 10 0	2	143 2 10				
South Canara																
Total	329	1,01,229 13 3	335	1,27,127 5 6	62	48,616 3 1	56	23,458 10 10	310	20,802 0 2	362	26,960 1 6	76	12,263 2 6	22	6,103 1 7
Net					6	25,187 8 3								6,158 0 1		

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of M. Police.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF MADRAS POLICE,
September 1860.

Comparative Statement showing the state of Crime, &c., in the 20 Districts of the Madras Presidency, during the last five years.

	Crime.	Number of Cases committed and attempted.	Amount of property said to have been stolen.	Proportion of stolen property recovered.	Per centage of property recovered on loss.	Number of parties convicted.
			Rs.	Rs.		
1855...	Gang and Highway Robbery.	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 0 0	21,477 2 9	5·31	398
1859...	Do...	1,380	2,98,890 0 11	21,887 15 6	7·32	241
Average...	.....	1,880	.....	.....	4·71	482

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Madras Police.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1860, No. 1,605.

1. The returns of Gang and Highway Roberies for the first half-year of 1860, show, on the whole, an increase of crime.

2. In Cuddapah Gang Robberies were very prevalent, owing, Mr. Robinson thinks, to the bad prospects of the season. In Tanjore Gang Robberies, and in North Arcot, Kurnool and Coimbatore, Highway Robberies, were more numerous than during the previous half-year. Salem appears to be, still, of all the Districts, the most fruitful in crime.

3. On the other hand, improvement, more or less marked, is visible in Malabar, Canara, South Arcot and Chingleput.

4. It is to be hoped the development of the system will shortly bring about an improvement in regard both to the prevention and detection of crime.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Dept.

From the Inspector General of Madras Police dated 31st Octr 1860

Order thereon 6 December 1860. No 1605

1. The returns of Gang and Highway Robberies for the first half-year of 1860 show, an increase of 2 cases, an increase of crime.

2. In Cuddapah Gang Robberies were very prevalent, owing to the bad prospects of the season. In Tanjore Gang. Robberies, and in N. Arcot, Kurnool and Coimbatore

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