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No. 14. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mofussil Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mangalore, 17th March 1860.

1. I have the honor to submit herewith the returns of Gang and Highway Robbery for the 2nd half of the year 1859.

2. GANG ROBBERY.—There is a very marked improvement in regard to Gang Robbery in the out-turn of the half-year under report, as compared with the first 6 months of the same year: and a still more favorable result is obtained when it is compared with the corresponding half-year of 1858.

1859.	*No. of cases.*	*Amount of property.*
2nd half-year...	329	1,01,940
1st ,, ...	427	1,49,882
1858.		
2nd half-year...	533	1,63,201

3. The Districts in which this improvement is conspicuous are Bellary, North Arcot, Coimbatore, and Tinnevelly. The Districts of Trichinopoly and Malabar shew large increase of crime under this head.

4. The operations of the Police are still most unsatisfactory. In 19 cases (out of 329) only were convictions (of 82 individuals) obtained. About 10 per cent (11,075 Rupees) only of the property lost was recovered, and of this sum the greater portion (7,965 Rupees) was recovered in one District, North Arcot.

5. HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—There has been an increase in the prevalence of Highway Robbery during the half-year under review as compared with the 1st half of the same year; but as compared with the corresponding half-year of 1858 the result is favorable.

1859.	*No. of cases.*	*Amount of property.*
2nd half-year...	340	20,802
1st ,, ...	284	26,266
1858.		
2nd half-year...	413	28,196

6. The Districts in which an increase is observed are North Arcot, Salem and Coimbatore. With regard to this crime I must express a conviction that it is far more prevalent than any of these returns show, that few of our public roads are now any thing like safe, and that the vigilance of the Police will, while gradually working out the safety of the thoroughfares, likewise, for a time cause an increase of this crime to appear in these returns. More cases will be heard of by a patrolling Police. I have found this to be the case in North Arcot, and it is to this circumstance that I attribute the apparent increase of this crime in that District.

7. The general out-turn of the year 1859 contrasts as regards both these crimes very favorably with former years, as shewn in the Statement appended to the return. The year was a prosperous one.

	No. of cases.	*Amount of property.*
Annual average for 4 years 1855-58.....	2007	3,74,790
Out-turn of 1859. ...	1380	2,98,890

Districts

Statement showing the number of cases of Gang Robbery committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts during the six months from 1st July to 31st December 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 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 & 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
Ganjam	Gang Robbery.	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	
Vizagapatam		...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	
Godavery District		...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	
Kristna District		2	203 7 0	...	2	1	6	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	
Cuddapah		17	8,804 6 0	19	36	11	89	...	...	177 5 0	10	67	...	109 2 0	
Bellari		26	25,591 8 0	2	28	12	82	1	1	... ...	.....	...	...	...	
Kurnool		4	561 5 2	...	4	3	21	1	2	11 4 0	1	7	...	0 8 0	
Nellore		25	6,377 0 4	2	27	10	115	...	...	329 5 2	1	3	1	31 8 0	
Chingleput		4	5,920 0 9	...	4	2	27	2	27	... ...	2	27	17	285 12 0	
North Arcot		32	26,373 9 1	9	41	8	35	1	1	7,965 5 0	3	17	10	38 3 10	
South Arcot		24	1,983 13 9	1	25	4	10	2	5	18 0 6	.....	...	...	...	
Salem		47	3,527 0 0	3	50	19	96	...	...	290 8 0	2	26	4	...	
Coimbatore		28	3,676 14 11	...	28	13	85	2	5	596 2 10	3	3	...	85 5 0	
Trichinopoly		23	3,050 7 0	2	25	11	62	1	4	286 13 0	3	3	...	...	
Tanjore		5	6,065 6 0	2	7	2	18	...	...	... ...	.....	...	...	...	
Madura		14	5,755 7 0	1	15	8	42	...	...	143 8 0	1	2	2	...	
Tinnevelly		2	35 8 0	1	3	2	7	1	6	... ...	16	71	6	...	
Malabar		12	1,321 15 10	...	12	10	64	4	14	197 8 8	1	2	...	...	
North Canara / South Canara		21	2,692 0 5	1	22	13	75	4	17	1,059 2 3	5	52	...	34 1 2	
		286	101,939 13 3	43	329	129	834	19	82	11,074 14 5	48	280	40	584 8 0	

Statement showing the number of cases of Highway Robbery committed or attempted in the undermentioned Districts during the six months from 1st July to 31st December 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 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 & 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
Ganjam	Highway Robbery.	10	302 1 0	...	10	2	5	1	2	.....	...	...	...	...	
Vizagapatam		7	231 1 9	...	7	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	
Godavery District		...	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	
Kristna District		7	98 12 0	1	8	1	2	1	2	... ...	...	...	...	...	
Cuddapah		39	5,198 9 5	4	43	16	61	...	...	544 4 5	4	14	...	...	
Bellari		35	1,640 2 0	2	37	15	43	2	6	.....	2	14	...	...	
Kurnool		16	209 14 2	...	16	11	29	2	3	6 1 6	...	...	...	...	
Nellore		34	2,076 9 6	2	36	12	37	2	8	12 14 1	3	6	3	33 4 0	
Chingleput		8	691 14 9	...	8	1	2	1	2	.....	...	...	2	...	
North Arcot		40	1,977 8 1	2	42	6	10	2	3	13 13 6	1	1	1	...	
South Arcot		29	1,233 12 2	1	30	2	10	...	...	2 1 0	...	...	...	...	
Salem		41	1,128 0 0	1	42	18	66	...	...	23 12 0	1	8	7	70 2 5	
Coimbatore		26	949 13 3	1	27	18	89	1	3	30 7 0	...	...	...	...	
Trichinopoly		8	514 4 0	...	8	5	14	1	1	14 6 0	...	...	...	...	
Tanjore		8	324 1 11	...	8	4	20	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	
Madura		11	3,960 7 0	...	11	7	33	...	...	1 5 9	...	...	...	...	
Tinnevelly		6	246 10 0	...	6	1	2	...	...	8 0 0	6	10	...	...	
Malabar		...	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	
North Canara / South Canara		1	18 7 2	...	1	1	4	1	4	18 7 2	...	...	...	...	
		326	20,802 0 2	14	340	120	427	14	34	675 8 5	17	53	13	103 6 5	

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

Districts.	Gang Robbery.												Highway Robbery.											
	1st half-year 1859.		2nd half-year 1859.		Increase.		Decrease.		1st half-year 1859		2nd half-year 1859		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Cases attempted & 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 0	...	...	...	...	2	24 11 0	5	20 8 0	10	302 1 0	5	281 9 0	...	...
Vizagapatam... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21 15 10	7	231 1 9	6	209 1 11	...	...
Godavery District.	1	2,738 8 0	...	...	...	...	1	2,738 8 0	4	53 14 0	...	...	...	...	4	53 14 0
Kristna District...	4	100 12 6	2	203 7 0	...	102 10 6	2	... ...	10	172 5 5	8	98 12 0	...	...	2	73 9 5
Cuddapah..... ...	38	12,167 15 1	36	8,804 6 0	...	...	2	3,363 9 1	39	7,989 11 4	43	5,198 9 5	4	...	...	2,791 1 11
Bellari..... ...	53	6,023 13 0	28	25,591 8 0	...	19,567 11 0	25	... ...	34	3,942 4 0	37	1,640 2 0	3	...	...	2,302 2 0
Kurnool..... ...	5	8,134 4 10	4	561 5 2	...	...	1	7,572 15 8	10	796 14 8	16	209 14 0	6	...	...	587 0 6
Nellore..... ...	28	7,488 5 9	27	6,377 0 4	...	...	1	1,111 5 5	39	3,001 8 6	36	2,076 9 6	...	...	3	924 15 0
Chingleput... ...	3	321 9 4	4	5,920 0 9	1	5,598 7 5	...	... ...	6	833 6 3	8	691 14 9	2	...	...	141 7 6
North Arcot... ...	55	62,331 9 7	41	26,373 9 1	...	...	14	35,958 0 6	31	2,532 14 8	42	1,977 8 1	11	...	...	555 6 7
South Arcot... ...	29	2,126 5 9	25	1,983 13 9	...	...	4	142 8 0	29	1,054 2 2	30	1,233 12 2	1	179 10 0	...	...
Salem...	58	15,679 0 0	50	3,527 0 0	...	...	8	12,152 0 0	27	3,359 0 0	42	1,128 0 0	15	...	...	2,231 0 0
Coimbatore... ...	51	6,947 5 4	28	3,676 14 11	...	...	23	3,270 6 5	13	288 2 3	27	949 13 3	14	661 11 0	...	...
Trichinopoly... ...	19	4,460 3 0	25	3,050 7 0	6	...	...	1,409 12 0	6	498 15 9	8	514 4 0	2	15 4 3	...	...
Tanjore..... ...	11	13,483 6 4	7	6,065 6 0	...	...	4	7,418 0 4	5	272 6 0	8	324 1 11	3	51 11 11	...	...
Madura..... ...	15	3,538 0 0	15	5,755 7 0	...	2,217 7 0	...	... ...	11	389 6 4	11	3,960 7 0	...	3,571 0 8	...	...
Tinnevelly... ...	23	1,471 15 0	3	35 8 0	...	...	20	1,436 7 0	11	1,015 11 9	6	246 10 0	...	...	5	769 1 9
Malabar... ...	5	299 10 11	12	1,321 15 10	7	1,022 4 11	..	... ...	...	... ...	...	... ...	...	... ...	...	... ...
North Canara...) South Canara...)	27	2,544 6 2	22	2,692 0 5	...	147 10 3	5	 2	3	23 3 0	1	18 7 2	...	... ...	2	4 11 10
Total.....	427	1,49,881 13 7	329	1,01,939 13 3	14	28,656 3 1	112	76,598 3 5	284	26,266 5 11	340	20,802 0 2	72	4,970 0 9	16	10,434 6 6
Net.....	...	... ...	...	... ...	...	... ...	98	47,942 0 4	...	... ...	...	... ...	56	.. ..	...	5,464 5 9

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF MOFUSSIL POLICE,
MADRAS, *March* 1860.

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

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.
1855	Gang and Highway Robbery.	2302	2,72,643 0 0	7,708 0 0	282	637
1856	Do.	1907	2,96,644 0 0	19,173 0 0	646	430
1857	Do.	1833	5,25,546 0 0	14,496 0 0	275	706
1858	Do.	1982	4,04,325 0 0	21,477 2 9	531	398
1859	Do.	1380	2,98,890 0 11	21,887 15 6	732	241

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

ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1860, No. 548.

No. 15.

1. With this letter the Inspector General of Mofussil Police submits his returns of Gang and Highway Robberies for the 2nd half of 1859.

2. The results appear on the whole to be satisfactory, and call for little remark.

3. Gang Robbery has decreased during the period under review, and it is gratifying to observe that this is peculiarly the case in Districts where this species of crime has hitherto been prevalent. The Governor in Council cannot regard, without concern, the unsatisfactory state of the Police in the Bellary District. 26 Gang and 35 Highway Robberies, or 61 in all, have occurred during the half-year, and property valued at Rupees 27,231 has been stolen; in no single case of the 61 does any property appear to have been recovered, and only one conviction was obtained.

4. The Statement shows an increase in the number of Highway Robberies. The Government are satisfied that Mr. Robinson is right in anticipating that the development of the Police system and its gradually increasing efficiency will bring to light many cases which would otherwise have remained unknown and unrecorded, and that the returns will thus for a time exhibit an apparent augmentation of crime.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

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Read the following letter

from the Inspector General

of Municipal Police dated

13th March 1860 -

Order thereon 2d May 1860 No. 648 -

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2. The results appear on the whole to be satisfactory, and call for little remark.

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where this species of crime has hitherto been prevalent. The Govern in Council cannot regard, without concern, the unsatisfactory State of the police in the Bekasy District. 26 Gang and 35 High-way Robberies, or 61 in all, have occurred during the half-year, and ~~in not one of~~ ~~five of these does any~~ ~~proper~~ property valued at Rs.27,231 has been stolen, in no single case of the 61 does any property appear to have been recovered, and only one conviction was obtained -

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Inspector General of Police

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