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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th July 1860.*

No. 119. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police, dated 30th April 1860, No. 44.*

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1860, No. 908.

The Commissioner of Police submits tabular Statements illustrating the operations of the Police and Magistracy, and the state of crime in the town of Madras during 1859; also returns of inquests and deaths.

2. The tabular Statements submitted by the several Magistrates of cases brought before them during the year exhibit the same information, and the classification is, in all material respects, the same; but as it is desirable that the Returns should be uniform, the Government direct that the following instructions be in future observed.

3. For the Statements (1) of cases committed and (2) of committable cases in which the prisoners were discharged, the forms D and E in use in the Town Police Court will be adopted generally. The Statement of cases summarily disposed of should for all the Police Courts be in the form A of the Town Police Court, but the column headed "total number of persons" should follow that exhibiting the number of cases, and it seems necessary that an additional column should be opened for the "number of persons convicted and sentenced to simple imprisonment." The above Statements will be

1. Statement of cases summarily disposed of.
2. Statement of cases committed.
3. Statement of committable cases in which the prisoners were discharged.

also be numbered. The Magistrate of the Town Police Court will continue to submit Statements (to be numbered 4 and 5) of cases

disposed of under the Boat and Merchant Shipping Acts. In submitting his report the Commissioner should letter all the enclosures consecutively.

Cases in 1859.....	23,123
„ 1858.....	17,753
Excess...	5,370

4. The excess in the number of cases sent up for trial during the year under review is attributed to the large number of common nuisance cases and of cases of breach of discipline brought against the Police officers. Offences of a heinous nature, it is gratifying to learn, were very few in number. Kidnapping of children, however, was carried on to some extent, and 7 cases under this head were committed to the Sessions.

5. With reference to the return of Inquests, the Commissioner calls special attention to the large number of deaths resulting from injuries received in public thoroughfares. The Commissioner will be informed that copy of his letter of the 31st May 1859 has been furnished to the Member for Madras of the Legislative Council, together with the opinion of the Advocate General thereon, and further that the Government have recently, 20th Ultimo, requested that the Bill for the amendment of Act XIII, 1856, be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible.

6. According to the Mortuary Return for the year, the number of deaths within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court was 10,266, of which 1,061, or 10 per cent., were from cholera alone. The mortality from this disease occurred chiefly in the 1st quarter of the year. The Government request to be furnished in due course with a report of the result of the measures taken by the Municipal Commissioners to obtain information as to the number of "Christians, Hindus and Mussulmen" residing in Madras and its suburbs.

7. Paragraph 14 of the Commissioner's letter and the statement referred to in it, relate to the Marine Police. The information furnished, does not satisfy the requisition in paragraph 6

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