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No. 180. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mufassal Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th July 1860, No. 558.

I have the honor to report that the Police had to put down a riot at Arcot, on Monday last, the 16th instant.

2. The Magistrate has resolved that the contending Hindu factions, Right and Left hand Castes, of Arcot shall not be permitted to interfere with each other's processions. He ordered that the right of Her Majesty's subjects to the free use of the public streets was to be asserted on the occasion of a feast which occurred in that Town on Monday last.

3. The Police was at hand to give effect to this resolution. The Superintendent went to the place; but he left the actual duty of maintaining the peace to Lieutenant Gordon and his Constables.

4. The row was a premeditated outrage. The right hand caste men hired a large body of the low Pariah coolies of the place to attack the opposite party and the Police with sticks and stones. The Police had to disperse this rabble with their batons; and they did it effectually. Two Constables were seriously hurt and several of the mob were knocked down; but the ascendancy of law and order was thoroughly established. The matter is now judicially before the Magistracy.

5. I may at the same time mention that similar occurrences have taken place at Tanjore, when the ruffians hired by the right hand caste men to attack the left hand marriage processions have been vigorously dealt with by the Police.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1860, No. 944.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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