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6th August 1862.

No. 48. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tranquebar, 23rd July 1862, No. 1,642.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, two Statements of the Criminal Processes issued by Magistrates of all grades and executed by the Police during the official year last passed in 15 Districts, in which the Constabulary arrangements had been completed or were nearly completed at the commencement of the year, or in which Police operations had been well advanced during the year.

2. The Criminal Processes issued by the European Magistrates were in the proportion of 1 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ of those issued by Native Magistrates. The great bulk of the Criminal work of the country is transacted in the Native Sub-Magistrate's Office.

3. Statement A shows the Processes issued in grave cases; in other words, the Processes issued in the Criminal cases properly so called of the country.

4. Statement B shows the number of Criminal Processes issued in petty cases; including assault, abusive language, trespass, and the like; the bulk of which should be dealt with by the village authorities.

	No. of Processes.	Parties.
Warrants.. .. .	5,359	19,562
Summons	10,066	53,448
Total.....	15,425	53,010

5. Statement A shows that 15,425 Processes were executed by the Police in 15 Districts in Criminal cases properly so called; that 19,562 persons were arrested, and 32,448 persons brought up by summons. Thus on the average, one in every 302 of the population had on some occasion attended at some Magis-

terial Courts with reference to the prosecution of crime. In Coimbatore and South Arcot this average was greatly exceeded, and the loss and annoyance to the public proportionately. But on the whole the crime of the country does not occupy an undue portion of the time of the Public Officers, whether Police or Magisterial; and the public is not largely harassed by being obliged to attend at Court.

6. I venture to solicit the attention of Government to Statement B. It shows the extent to which public time is taxed, and the people are harassed by the petty and often vexatious litigation of the country. The Police executed 107,000 Processes (17,362 being warrants of arrest) and 360,000 persons attended (62,485 being prisoners under arrest) before some Magistrate, with reference to these petty cases. And, on an average, one person in every 44 of the gross population (1 in every 7 or 8 of the male adult population) was arrested on some petty charge or required to attend as a witness.

Districts.	No. of Summons.	No. of Persons.
Chingleput... ..	5,480	17,147
South Arcot... ..	7,391	34,289
Tanjore.....	13,764	59,739
Trichinopoly... ..	5,039	26,303
Salem... ..	15,019	31,117

7. In the 5 Districts shown in the margin (specially in South Arcot and Tanjore) the last average has been greatly exceeded, and one in every 25 of the gross population has been in attendance at some Court with reference to some petty case. It will be observed that in the same District an excessive number of warrants of arrest were issued. South Arcot was

pre-eminent in this feature, 11,867 persons were arrested under 2,496 warrants. The excessive issue of Processes frequently arises, no doubt from Sub-Magistrates burdening their files with cases which the village authorities would settle far better. I have frequently urged this matter on the attention of local officers; and Magistrates are furnished every month with a return showing the number of Processes issued by each Sub-Magistrate with a view to effectual check. Great improvement has already taken place in several Districts in this regard, and village authorities are required to do their duty, to the material relief of the Police as well as of the Sub-Magistrates themselves; but I fear that room still exists for improvement in some of the Districts noted in paragraph 7.

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Statement A.									
Districts.	Population.	Grave Cases.				Total.		Proportion to Population.	Remarks.
		Warrants.		Summons.		Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.		
		No. of Pro- cesses.	No. of Per- sons.	No. of Pro- cesses.	No. of Per- sons.				
Nellore	9,58,423	257	786	931	2,919	1,188	3,705	one in 258	
Bellary... .. .	10,64,122	382	1,102	887	2,514	1,269	3,616	294	
Kurnool... .. .	6,74,048	165	567	303	1,209	468	1,776	379	
Cuddapah... .. .	10,56,860	208	659	725	2,615	933	3,304	319	
North Arcot... .. .	14,14,723	430	1,787	837	3,138	1,267	4,925	287	
Chingleput... .. .	6,49,035	165	528	192	556	357	1,084	598	
South Arcot... .. .	11,85,625	632	2,439	830	3,492	1,462	5,931	199	Obviously excessive.
Tanjore... .. .	15,80,264	316	1,028	1,007	3,406	1,323	4,434	356	
Trichinopoly... .. .	8,09,580	209	857	410	1,785	619	2,612	306	
Madura... .. .	17,91,346	329	984	1,099	3,013	1,428	3,997	448	
Salem... .. .	13,24,200	847	1,920	719	1,596	1,566	3,516	376	
Coimbatore... .. .	12,27,208	388	4,870	313	3,915	701	8,785	139	Obviously excessive
North Malabar.....	5,83,186	213	499	287	501	500	1,000	583	
South Malabar....	10,85,442	442	778	793	1,033	1,235	1,811	599	
South Canara....	6,43,602	376	758	733	1,726	1,109	2,484	259	
Total.....	160,47,664	5,359	19,562	10,066	33,418	15,425	53,010	302	

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
TRANQUERAR, 23rd July 1869.

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

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TRANQUEBAR, 23rd July 1862. (Signed) W. ROBINSON,
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Statement B.									
Districts.	Population.	Petty Cases.				Total.		Proportion to Population.	Remarks.
		Warrants.		Summons.		Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.		
		No. of Pro- cesses.	No. of Per- sons.	No. of Pro- cesses.	No. of Per- sons.				
Nellore...	9,58,423	675	2,625	4,821	15,999	5,496	one in 18,621	51	
Bellary...	10,64,122	631	2,121	3,010	9,206	3,611	11,327	93	
Kurnool...	6,74,048	467	1,796	2,074	9,212	2,541	11,038	61	
Cuddapah...	10,56,860	350	1,380	2,370	10,297	2,720	11,677	90	
North Arcot...	14,14,723	1,032	4,378	5,454	20,262	6,486	21,640	57	
Chingleput...	6,49,035	1,488	5,623	5,480	17,147	6,968	22,770	28	
South Arcot...	11,85,625	2,496	11,867	7,391	34,289	9,887	46,156	25	
Tanjore...	15,80,264	1,436	6,118	13,764	59,739	15,200	65,887	23	
Trichinopoly	8,09,580	871	4,741	5,059	26,305	5,930	31,046	26	
Madura...	17,91,346	760	2,427	7,901	23,278	8,661	25,705	69	
Salem...	13,24,200	4,048	9,023	15,019	31,117	19,067	40,100	32	
Coimbatore...	12,27,208	1,051	6,928	3,039	18,447	4,090	25,375	48	
North Malabar	5,83,186	726	1,442	4,134	6,622	4,868	8,061	72	
South Malabar	10,85,442	854	1,119	6,834	7,559	7,688	8,678	125	
South Canara	6,45,602	477	867	3,218	7,124	5,695	7,991	80	
Total...	160,47,664	17,862	62,485	89,568	2,90,633	1,06,900	3,59,118	44	
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6th August 1862.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1862, No. 1,254.

The foregoing letter and the Statements appended to it will be communicated to all Magistrates, who will be good enough to report whether any attempts have been made in their respective Districts to carry out the arrangement suggested in paragraph 7 of the Inspector General's letter of the 9th November 1860, to which reference was made in the Proceedings of Government of the 23rd idem, paragraph 3.

2. The excessive number of Processes issued in petty cases in the Districts noted in the margin of paragraph 7 of Mr. Robinson's present letter is a serious evil, and one to which the attention of the European Officers of the Magistracy should be directed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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