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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th October 1862.*

No. 230. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th September 1862, No. 2,101.

General Department.

With reference to Order of Government, dated 11th September 1862, No. 1,483, Judicial Department, referred to me, I beg to state that I would most respectfully urge the retention of a small European Force at Trichinopoly.

2. It would not perhaps be possible to point to any present cause for anxiety in the Southern Districts, or to any class of the population necessitating, as in Malabar, the presence of European Troops; but I do not think it would be either safe or expedient to denude the Southern Division of Districts, containing a population of 6,731,214, of the present scanty body of Europeans.

	Area.	Population.
Tinnevely...	5,144	1,364,399
Madura...	8,716	1,791,346
Trichinopoly...	3,097	8,09,580
Tanjore...	3,720	1,580,264
South Arcot...	4,933	1,185,625
Total...	25,610	6,731,214

3. The moral influence of a small body of Europeans at hand is important. Trichinopoly itself contains a large Mussulman population. The Tondiman's country lies adjacent, and Madura and Tinnevely contain a robust population.

4. There are 4 or 5 Native Regiments in these Districts, and they should have a few Europeans amongst them.

5. Transit of Troops has, no doubt, been facilitated by Railway communication; but so far as the Southern Division is concerned, the advantages are but partial. Much marching would fall on any European Troops speedily thrown into it to meet a sudden call.

6. Were the Europeans removed, the nearest places from which European aid could be procured would be:

Wellington, miles... 151
Bangalore, „ ... 203
Madras, „ ... 298

The facility with which the line of rail is reached from each of these places varies; but in all cases there is the march from Salem to Trichinopoly of nearly 90 miles, to be accomplished. And probably European Troops would not be thrown into Trichinopoly, on emergency, under a week. There would still be 80 miles from Madura and 180 from Palamcottah.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1862, No. 1,763.

Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to their Proceedings, 5th ultimo, No. 3,081.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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" Inspector Genl. of Police } despatched 27th