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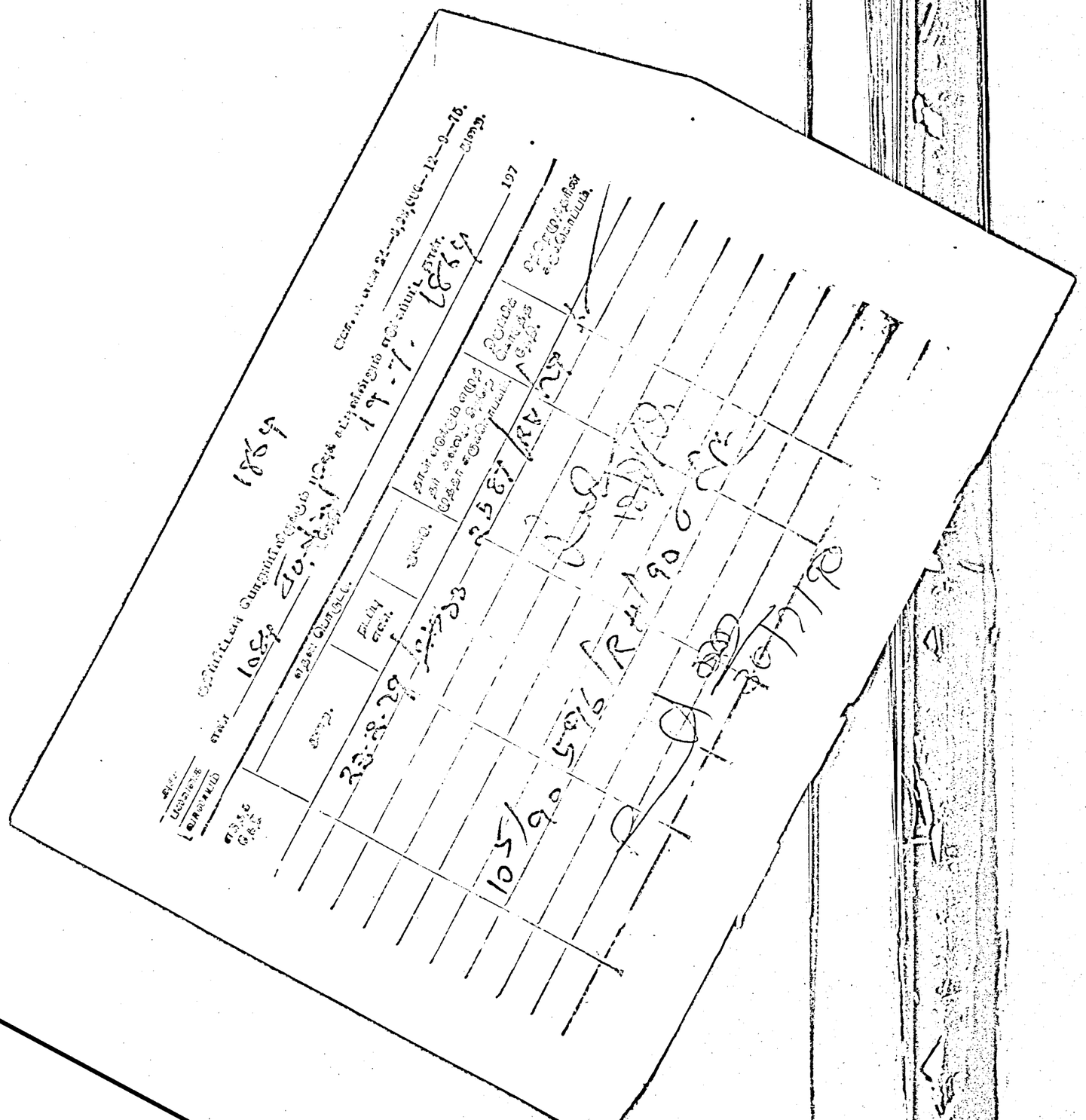
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[illegible] following letter from Reverend [illegible]
Madras Missionary Conference; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT
[illegible]overnment, Fort Saint George, dated Lond[illegible]
Armenian Str[illegible]h July 1864

[illegible] honor to bring to the notice of Government, on behalf of the Mad[illegible]
[illegible] the following Extract from the *Madras Times* newspaper

"On Sunday evening, April 3rd, the Reverend T. S. Burnell, of the American Madura Mission, went out to preach in the town of Melur, at which pla[illegible] stationed. He passed through a crowd in a narrow part of the high road, where was a temple "pusari" dancing, carrying a karagam. This is a brass vessel filled with flowers, and carried on the head. From the violent movement of the body, it would be liable to fall at any moment. It appears to have fallen when the Mi[illegible]sion[illegible]ar, though he was quite ignorant of such an occurrence. About half an h[illegible]r passing through the crowd, when speaking in a second [illegible] was set upon and beaten violently by a mob, the ringleaders asking why he had [illegible] [illegible]karagam. Besides repeated blows received, cow-dung and earth were thrown [illegible]m, his hat was knocked off, and it was only recovered with much difficulty [illegible] arrival of the Police. The violence of the mob was such that had it not [illegible]nce of a Catechist who was with him, and the timely arrival of a Chu[illegible]hoolmaster, with two of the Rever[illegible]leman's ser[illegible]uld [illegible]r. As i[illegible]marks of the [illegible]vith which he was [illegible] his person for two weeks. Protected by the Police and his [illegible] returned home. While on the way he informed the Tahsildar, a Native officer, of the attack. This person appointed the next morning for the examination of the case; but during the night went to Madura, in order, as it seemed, to evade his [illegible]. The Na[illegible]aving avoided the investigation, Mr. Burnell referred the case to the [illegible]vinge, Esq., on the 5th, and the names of 26 person[illegible]men-tion[illegible]resent in the company, many of whom were active in the assau[illegible]. [illegible]r committed the investigation to his young Assistant, Mr. Sewell, [illegible] the 14th for hearing the case at Melur. The Reverend T. S. Burnell was [illegible]swear positively to three persons who attacked and beat him[illegible] persons before spoken of were able to identify many others; and yet nineteen of the twenty-six were dismissed, with the objection that there was no evidence against them. The other men were put upon trial, and, after examination, were bound over to appear in Madura on the 18th to learn the decision of their case. This was given by a person who had previously had no part in the investigation. Mr. Nelson, the Assistant Collector, inflicted punishment as follows:—

To the first prisoner, a fine of Rupees 20.
„ second „ „ „ 10.
„ third „ one month's simple imprisonment.
„ fifth „ a fine of Rupees 10.
„ tenth „ „ „ 5.

"The nineteenth prisoner was the brother of the Tahsildar, and the testimony of credible witnesses for the prosecution was positive to his instigating to the

committal of the gross outrage; a[illegible]e escaped without the least punishme[illegible]
Madras Ti[illegible] 9th, 1864.

2. The [illegible]s Missionary Conference have been assu[illegible]y the reverend Mr. Burnell himsel[illegible]ly auth[illegible]nd they would sugges[illegible]nishment awarded to the guilty parties by th[illegible] Collector app[illegible]
fact that such slight p[illegible]obbing a E[illegible] and not of repressing, tumults among t[illegible]adras Missionary Conference, therefore, cannot refrain from [illegible]ce of Government the above case, which has caused cons[illegible]y among Missionaries but [illegible]ns generally; and they would respectfully i[illegible] whether it be not desirable that it should undergo a thorough re-investigation.

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[illegible]hton be informed that the Government cannot adm[illegible] Madras Missionary Conference, or any similar body in a matter like that referred[illegible]

2. If Mr. Burnell is di[illegible]th the proceedings of th[illegible]t or Acting Head Assistant Magi[illegible]ould apply to their official superior, the Magistrate of [illegible]

(True Extract.)

Secretary to G[illegible]t

To the Reverend J. I[illegible] Madras [illegible]ry Conference

Judicial (2) Department

No. 1423

From the Secretary of [illegible] Missionary Conferen[illegible]
[illegible] July 1864

For Orders.

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

ad Letter from the Secretary, Madras Missionary Conference. Entered 12th July '64.

Order — 19th July 1864 No. 1084.

Resolved that the Revd. Mr. Ashton is informed that the Govt. cannot admit the intervention of the Madras Missionary Conference or any similar body in a matter like that referred to in his letter.

2. If Mr. Burnett is dissatisfied with the Proceedings of the Assistant Magistrial Acting Asst. Assistant he should apply to their superior officer the Assistant Magistrate of the District.

The Revd. John P. Ashton
Secretary, Madras Missionary Conference

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Date