

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
29th November 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 246. From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Magistrate of the District; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 20th October 1864, No. 342.

I have the honor to acknowledge the G. O., Judicial No. 1382 of 20th September last. The Inspector General of Police has informed the Government that there is much laxity amongst the Magistracy in issuing warrants where summons would suffice; that the practice causes very serious annoyance to the people and extra labor to the Police; and in the list given of six notable offenders, I as Magistrate of Vizagapatam, stand first.

2. The Government have desired me to report what steps I may have taken to put a stop to this serious evil. In reply I have only to say *rego minorum*; no such evil exists. It has a place in the Inspector General's statistics, and that is all.

3. The number of "warrants issued in minor cases" throughout this District for the year 1863, is given by the Inspector General (vide Table No. 3 of his letter to Government, 4th August last, No. 1624,) at the enormous figure of 3377. On receipt of the Order of Government, I sent for the local Superintendent's monthly Returns for August, the last received; and took the first Sub-Magistrate on the list. He was credited with no less than twenty-two warrants in petty cases; but I went into the business, and the Superintendent was forced to admit that the Return should have been *blank*.

4. The explanation was that it was all owing to the carelessness of a writer in the Superintendent's Office, who had prepared the figures for August, and who had been dismissed subsequently. This of course implied that the Returns for the preceding months would be free from such mistakes; so to follow up the inquiry, I went into the figures given by the Police Office for July, and with precisely the same result; the Sub-Magistrate was credited in July with *twenty* "petty" warrants, while, poor man, he had issued none.

5. The explanation for August, I have stated, was found in the carelessness of a particular writer; but the Superintendent on looking further into the matter, is compelled to admit that it is a fault in the system of compilation. Warrants to carry out sentences are classed as "petty" warrants. Such is the admission now made; but I suspect that there are many other causes of error, and that the Returns are of no more value than so much waste paper.

* To be returned.

I enclose the correspondence,* and it will be seen that, class the warrants as

he may, in neither case has the Superintendent been enabled to declare the *totals* of his formal monthly Returns correct.

6. Tendering the foregoing explanation, I only venture to remark, in conclusion, that, as the Inspector General has lately undertaken the entire registration of Criminal statistics, some means should be devised by him of exercising a complete method of supervision over his staff of compilers, at all events in this District.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for explanation.

Fort Saint George,
1st November 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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29th November 1864.

No. 246. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to
the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort
Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd November 1864, No. 2395.

General Department.

* Dated 26th October 1864.

N.B.—The warrants were, I believe, warrants for committed.

With reference to the letter* of the
Agent of Vizagapatam, I have only to
observe that I doubt not that he is right.

2. Orders have been issued to secure more careful registration.
3. With reference to the latter part of Mr. Carmichael's letter, I will only
remark that each month a duplicate of the Return made to me is sent to each Magis-
trate, showing the Returns of each Sub-Magistrate of his District, with a special view
to his checking inaccuracies both of his Police and Sub-Magistrate.
4. I am constantly inviting examination and revision, and I am much indebted
to any Magistrate who will take the trouble to examine these matters, give instruc-
tions to their Police officers, and correct inaccuracies whether in the preparation of
the returns under consideration, criminal statistics, or any other matter connected
with the Police administration of this District. Mr. Carmichael has apparently not
used the returns.

No. 247. From Robinson, 29th November 1864, No. 1704.

The irregularities described by Mr. Carmichael in the preparation of the Returns
kept by the Superintendent of Police of Vizagapatam, are not creditable to the
Department. The Governor in Council trusts that the orders which have been
issued by the Inspector General will ensure more careful registration.

2. It is very necessary, however, that the Returns sent monthly by the Inspector
General to the several Magistrates should be carefully examined by these officers, or
by one of their Assistants.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

To all Magistrates of Districts,
the Inspector General of Police,
Magistrate of Vizagapatam,
with correspondence returned.

Ed. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Inspector General of Police } - 22nd November 1864, No. 2395

Order thereon 29 November 1864 No. 1704.

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All Magistrates of District
Inspector General of Police
In the Magistrate of Nagapala
On the 10th of February
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Statistical Returns of the
Irregularities in this camp
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