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18th January 1864.

No. 124. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Koteheri, 17th August 1863, No. 2197.

General Department.

With reference to G. O., No. 419, dated 18th March 1863, and in continuation of the Statements recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 6th August 1862, No. 1254, I have the honor to submit the Annual Return of Criminal Processes issued by the Magistracy and executed by the Police during the year 1862.

2. Statement No. 1 gives a comparative view of the number of Processes issued, and of persons required by Warrant or Summons to attend before some Magistrate's Court; distinguishing grave cases from cases of a minor character.

Grave	Cases.
1861.....	53,010
1862.....	70,248
More.....	17,238

3. There was a reasonable increase in the number of persons brought up as parties or witnesses in reference to the grave crimes and felonies of the country. Criminal business is on the increase. The proportion of convictions to arrests for the year, 529 per cent., as shown in the Administration Report, was on the whole favorable. It may, therefore, be inferred that people were not unduly harrassed, nor public time wasted in reference to the grave offences of the country.

4. One person in every 283 persons of the population attended some Court with reference to the prosecution of Crime. In 1861 the proportion was one to 302.

5. It is obvious that in some Districts the Warrant is used without sufficient consideration. Warrants issue where Summons should suffice. The larger proportion of persons required to attend before Courts in Criminal cases are of course witnesses: these should be brought up by Summons or recognizance; but the marginal statement shows in certain Districts too great a proportion of persons arrested to persons summoned. It is to be hoped that Act I of 1863 will enable District Magistrates to repress any lingering disregard of the liberty of the persons which has so long marked the administration of justice by the subordinate Magistracy in this country.

Districts.	Persons.	
	Arrested.	Summoned.
North Arcot.....	1644	2974
Madras.....	476	297
South Arcot.....	2535	3175
Trichinopoly.....	873	1476
Salem.....	2415	2100

6. MINOR CASES.—A marked improvement is taking place in most Districts in regard to the number of persons brought up before the Magistracy in Minor cases. There was a decrease of 50,077 in the number of persons brought up in these cases during the year. And the proportion to the population of such persons, which in 1861, was one in 44, was in 1862 one in 61. However, much remains to be done. Nearly 400,000 persons were brought up.

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7. The proportion of persons brought up to the population of each District for the two years under comparison is shown in the margin. Of the five Districts specially noticed in G. O. No. 1254, dated 6th August 1862, two remain much as they were, Madras and South Arcot; the latter being as heretofore the lowest in the scale in every respect. The largest number of persons was had up in the District of South Arcot, viz., 38,625. The attention of the Magistrate was requested to the fact that the Sub-Magistrate of Porto Novo issued Processes against 202 persons in four days. He replied that the result of inquiry showed that this conduct was not unreasonable. In South Arcot 2796 Warrants were issued for the arrest of 9580 in these cases, and 29,045 persons were summoned by 9953 Processes. In Tanjore the improvement has been remarkable.

Districts.	Proportion to Population.	
	In 1861.	In 1862.
Nellore...	One in 51	One in 47
Bellary...	93	78
Kurnool...	61	66
Cuddapah...	90	93
North Arcot...	57	83
Madras...	28	32
South Arcot...	25	29
Tanjore...	23	44
Trichinopoly...	26	42
Madura...	69	61
Salem...	32	41
Coimbatore...	48	62
Malabar...	98	91
Canara...	80	96

N. B.—The four Districts of the Northern Circars had not been taken up in 1861.

8. Considerable difficulty is still experienced in inducing Sub-Magistrates to give the Police the means of executing the summons legally. They enter the names of several persons in one Process. This Process cannot of course be served on all as laid down by Law, which requires that the Process be left with the person summoned. 382,370 persons were summoned by 184,202 Processes. Such irregularity on the part of the Court issuing the Process, will render the penal provisions of Act I of 1863 futile. Salem, Malabar, and Canara were the only exceptions as regards this confusion.

No. 1.

Comparative Statement of Warrants and Summons during the year 1861 and 1862.

Districts.	Population.	Grave cases.						Minor cases.					
		1861.		1862.		Increase.		1861.		1862.		Increase.	
		Total number of Processes.	Total number of Persons.	Total number of Processes.	Total number of Persons.	Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.	Total number of Processes.	Total number of Persons.	Total number of Processes.	Total number of Persons.	Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.
Ganjam.	1,136,926	...	...	1335	2005	...	...	...	...	9521	12,749	...	...
Vizagapatam.	1,715,652	...	...	577	1721	...	...	...	...	5685	23,357	...	...
Godavery.	1,366,831	...	...	1972	4448	...	...	...	...	7243	16,840	...	...
Krishna.	1,194,421	...	...	627	1809	...	...	...	...	5930	18,796	...	...
Nellore.	999,254	...	...	1767	4128	579	423	...	...	10,440	20,915	4944	2291
Kurnool.	725,768	...	...	1373	3702	905	1926	...	...	3033	11,093	492	55
Bellary.	1,234,674	...	...	1758	4226	469	610	...	...	6153	15,689	2512	4362
Cuddapah.	1,050,104	...	...	876	2976	...	...	...	...	3032	11,234	302	...
North Arcot.	1,654,557	...	...	1994	4018	727	...	...	...	7359	19,908	1073	...
Madras.	675,390	...	...	513	773	156	...	...	...	11,490	20,730	4522	...
South Arcot.	1,128,430	...	...	1902	5510	440	...	...	...	12,749	38,625	2862	...
Tanjore.	1,652,170	...	...	2401	11,394	2078	6960	...	...	36,772	...	...	...
Trichinopoly.	939,400	...	...	1278	2319	659	...	...	...	9955	30,106	3342	...
Madura.	1,856,406	...	...	3061	9081	1633	5084	...	...	10,711	30,106	2050	...
Tinnevely.	1,670,262	...	...	3879	4948	...	...	...	...	8799	12,101	...	...
Salem.	1,493,221	...	...	3514	4515	1948	999	...	...	32,114	35,585	13,047	...
Coimbatore.	1,215,930	...	...	2846	10,223	2145	1438	...	...	8840	19,430	4750	...
South Malabar.	1235	...	...	3182	3505	1947	1634	...	...	9789	10,103	2051	...
North Malabar.	1,703,081	...	...	818	995	318	...	...	...	6906	8484	2046	...
South Canara.	788,042	...	...	1892	2253	783	...	...	...	6928	8157	3233	...
Total...	24,206,509	15,425	53,010	30,155	70,248	14,787	19,134	106,930	359,118	148,911	309,041	47,226	13,120
Net of 15 Districts excluding those not occupied in 1861.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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N. B.—The District of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godavery Krishna and Tinnevely did not appear in the Return of 1861.
CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MADRAS POLICE,
17th August 1863.

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

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18th January 1864.

Return of Warrants and Summons issued in Grave cases during the year 1862. No. 2.

No. 2. Return of warrants and Summons issued in Grave cases during the year 1862.									
Districts.	Population.	Grave cases.				Total.		Proportion to Population.	
		Warrants.		Summons.		Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.		
		Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.	Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.				
Ganjam...	1,136,926	414	596	921	1409	1335	2005	567	
Vizagapatam...	1,715,652	266	854	311	867	577	1721	996	
Godavery...	1,366,831	954	1781	1018	2667	1972	4448	307	
Krishna...	1,194,421	170	476	457	1333	627	1809	660	
Nellore...	999,254	495	1271	1272	2857	1767	4128	242	
Kurnool...	725,768	372	960	1001	2742	1373	3702	196	
Bellary...	1,234,674	358	1261	1380	3165	1738	4226	292	
Cuddapah...	1,050,104	219	693	657	2283	876	2976	352	
North Arcot...	1,654,557	687	1644	1307	2974	1994	4618	358	
Madras...	675,390	290	476	223	297	513	773	873	
South Arcot...	1,128,430	783	2335	1119	3175	1902	5510	204	
Tanjore...	1,652,170	808	2514	2593	8880	3401	11,394	145	
Trichinopoly...	939,400	512	873	766	1476	1278	2349	399	
Madura...	1,856,406	733	2226	2328	6855	3061	9081	204	
Tinnevely...	1,670,262	535	805	3344	4143	3879	4948	337	
Salem...	1,493,221	1634	2415	1880	2100	3514	4515	330	
Coimbatore...	1,215,920	1178	5589	1668	4634	2846	10,223	118	
South Malabar...	1,709,081	1574	1890	2426	2610	4000	4500	379	
North Malabar...									
South Canara...	788,042	591	716	1301	1537	1892	2253	349	
Total...	24,206,509	12,573	29,375	25,972	56,004	38,545	85,379	283	
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Inspector General of Madras Police.

Return of Warrants and Summons issued in Minor cases during the year 1862. No. 3.

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Districts.	Population.	Minor cases.				Total.			Proportion to Population.
		Warrants.		Summons.		Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.		
		Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.	Number of Processes.	Number of Persons.				
Ganjam...	1,136,926	1037	1287	8484	11,462	9521	12,749	88	
Vizagapatam...	1,715,652	1505	6538	4180	16,819	5685	23,357	73	
Godavery...	1,366,831	1244	2231	5999	14,609	7243	16,840	81	
Krishna ..	1,194,421	545	2021	5385	16,775	5930	18,796	63	
Nellore...	999,254	1174	2964	9266	17,951	10,440	20,915	47	
Kurnool...	725,768	633	2150	2400	8943	3033	11,093	65	
Bellary...	1,234,674	872	2597	5281	13,092	6153	15,689	78	
Cuddapah...	1,050,104	392	1556	2630	9678	3022	11,234	93	
North Arcot...	1,654,557	1269	4170	6290	15,738	7559	19,908	83	
Madras...	675,390	2265	4611	9225	16,119	11,490	20,730	32	
South Arcot...	1,128,430	2796	9580	9953	29,045	12,749	38,625	29	
Tanjore..	1,652,170	818	2980	9137	33,792	9955	36,772	44	
Trichinopoly...	939,400	1663	4022	7609	18,188	9272	22,210	42	
Madura...	1,856,406	1488	4576	8206	25,530	10,711	30,106	61	
Tinnevely...	1,670,262	593	926	11,175	8799	32,114	35,585	41	
Salem...	1,493,221	5666	6977	26,448	15,515	8840	19,430	62	
Coimbatore...	1,215,920	1243	3915	7597	16,046	16,645	18,587	91	
South Malabar...	1,709,081	1877	2541	14,768	16,046	16,645	18,587	91	
North Malabar...									
South Canara...	788,042	779	876	6149	7281	6928	8157	96	
Total...	24,206,509	27,859	66,518	158,230	326,366	186,089	392,884	61	

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Inspector General of Madras Police.

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No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1864, No. 78.

With the foregoing letter the Inspector General of Police submitted the Annual Return of Criminal Processes issued by the Magistracy and executed by the Police during the year 1862.

2. The attention of the several Magistrates will be called to the Inspector General's remarks in paragraphs 5 and 8 of his letter, on the irregular practice which obtains in some Districts, of issuing Warrants instead of Summonses for the attendance of witnesses, and of entering the names of several persons in a single Process.

3. The large number of Processes issued in Madras and South Arcot calls for the serious attention of the Magistrates of those Districts which, in this respect, contrast very unfavorably with the rest of the Presidency.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Order thereon 18th January 1864. N^o 78.

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To the Imp. Secy. of Police
All Magistrates
The Asst. Secy. of the
High Court for information
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