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No. 21. Read the following letter from T. G. CLARKE, Esq., Magistrate of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, Town Police Court, 30th November 1866, No. 61.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1880, dated 28th instant, I have the honor to state that the Town Police Court was closed on the 22nd instant, on account of its being a Hindoo fasting day, the "Karthegay" feast. It is not included in the list of public holidays; but, at the same time, I beg to submit that, constituted as the Police Court is, it is not confined exclusively to the few Native Clerks on the Establishment, but includes also the Native Public generally, so many of whom are in daily attendance, it is meeting their convenience as much as any relaxation from the daily onerous duties of the Magistrate.

2. I beg also to submit that we have not always found it practicable to close the Court on the days authorized by Government, in consequence of having to meet the convenience of the Public, as well as to dispose of special or important cases, if then on hand.

3. During the Sessions, also, when public holidays intervene, the Court is not generally closed, lest special information be required by the Judges of the High Court, with reference to cases then under trial.

4. I also beg to add that, during the Christmas and Easter vacations, I, as Presiding Magistrate, have seldom more than two holidays, while my colleague has no more, because we feel it incumbent upon us to suit public convenience, rather than our own wishes and that our of small Establishment.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1866, No. 1906.

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(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of the Town Police Court.
" Commissioner of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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