

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Justice DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2122	Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
31st December 1867.*

No. 297. Read the following letter from the Acting Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 16th December 1867, No. 2281.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 2034, of 10th December 1867, Judicial Department, I have the honor to state that a very large number of petty cases, such as assault, nuisance, obstruction, &c., are tried daily in the Madras Town Police Courts as compared with the Magistrates' Courts in the Mofussil, and should each of these cases be entered singly in a Form B. that document will assume an inconvenient magnitude by the end of the month, and will certainly cause considerable difficulty in tabulation; whereas if the outturn of work is punctually tabulated day by day in the Magistrate's office, the labor is very much lessened. Moreover, it seems to me that labor will be increased in the Magistrate's office also by making a complete transcript of the file case by case, instead of merely tabulating the numerical results as at present. For these reasons, although the course of procedure proposed by the Magistrate of the Royapettah Police Court could doubtless be carried out, I do not recommend it as necessary or advisable. The present form of Return is prepared with ease and despatch in the Vepery Magistrate's office, and if the simple method of tabulation is not understood elsewhere, it can easily be explained.

2. The Court Inspector may no doubt usefully assist the Magistrate's Department in the preparation of its criminal statistics. There can be no objection to this.

3. With reference to the term "elaborate" I would observe that no superfluous information is required from the Magistrates, but only what is essential to a correct view of the operations of their Courts, with reference to criminal statistics.

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1867, No. 2122.

The Governor in Council concurs with the Acting Inspector General of Police in considering that it is neither necessary nor advisable to alter the form of Return in use at present in the Magistrates Courts at the Presidency for tabulating the Statistics of crime. It is observed that the Return is prepared with ease and despatch in the Court of the Vepery Magistrate.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Inspector General of Police.
" Magistrate of the Town Police Court.
" do. of the Vepery do.
" do. of the Royapettah do.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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The Foreman in Council concurs
with the Acting Inspector General
of Police that it is neither ^{inconsiderate} wise
nor advisable to alter the form
of Return in use at present in
the Magistrate's Courts at the
Presidency for tabulating the
Statistics of Crime. It is
observed that the Return is pre-
pared with care and dispatch
in the Court of the Vepery
Magistrate.

J. P. M.

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- " - Magistrate of the Town Police Court - do.
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