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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras, 26 December 1887

FROM

Colonel C. A. Porteous

Offg INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

THE Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit a brief report on the accompanying Memorandum, on the formation of a "Special Intelligence Branch" in the Police Department.

The objects of this "Special Branch" are, stated in para 3 of the Memorandum, to be twofold.

1st The collection through the ordinary channels of the Police and Magistracy of all information touching the social and political condition of the people and touching the topics, movements and wants which affect their feelings and aspirations.

IInd The establishment – as an appendage to the office of the Inspector General of Police – of an "office of Confidential record"

"record" attached to the Local Government, to which shall be communicated all information of an important character on the subjects noted above, which it may not be desirable to record or report, for orders in the ordinary official course of business - the information so communicated to be collated, examined, and submitted for orders to the proper department of the Government concerned —

Para 5 of the Memorandum enumerates the different heads of intelligence which should engage the attention of a "Special Branch Office", while para 6 considers the means through which the intelligence should be collected and admits that this must be done chiefly through the present ordinary District and Town Police.

In para 7 reliance is placed on "Station House Officers*" to furnish the necessary intelligence, by a Weekly Confidential report to the Superintendent of Police —

* Sub or Deputy Inspectors.

3 — Circumstances are so different in Madras, from what they are in the North Western Provinces and the Punjab, that many of the more important movements indicated in the clauses of para 5 do not exist in this Presidency - or, if they do exist, it is to a very trifling extent -

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for instance, we have not the same political intrigues &c here as in the North West - not the same Sects in doctrine and practice and not the same amount of propagandism bearing a political significance. Our foreigners are few; our foreign emissaries still fewer; both are easily distinguished and more easily watched; Our Crime is committed generally by local criminals, who, as well as Wandering gangs of a criminal tendency, are already watched by a system of our own. We have no religious excitement about kine-killing; are not troubled with disquieting rumours of affairs in trans-frontier and Native States - and our Native societies are of a most harmless character, from a political point of view.

4 — It will thus be seen that many of the elements to form the subject of a "Special Intelligence Branch", which exist in the North Western Provinces are entirely (or very nearly so) wanting in Madras. Such being the case, the question naturally arises - does the same necessity exist for forming a Special Branch? It is already understood {perhaps not sufficiently so} that it is a part of the duty of a "Station House Officer" to report, in his Daily Station House Report, {which comes through the Inspector of his Division to the Superintendent of the District} any excitement, demonstrations, caste disputes

likely

likely to affect the public peace; such matters are looked into and reported by the Divisional Inspector, and form subject for report in the Weekly Confidential Reports submitted by Superintendents and Asst Supts through their respective District Magistrates and Deputy Inspectors General to the Inspector General of Police — any matter of importance, which it is considered necessary or advisable that the Government should know, being communicated through the Chief Secretary.

5.— As it is, therefore, it already forms part of the regular and understood duty of the Police to convey intelligence through the channel indicated {up to Government when necessary} in most, if not all, of the heads noted in para 5 of the Memorandum under reply.

6.— But, what does not exist is an "Office of Confidential record" to collate, register and preserve the intelligence conveyed. If such an office be considered necessary to record the somewhat limited amount of intelligence of a political and other important character reported in Madras, it will be necessary to have, in charge of it, a thoroughly trustworthy and responsible officer of good position with a competent office establishment similar to that employed in the Punjab and noted in paras 10 and 16

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of the Memorandum under report. This touches the financial aspect of the question and means extra expense — the natural consequence of extra establishments.

7.— Para 11 — The duty of examining the Newspapers in the numerous Vernaculars {Hindustani, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam Canarese and Urya} of this Presidency could not be properly performed by any one officer: in fact, although we have several officers well acquainted with one, or even two, of our Vernacular languages, we have no officer capable of thoroughly examining the whole of our Vernacular press. The translated selections by different officers, from the Vernacular papers now published would still, I think, continue to be more useful than the notes of the Special Branch officer.

8.— Paras 12 and 13 — The "Secret Political Abstract" alluded to in these paras would generally be found, I think, to be blank in Madras.

9.— I regret the delay in submitting this report, but my difficulty was a double one — First, in understanding on what points information was required from me — and secondly in recognizing to what extent the present organization of the Madras Police fails to meet the requirements contemplated

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re the Special Branch Memorandum.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

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Ag: Inspector General of Police

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