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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Reply that Mr. A
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get any promotion
in this office.
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Dear Mr. Arundel,

Is there any chance for my clerk Mr. Augustin getting promotion in the Secretariat? His predecessor Mr. Morris was promoted in the Secretariat and there appears now to be a vacancy No. 4 on the establishment list. Mr. Augustin is a good man & deserves promotion. He now gets Rs. 100/- a month. Mr. Morris his predeserve is now drawing Rs 200/-

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(Submitted thro' the Asstt with the G.O.)

CHIEF SECRETARY * 5 MAR. 1898 * GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras, 5th March/98.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. Arundel,
I. C. S.
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Hon'ble Sir,

I respectfully beg you will be pleased to give your kind consideration to the following circumstances of my case:-

2. I was transferred from the Chief Secretariat to the Special Branch on 1st February 1895 and have been working here for the past 3 years on Rs. 100 per m: which, according to para 6 of G.O. Judicial No. 1245, d/ 4th June /88, was the salary the Govt. sanctioned "for the present". Since then the S.B. work has gone on increasing all round as shewn by the tabular statement in para 3 of my appeal to the Inspector General of Police. (Enclosure A)

3. During my three years' service here, I have striven hard to get through my work & to give satisfaction to my official superiors. My labours were particularly heavy on 3 or 4 occasions when the late Asstt. with Govt. (T. E. Carr Esqr.) was appointed to do duty as Asstt. I. G. of Police in addition to his own duties and

Mr. Augustus has worked well and satisfactorily since I have been in charge of the S. B. and [illegible] he certainly deserves some promotion. It is true he has suffered much lately from family bereavements

V. Hullerton

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and Mr. Carr was pleased to record in his office note dated 19th Feb: /96 thus:- "I consider you have worked capitally and shall do what I can to put in a good word to the C. S. for you."

4. The "strictly Confidential" work and the peculiar character of the S. B duties are such that though I recently suffered severe bereavement in my family – the loss of wife & daughter within a few weeks of each other – and have since endured much mental prostration & impaired health, I could not succeed in getting any leave as the Asstt. with Govt. thought he could ill spare me as I am the only "Confidential" Clerk in S. B.

5. My total service under Govt., which is about twenty four years, has all through been faithfully rendered and in this connection, I beg to refer to G. O. Public Dept., No. 268 dated 19th April 1894.

6. So far back as January /94 it is believed that Mr. F. S. Mullaly brought to the C. S.'s notice that the pay of the "Confidential" Clerk should be increased, and in fact the Clerks of other S. Bs are better paid though the work of Madras S. B. is as heavy, if not heavier than that of some others.

7. Under the above circumstances I had entertained every hope of promotion, but have been deeply grieved & sorely disheartened that I have been passed over in some recent arrangements in the Chief Secretariat – whereby I have been superseded by others, my juniors both in grade as in service. If, as in the case of my predecessor, my claims for promotion in the Chief Secretariat will be favorably considered, that will be a sufficient guarantee for me to wait yet longer – & I am willing to wait – But, on the other hand if it is considered that I belong to the Police, then the Inspector General's endorsement marginally quoted retransfers my hopes of preferment to the Chief Secretariat.

On Petition from Mr. Augustin, Inspector attached to the Asstt. with Govt. d/15.2.98.
O. No. of 23/2/98 No. 760.

"The Inspector General cannot
"now recommend to Govt. any proposal
"which involves increased cost & any
"proposal to benefit Mr. Augustin
"must do that. Mr. Augustin must
"wait and if later on he cannot
"get promotion in the Secretariat,
"he can petition again."

(Sd.) J. Meredith
Asst. I. G. of Police

8. As I stand at present, I beg to point out that I am quite isolated & consequently bereft of those advantages which are enjoyed by other servants of Govt. in the way of regular promotions, or of a graded system of annual increases. It is respectfully submitted that such a deprivation is a hardship after a long toil in Govt. service & must naturally cause me grave anxiety as to my future. I respectfully beg, therefore that you will be pleased to give the above facts your kind & favorable consideration and pass such orders as will ameliorate my condition and remove the ~~[illegible]~~ disadvantages under which I am

following.

I beg to remain,
Hon'ble Sir,
Your most obed't Servant,
S. Augustin

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Madras, 5/2/98.

Murray Hammick Esqre I.C.S.
I. G. of Police, Madras.
(thro' the Sectt with the Govt of Madras)

Sir,

I respectfully beg to lay before you the following for favor of your kind consideration.

2. On the 1st February/95, I was appointed Inspector, S.B. on probation & was subsequently confirmed by Office order 29.4.96.

3. In para 6 of G.O. Judicial, No: 1245, dated 4-6-88 the pay of the appointment was fixed "for the present" at Rs 100 p. m. Since then the work has considerably expanded as will be evident from the subjoined table:-

	Abstract Paras	Mis: Letters
1888	220	–
1889	1119	–
1890	916	–
1891	1172	–
1892	1349	–
1893	1339	42
1894	1399	75
1895	1660	200
1896	1915	278
1897	2035	293

Apart from this, the work of distributing & despatching copies of "Foreigners Lists" (for use of Inspectors) has been added vide G.O. No. 76, Judicial 27-1-96. The C.I.B. has also ordered the compilation of an Annual Compendiate List in addition to other Annual Returns usually submitted

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to it. With the increase of work connected with the weekly abstracts, the preparation of the Index entails greater labour.

4. The S. B. work is of a peculiar character and owing to its exigency it is a matter of utmost difficulty to obtain any leave. Despite some severe domestic afflictions in my family & a protracted illness with which Providence has visited me, the Asst with Govt. did not see his way to grant me any privilege leave, to which I was entitled & for which I recently applied.

5. My predecessors have had their promotion: Mr. Crawford first was transferred to the Jail department & Mr. Munro was promoted to the Chief Secretariat. But owing to a recent decision by the Hon'ble the Chief Secretary that the S. B. has no connection with his office, it would appear that I cannot look for any advantage there & practically my attempts to press my claims for promotion in that Sectn have been seemingly totally ignored.

6. x x x

7. In the above circumstances I am naturally anxious about my future prospects as my name is isolated in the Chief Secretariat Establishment List while it finds no place in the Police

Note for the Chief Assistant

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Establishment List.

8. x x x

9. x x x

10. x x x

11. I therefore beg respectfully to request that you will be kindly pleased to recommend me to Government for an increased salary on a graded scale and that you may be further pleased to assign me a status in the General Police Establishment List – and for such favour I beg to assure you I will ever feel grateful.

I beg to remain &c.

(Sd) S. Augustine

Note. Para 6, 8, 9, & 10 are mere repetitions of the statements contained in my appeal to C. S. & are therefore omitted as unnecessary.

S. A.

Note for the Chief Assistant

In paras 2 and 3 of lett
No 211 Judicial, dated 26th
January 1888, this Governme
while referring to the inciden
of cost of the Special Bran
mentioned an "Inspector"

The Government of
sanctioned the appointm
of an additional Supdt
Police of an "Inspector"
proposed. vide letter No 3
433, 14-4-88 on the firs
page of G.O. No 1245 d 4th
June 1888.

In a further letter (No 37
Finance & Commerce, 7th
1888) the Govt of India
said that it would con
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ecial Branch would have
be given by a person of a
rade corresponding to that
an Inspector, and that
the Clerk in question was
so designated in the office
rder appointing him
~~his~~ ~~present~~ the post.

In the pay bills the
k is now shown as an
pector of Police and
whole S.B. Establish-
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ablishment. In 1894
I.G. of Police made pro-
ls for transferring a
Constable of the regular
ce force to the S.B.
clerical Work. Vide
No 1208 Judl d/ 21-5-94.

In The C.B.E. he is shown as ~~an~~ a Clerk. (Part 117)
Cwb

This is a separate man
Cwb

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

With reference to Mr.
J Fullerton's note re his clerk I
called for the papers regarding
the appointment in order to
ascertain the exact status of
the clerk (or Inspector) in the
A.S.B. Meanwhile the
~~Clerk~~ clerk (Mr. Augustin) has
G petitioned the Chief Secretary
The facts regarding the appt.
are set out in the note flagged
H. It will be seen that it
has never been definitely
settled whether the man should
be designated "Clerk" or
"Inspector", although the original
idea was that he should be
an Inspector - Mr. Augustin
has been up to the I.G. (I
personally advised him to do so
when he spoke to him about his
case) but the I.G. does not
appear to be ready to help
him on the score that ~~it~~ to do so will
cause extra expenses. If however
Mr. Augustin were graded as
an Inspector of Police there would

be no immediate extra expense and he could look for promotion in ordinary course in the Police Dept. We have no vacancy for Mr. Augustin in the Chief Secretariat nor can any guarantee" be given him on this score. His predecessors, Mr. Gainsford and Mr. Munnis, were selected for the posts they obtained, not because they were in the S.B., but because it was considered that they were the best men for the posts.

I would suggest that bre anything further is [illegible], the A.S.B might make quiries as regards the status nd the treatment of S.B. clerks in other provinces and report the results when ~~it might be~~ he question of grading the S.B. lerk as an Inspector of Police might be moved.

Cwb
28/3/88

The status & prospects of ~~Mr. Augustin~~ the clerk to the Asst. S.B. can conveniently be settled in disposing of Mr. Hammick's scheme for reorganizing the clerical establts. of D.S.Ps Supts. & Asst Supts.? This file can be added to the other now on my table.

AA 30.3.88.

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4th June 1888, No. 1245, Judicial.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Read again—

G.O., dated 14th Nov. 1887, No. 856, Political.
,, ,, 26th Jan. 1888, ,, 210–211-A, Judicial.
,, ,, 6th Feb. ,, ,, 300, Judicial.
,, ,, 2nd Mar. ,, ,, 546, ,,

Read—also the following papers:—

From A. P. MacDONNELL, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Police), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 24th April 1888, No. 3-C/143.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 211, dated the 26th January last, regarding the formation of a "Special Branch" of the Police Department.

You say that the Government of Madras is willing to give the scheme a trial, for a year or two, on the understanding that, as stated by Colonel Henderson, the Government of India will bear at least half the cost of the special officer and of any Inspector and establishment that may have to be entertained.

You, accordingly, request sanction to the appointment of an additional Superintendent of Police, in the last grade, on Rs. 600 a-month, as also to the entertainment of another Inspector, if necessary, of such grade as may be found desirable.

2. In reply, I am to say that the Governor-General in Council sanctions the appointment of an additional Superintendent of Police and of an Inspector as proposed. I am, however, to observe that the promise made by Colonel Henderson, that the Government of India would bear at least half the cost of the expense involved, was made under a misapprehension, and I am to express the hope of His Excellency in Council that, as the Madras finances are in a satisfactory condition, and as the organisation now to be established is necessary to the thorough efficiency of the Provincial Police, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be able to give effect to the scheme without any special assignment from Imperial revenues. Should, however, His Excellency in Council think this impossible, the Government of India is prepared to contribute half the cost of the establishment sanctioned above.

3. It is stated in para. 5 of your letter under reply that part ii of the weekly reports will be submitted by District Superintendents of Police direct to the Assistant, Special Branch, who will compile weekly political abstracts and forward

them to Colonel Henderson, the Inspector-General, Deputy Inspectors-General, the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and to other Governments and Administrations, and will also send selections to District Magistrates, Superintendents of Police, who will receive special instructions as to keeping them secret.

I am, however, to invite attention to para. 8 of the Memorandum of Instructions which accompanied Home Department letter, No. 371, dated the 1st October last, which suggested the plan to be followed in preparing these special reports, and to say that the Government of India attaches much importance to the scrutiny by District Magistrates of the political as well as of the police reports before they reach the Central Office.

4. In conclusion, I am to say that it is not desirable to regard the organisation now to be established as other than of a permanent character.

Endorsement from the Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department), dated 3rd May 1888, No. 9-C.

ORDER—dated 4th June 1888, No. 1245, Judicial.

The last but one of the papers read above conveys the sanction of the Government of India to the establishment of a "Special Branch" of the Police Department in this presidency for the purpose of collating intelligence of a social and political character.

2. The objects of this Special Branch are twofold—

(i) The collection, through the ordinary channels of the police and the magistracy, of all information touching the social and political condition of the people and touching the topics, movements and events which affect their feelings and aspirations.

(ii) The establishment of an office of confidential 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 of Government.

3. A draft scheme for giving effect to the wishes of the Government of India is printed as an annexure to this order, and the Inspector-General of Police will arrange for giving effect to this scheme as soon as possible.

4. Similar reports to those to be furnished by District Superintendents of Police should be submitted by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and the Resident in Travancore and Cochin. The Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, should include in his weekly report information he may obtain in regard to Pudukóta.

5. In order to make the new Intelligence Branch a reality and a useful aid to Government, the cordial co-operation and interest of all officers included in the chain of correspondence is invited. Superior officers should not content themselves with merely passing on the confidential reports, but should freely comment upon them and add such information as they may be able to obtain from independent observation and inquiry. In cases where it is thought necessary to call for further information, care should be taken not to retain the abstracts which should be sent to the Central Office without delay.

6. The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel D. Heming, Acting Superintendent of Police, 2nd Grade, to be on special duty in the Government Office as Assistant, Special Branch with the Government of

Madras, and to sanction the entertainment of an Inspector on Rs. 100 per mensem for the present. Colonel Heming will be furnished with copies of all the correspondence read above. The Inspector-General will nominate a Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the lowest grade in succession to Colonel Heming.

7. The Government of India will again be addressed with reference to the incidence of the cost of the establishment.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates. 3 each
To the Inspector-General of Police. 30
" Commissioner of Police. 3
" Resident, Travancore and Cochin. 3
" Political Agent, Pudukóta. 3
} Desp^d 21/6
To Lieutenant-Colonel D. Heming, with papers.— Desp^d 19/6
" the Accountant-General. Desp^d 21/6

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Print 150 copies & send to Govt for signature
Draft [illegible] send Secy of State

Exd. E. Fernandez.

Govt. of | 1888 | Madras.

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ANNEXURE.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM.

Weekly Reports.—Two (2) required in future, Nos. I and II.

Every Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will in future submit two (2) weekly confidential reports, Nos. I and II.

Weekly Report No. I—Subjects for.

2. Weekly Report No. I will be the same as that now submitted and should contain—

(i) information in all matters of importance bearing on the police administration of the district;
(ii) information regarding serious offences, and progress made in their investigation;
(iii) duties performed by Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent;
(iv) parades, drills, visits to hospitals, inspection of lines, station-houses, guards, &c.;
(v) examination of arms, accoutrements and ammunition;
(vi) result of inspection of records, &c., of stations (in the form used by Assistant Superintendent);
(vii) progress made in the construction of police buildings, with special notice of any grant or portion of grant likely to lapse owing to delay;
(viii) reports of inspections under the Arms Act, stating the number of shops, &c., inspected and the number remaining to be inspected before the end of the year;
(ix) the particulars of any subject of interest which may be reported to them or present itself to the observation of officers, the appearance of any natural phenomenon, &c.

Weekly Report No. II—Subjects for.

3. Weekly Report No. II, which should be written on foolscap paper, will contain information on the following subjects:—

(*a*) All political movements, publications, and the like.
(*b*) Information regarding religious sects, changes in doctrine and practice having a political significance, propagandism.
(*c*) The arrival, sojourn, departure and proceedings generally of suspicious characters and foreigners, special attention being paid to possible foreign emissaries and the movements of notorious gang of foreign criminals, the presence in any place of notorious criminals and any circumstances regarding their habits that may come to notice.
The movements, change of residence, &c., of notorious known depredators.
(*d*) Rumours or published opinions disturbing the public peace, popular feelings and rumours.
(*e*) Religious excitements, such as caused by kine-killing contrary to rule; comments by the people on laws and Government measures.
(*f*) Illicit trade in arms and ammunition, special notice being taken of all "Arms Act" cases.
(*g*) Recruiting for the Indian Army or for Native States.
(*h*) Affairs in Native States and rumour regarding them.
(*i*) Constitution, objects, and proceedings of Native societies, whether established for political or ostensibly for other objects.
(*k*) Indication of distress or anticipation of famine, scarcity of food or water for man or beast, with statement (in case of famine or pressure) of number of deaths from starvation.
(*l*) Emigration and immigration and the causes thereof.
(*m*) Arrival, sojourn and departure of men of note.

Weekly Report No. II—Information for, how to be obtained.

No circulars to be issued; communications to be personal.

4. Information for Weekly Report No. II must be obtained in the quietest, least inquisitorial and obtrusive and in the most confidential manner from Inspectors and Head Constables of the 1st and 2nd grades, being Station-house Officers; therefore no circulars of any sort (confidential or other) are to be issued by Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents to their subordinates on this subject. All instructions should be given *personally* as far as practicable.

Reports required weekly from Inspectors and Station-house Officers.

Reports are required *regularly every week* from Inspectors and Station-house Officers, and should be sent by them direct to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, the cover being marked "Demi-official, Confidential" and the officer being addressed by *name* as well as by official designation.

It cannot, of course, be expected that information on *all* the heads of intelligence noted in para. 3 can be obtained *weekly* from *every* Inspector and Station-house Officer. These heads are noted for special attention and guidance; and, with care, information ought to be obtainable under *some one* or *more* of the heads from nearly every officer.

Officers should gladly avail themselves of any information afforded by the local Sub-Magistrates or any other reliable source.

Again, District Officers may not consider it advisable to trust *all* their Inspectors and Station-house Officers of the 1st and 2nd grades with this important duty. Some they may think it inadvisable to employ on this work owing to their incompetence, or to want of confidence in them, but this must be left to the discretion of District Superintendents. Only men on whom dependence can fairly be placed should be employed.

Weekly Report No. I—Channel to be forwarded.

5. Weekly Report No. I will be forwarded through the same channel as weekly reports now come, Superintendents, District Magistrates, Deputy Inspector-General, to Inspector-General.

Will be returned.

These reports will be returned as at present to District Officers.

Weekly Report No. II—Channel through which to be forwarded.

6. Weekly Report No. II will be forwarded by District Superintendents to District Magistrates and by them to the Assistant, Special Branch.

This report will be retained in the "Special Branch Office," the officer in charge of which will extract information from it for the weekly (printed) Abstracts of Intelligence.

7. Copies of Abstract of Intelligence, Police, will be sent from the Special Branch to ~~all~~ all District Magistrates and District Superintendents of Police for their information ~~and that of their respective District Magistrates~~.

As it is absolutely necessary that *all* these abstracts should be *strictly* confidential, they must be retained personally by ~~the~~ District Magtes and Superintendents under lock and key.

8. Copies of the Abstract of Intelligence, *Political*, will be furnished by the Special Branch to the Inspector General, Commissioner of Police, and to Deputy Inspectors-General only.

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Letter from Mr A. P. MacDonnell, Secy to the Govt of India Home Dept to Mr H. Maude, Under Secy to ~~the~~ Govt Punjab, dated Simla, 3 May 1888

HOME DEPARTMENT,
Simla, 3rd May 1888.

~~MY DEAR MR. MAUDE~~,

Your demi-official of the 9th March to Colonel Henderson on the subject of the interchange of the confidential abstracts of police intelligence has been transferred to the Home Department for consideration and orders. The conclusion come to is that, as the abstracts are intended to serve quite different purposes, great care should be taken that each is made to fulfil its object. From the police abstract should be excluded all news of a strictly political character. But when thus restricted to the record of items of purely police intelligence, the police abstract should be freely circulated—of course with due precautions for safeguarding its confidential character.

The police abstract is useless if not communicated freely to other provinces, and it was from the beginning the intention of the Government of India that there should be a free circulation of the police abstract not only within the province to which it refers, but to officers in neighbouring provinces also, so far as may be necessary.

On the other hand, the more restricted the circulation of the political abstract is, the better; because it is, in the first instance, intended for the information of the Government of India and the Local Government concerned only, and because the circulation of such information intends to magnify mole-hills into mountains, if not to give political rumours the power of fulfilling themselves.

For the present, at all events, His Excellency in Council thinks that other Governments should only receive such portions of the political abstract as the Government of India thinks it of advantage to communicate. This latter decision, you will perceive, somewhat restricts that circulation of the political abstract which was suggested in para. 13 of the memorandum circulated with my letter, No. 371, of the 31st October last.

To sum up, then, the wishes of His Excellency in Council are that, while the police abstract should be circulated to other neighbouring Governments, the political abstract should only be sent to the Government of India.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
(Signed) A. P. MACDONNELL.

To H. MAUDE, *Esq., C.S.*,
Under Secy., Punjab Govt.

No. 9-C.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

(Signed) A. P. MACDONNELL,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Letter—from

The CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Home Department.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ootacamund,
4th June 1888.

Chief Secretary.

Print & copies to the
[illegible] collection.

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Exd. E. Fernandez.

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Fort St. George.

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Special Branch of the Police Department.

Accepting the undertaking of the Government of India to contribute half the cost of the establishment sanctioned for the formation of a —.

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Chief Secretary.

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(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates.
To the Inspector-General of Police.
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" Resident, Travancore and Cochin.
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To Lieutenant-Colonel D. Heming, with papers.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

Govt. of 1888 Madras

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G.O., 4th June 1888, No. 1245.

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To sum up, then, the wishes of His Excellency in Council are that, while the police abstract should be circulated to other neighbouring Governments, the political abstract should only be sent to the Government of India.

No. 9-C.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

(Signed) A. P. MacDONNELL,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Sd/ A. P. MacDonnell

To
H. Maude Esqr. C.S.
Under Secretary - Punjab Govt.

No. 90

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Govt: of Madras for information and guidance.

A. P. MacDonnell
Secretary to the Govt of India

26TH JANUARY 1888, NOS. 210, 211, JUDICIAL.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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From the Resident, Travancore and Cochin, dated 22nd November 1887.

From the Political Agent, Pudukóta, dated 28th November 1887, No. 1-C.

ORDER—dated 26th January 1888, No. 210, Judicial.

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(True Extract).

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G.O., 26th January 1888,
Nos. 210, 211.

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Special Branch—Police.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed in reply to their letter regarding the formation of a "Special Branch" of the Police Department.

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A. P. MacDonnell Esq

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TO

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A. P. MacDonnell
Secretary to the Govt of India

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CURRENT No. 2031

[0] Judicial (1888) DEPARTMENT.

For orders.

ALG
2 May.

With reference to the two reasons on which the Govt. of India ask Madras to pay for this establishment, I submit that the first is irrelevant and the second unfounded. Govt. should at least prove the usefulness of the scheme before consenting to pay for it. With reference to the last paragraph I submit that Govt. should not pledge themselves to continue the establishments if they should on trial find it inexpedient.

I presume the necessary orders may now issue to the Inspector General of Police & the Acct. General.

H.W.O.
2 May.

Approved. We have a fair balance but much to do with it & a bad season may occur at any time & throw us back. We do not want the scheme at all, being quite satisfied with present arrts. so far as this Presy. is concerned & the utmost we can do is to pay half. Subject to the modn. desired at the end of § 3 the draft arrts. can now be carried out.

PPH
3 May

G.C.C.
4 May

I should like to see the draft [illegible]

From

The Government of India
Home Department

No. 3C/143.

Dated 24th April } 1888
Received 2d May }
Enclosures

SUBJECT

Regarding the Special Branch.

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Judicial Department.

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MADRAS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ ~~the following paper~~ again—

Print heading only

G.O. 14th November 1887, No. 856 Political
" 26 January 1888, No. 210-211A Judl.
" 6 February 1888, No. 300 "
" 2d March 1888, No. 546 "
~~" 21st April 1888, No. 971~~

Read also the following:—

Print in full

Letter from the Govt. of India, Home department, dated 24th April 1888, No. 3C/143.

~~Letter~~ Extt. from the Govt. of India No. 9C. dated 3rd May 1888. ×

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not previously circ.?

I approve the draft but as to Col. Fleming perhaps we had better consult Col. Porteous who is expected here daily. He said something about not being able to spare Fleming & recommended Meredith

PPH
18 May

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14 May

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Order. 4 June/88 No. 1245

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6. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Lt Col: D. Heming, Ag Supt of Police, Second Grade

will not be gazetted

On Special duty in the Govt. Office as to be Assistant, Special Branch with the Government of Madras, and to ~~permit him to engage~~ sanctioning the entertainment of an Inspector on Rs 100 per mensem for the present. Col. Henning will ~~[illegible]~~ be furnished with copies of all the correspondence read above. The Inspector General will ~~appoint~~ nominate a Supt. & Asst. Supt of the ~~Govt~~ Covert Branch ~~Sub/protem~~ in ~~Col. Henning's place~~. in succession to Col. Henning.

7. The Government of India will again be addressed with reference to the incidence of the cost of the establishment.

AGP
10 May

W.C.

To all Dt. Magistrates
- The I.G. of Police 30
- Commr. of Police 5
- Resdt., Trav & Cochin 3
- Pol. Agent, Pudukota 3
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- The Acctt Genl. 2

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Govt. Home 2 } Encl. of M.D on 23/6/88
Secy of State 2 } No. 1246

To

The Secy to the Govt. of India
Home Dept

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of your letter No $\frac{3C}{148}$, dated 24 April 1888, I am directed

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~[illegible]~~

to say that H.E. the Governor in Council accepts the undertaking of the Government of India to contribute half the cost of the establishment sanctioned for the formation of a Special Branch of the Police Dept. As intimated in para. 2 of my letter no. 211 dated 26th Jany 1888, this Govt. do not feel the need of the organization now to be established and are unwilling to pledge themselves to do more than give the scheme a trial for a year or two.] The modification necessary in the Memorandum of Instructions, copy of wh. accompanied my letter of 26 Jany 1888 No. 211 ~~above~~ quoted, will be carried out in accordance with the remarks in para. 3 of your letter under reply.

In regard to the portion of the draft letter between pencil brackets I think it a question whether, ~~where~~ as India has distinctly intimated that permanency is wished, it is not desirable to accept an arrangement which, to be really useful, sh'd be applicable to all parts of the Empire.

E.C.C.
14 May

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AGP
10 May

W.C.
12 May

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Special Police Branch

CSC

Went a few
days by Col. P.

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The C.S. has seen Col. Porteous today
& the draft may issue.
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Col Henning's appt. is not to be gazetted.

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