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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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READ—again G.O., dated 14th November 1887, No. 856, Judicial.

Read—also the following papers:—

From the Inspector-General of Police, dated 28th December 1887, No. 6405.
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.

The Government of India will be addressed and copy of the letter communicated to officers concerned.

(True Extract).

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th January 1888, No. 211, Judicial:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 371, dated the 1st October 1887, regarding the formation of a "Special Branch" of the Police Department at the head-quarters of each local Government for the purpose of collating intelligence of a social and political character.

2. Although this Government do not themselves feel the need of any Special Branch, yet, in deference to the wishes of the Government of India, they have discussed the matter with Colonel Henderson and Mr. McCracken and are willing to give the scheme a trial for a year or two. I am to say, however, that this assent is given 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.

3. For this purpose, the authority of the Governor-General in Council is requested to the appointment of an additional Superintendent of Police, last grade, pay Rs. 600, as also to the entertainment of another Inspector, if necessary, of such grade as may be found desirable, on the terms indicated in para. 2 *supra*.

4. In view to ensure the Special Branch being fairly started and properly organised at the outset, this Government intend to depute a police officer of experience for the work. He will be designated "Assistant, Special Branch, with the Government of Madras," as it is understood he should be always with the head-quarters of Government.

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8. As it is proposed to introduce the scheme on the 1st April next, I am to request that the sanction of the Government of India may be communicated at an early date.

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ENDORSEMENT—26th January 1888, No. 211A, Judicial.

Copy to the Government of India, Foreign Department, with reference to their letter, No. 4703-I, dated 29th October 1887.

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

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Special Branch—Police.

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26TH JANUARY 1888, Nos. 211, 211A, JUDICIAL.

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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.

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th January 1888.

ENDORSEMENT—26th January No. 211A, Judicial.

ANNEXURE TO LETTER.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM.

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

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

Weekly Report No. I. Subjects for.

- (i) information in all matters of importance bearing on 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 of report 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.
3. Weekly Report No. II, which should contain information on the following subjects:

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.
- Form No. II must be obtained in the quietest, least inquisitorial manner and in the most confidential manner.

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4. Information for Weekly Report No. II must be obtained in the following manner from

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

No circulars to be issued; communications to be personal.

Reports are required *regularly every week*
Reports required weekly from Inspectors and Station-
house Officers.

the officer being addressed by *name* as well as by

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 grade 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.

5. Weekly Report No. I will be forwarded through the same channel as weekly reports

Weekly Report No. I. Channel to be forwarded.

now come, Superintendents, District Magistrates, Deputy Inspector-General, to Inspector-General.

(W II 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 direct 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 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 Superintendent under lock and key.

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

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From the Government of
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Letter, &c., dated 26th Jan. 1888,
Nos. 211, 211A.

JANUARY.

Special Branch—Police.

Replying to letter regarding the formation of a
"Special Branch" of the Police Department at
the head-quarters of each local Government for the
purpose of collating intelligence of a social and
political character.

Report of European Strangers arrived in the Jurisdiction of the Police Master of

Name.	Of what country.	Whence come.	Date of arrival.	Whither going.	Whether any Passport shown and what.	Remarks.
Arthur Wylie	Scotland	Trichinopoly	21st Jan	Trichinopoly	No. Had a certificate from the late Employer Royal Bank Colonial Bank	Brother of Capt. Wylie Late of Travancore now in Barrack.

N. B. Persons known to be servants of Her Majesty's Government or of the Travancore Sircar or those permitted by Sircar to reside in Travancore, need not be reported.

Attestation
J. P. P. P.

Confidential

To The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 806

of the 14th November 1887 I have

honour to state that I do not

consider it is probable that

there will usually be sufficient

matters relating to the subject

referred to in para 5 of the memo

randomum, to call for a weekly

report from the States of Travancore and Cochin.

2. both States, and especially Travancore, European Agency largely employed, and I have no difficulty in obtaining information of varied description through the Superintendents of Police.

3. Results I have arranged with

with the Superintendent of Police
in Travancore. That the diaries
of himself and his assistants
Superintendents should be submitt-
ed to me for perusal.

Though this step was taken by me (4)
chiefly for the purpose of keep-
ing an eye on the disposal of
by the District Magistrate,
it also serves to keep me informed
of all that is going on regarding all the
points referred to in para 5 of
the memo.

I think easily introduced (5)
a similar system in Cochin,
where the Superintendent of
Police is an East Indian (as
Mr. George Guntbert), and a link
from me to the Chief Superintend-
ent of Police will suffice to obtain
information on the points more
especially desired.

I at present receive reports of (6)
European Strangers passing
through the State, these are

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European Strangers passing
through the State, these are
sent to the
clause (c) of para 5 of the memo.
I enclose one such report as an
example of the style of reports
submitted.
for interests of the States of

(7)
Travancore and Cochin are
at present so intimately bound
ed with those of the
Supremacy that I doubt
much if anything in the high-
est degree affecting this
British Government would
at once brought to my notice.
I meet the views of the Govern-
ment of India I conceive that
all that is necessary is that
the Resident be directed to
send in with his usual bi-
monthly confidential report,
a special report on the subjects

referred to

history in case of a
would consist of nothing but to
be able to report.

In addition to such information
can now be obtained through (81)

course that the President is
by, as a matter of fact.

a very close knowledge
of popular feeling from
official and unofficial
in of the population, ex-
pecially should be possible, as
I happen to do, a moderate
colloquial knowledge of
the languages spoken (Mal-
alam and Tamil).

No special agency is at all (91)
necessary at present, though
of course in case of any great
political excitement, it

might become necessary and
would no doubt be unhesitat-
ingly employed by the Pres-
ident.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

James F.
British Resident }
Travancore & Cochin }

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Political (1887) DEPARTMENT.

From

The Resident in Travancore

No.

Dated 22nd

Received 28th

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November 1887.

SUBJECT.

Special police reports.

Confidential
No. 1/C

Camp Marangapuram
28 Nov 1887

From W. A. Wilson Esq
Political Agent for Ponnani
to The Chief Secretary
Political Department

CHIEF SECRETARY
3 DEC 87
GOVT OF MADRAS

Sir
In reply to GO No 136, Pol, dtd 1st Nov 1887 regarding the collection of intelligence of a social and political character, I have the honor to state that as the police of the Ponnani territory are worked under the supervision of the Supt of Police Trichinopoly there should be no difficulty in collecting the information required in the same way as is proposed for British territory. At present the Superintendent receives a weekly charge from the Ponnani Head Quarter Inspector alone but all taluk inspectors — of whom there are 3 — might in future be required to submit an bearing upon the points in question. These could be dealt with by the Superintendent as proposed in the memorandum forwarded by the Government of India.

Considering that the agency used to collect this information would consist of employees of the State I would suggest that it would be advisable to modify the list of subjects detailed in para 5 of the memorandum in the instructions

issued to the Pudukotta Inspectors as follows.

1. Information regarding religious sects; important changes in doctrine and practice; Poyandism.
2. Criminal, bygone, captures and proceedings generally of suspicious characters, foreigners, and influential persons disposed to disturb the peace or encourage crime and violence; special attention being paid to the movements of wandering gangs of criminals, ^{the presence in any place of noted criminals,} and any circumstances regarding their habits that may come to notice.
3. Rumours or published opinions disturbing the public peace; popular feelings and rumours.
4. Religious excitement.
5. Trade in and manufacture of arms and ~~ammunition~~ ammunition.
6. Recruiting for the Indian Army or for Native States.
7. Constitution, objects and proceedings of Native Societies.

For the remaining subjects of interest - I see nothing for it - but to depend on the Superintendent of Police and the Political Agent, through whose hands as District Magistrate the weekly confidential report of the former will pass. Pudukotta is not a difficult place to pick up such information as at present. The Dewan Report is not only always ready to place all information in his possession at the disposal of the Political Agent, but delights in conversing unreservedly about all topics of ~~information~~ interest connected with the State, whilst the numerous conflicting interests of the members of the

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Tondimmar family ensure that - any movement tending to the discredit of the present administration is brought to notice forthwith. In addition to this the relations between Pudukotta generally and my office as Collector are intimate and afford additional facilities for acquiring information.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
W. Wilford
Political Agent for
Pudukotta.

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Political (1887) DEPARTMENT.

From

The Political Agent
Poon Mota

No.

Dated 28 November } 1887
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SUBJECT.

Collection of intelligence
of a social & political character

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I am much obliged to you

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Thuggee and Dacoity Department.

Dated Calcutta the 21st Dec 1887.

My dear Sir,

With reference to para 5 of
the Home Dept confidential Circular
No 371 dated 1st Oct last regarding
the formation of an intelligence dept, I
write to inform you that, accompanied
by Mr McCracken, I propose to reach
Madras in the 7th Prov, making
a stop of three or four days. I shall

SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA
15 DEC 1887

Political (1887) DEP

From

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feel much obliged to you
informing me by wire whether
the date named will be convenient
to the Madras Govt - My address
will be Indore, Central India
until the 2nd Janr.

Yrs truly

W Anderson. Esq

Genl Supt ICP Dept
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Telegram. Defend

To Col. Henderson
CS

Indore

7th with suit.

W.C.

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