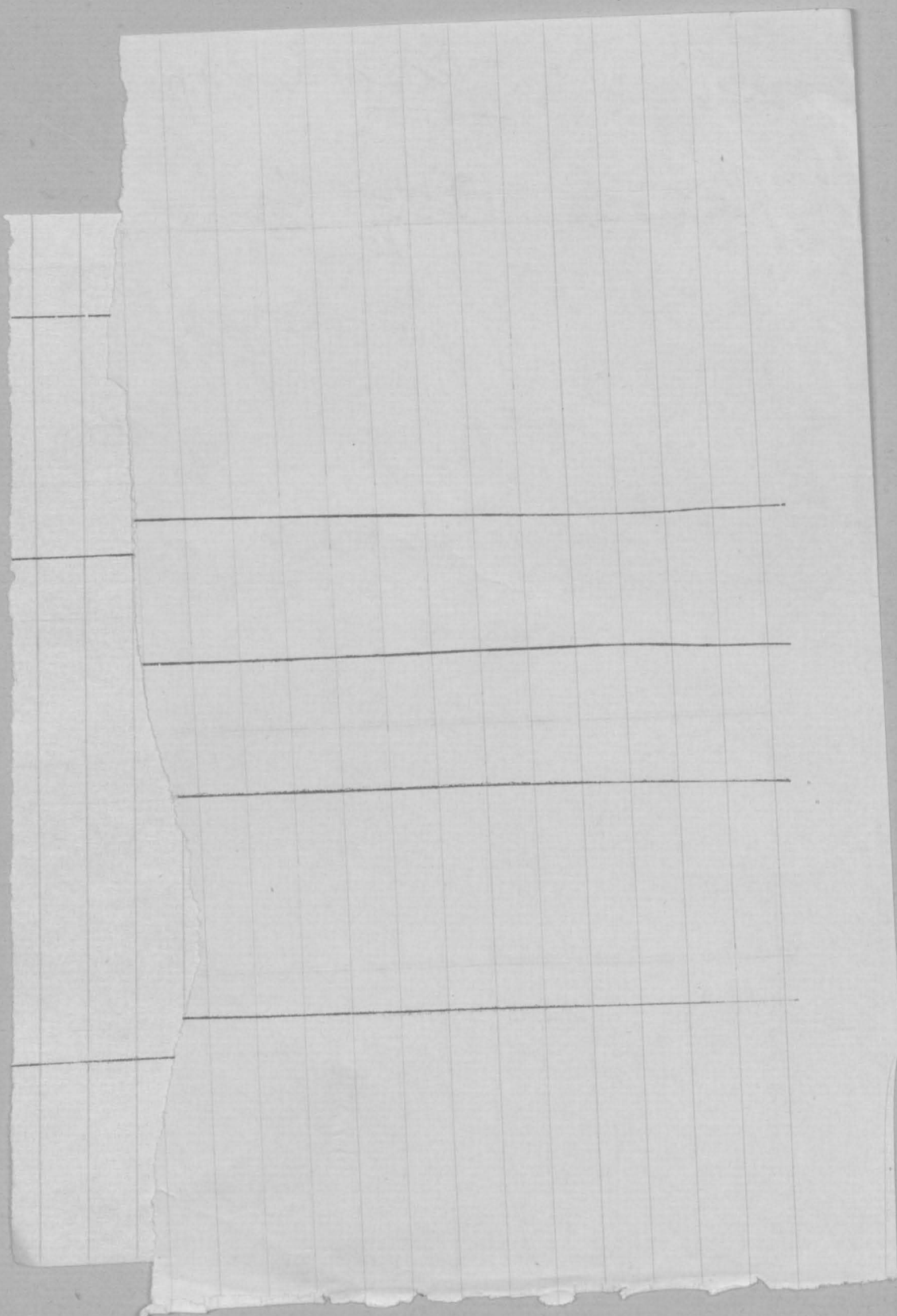


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My dear Mr. Stokes.

Colonel Henderson writes  
that he and Mr. Macracken  
will arrive in Madras on  
the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst -  
and that they are prepared  
to remain till the evening  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> - if required so  
long — Colonel Henderson

intendant and  
Superintendent  
Parade

also adds that he will  
be much obliged if you  
will kindly fix an hour  
and place for the discussion  
of the "Special Problem"  
business.

Yrs Sinc  
Chas. S. Fortuna

Adyar  
June 16, 88

Confidential Memorandum

Weekly Reports -  
Two (2) required  
in future -  
No. I and II

1. Every Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will in future submit two (2) Weekly Confidential Reports - No. I and II.

2. Weekly Report No. 1

Will be the same as that now submitted and should

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

Parade

- IV. Parades, drills, visits to hospital inspection of lines, Stables, House Guards &c.
- V. Examination of Arms, accoutrements and ammunition.
- VI. Result of inspection of Records &c of Stations & in the form by Assistant Superintendent?
- VII. Progress made in the construct 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 phenomena &c.

3. Weekly Reports N<sup>o</sup> II, which should be written in *English* 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 motions

notorious gang of 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 etc of notorious or known depredators.

(d). Rumours or published opinions disturbing the public peace, popular feelings and rumours.

(e). Religious excitement such as caused by hire-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.

Recruiting

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(g). Recruiting for the Indian Army or for Native States.

(h). Affairs in Native States and rumours regarding them.

(i). Constitutions, objects and proceedings of Native societies whether established for political or ostensible 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). Failure of crops from want of rain or destruction of same from excessive rain.

(m). Epidemics among the people or among the cattle.

(n). Emigration and immigration and

and the causes thereof.

(3). Arrival, sojourn and departure of men of note.

#### 4. Information for Weekly Report N° II

Must be obtained in the quietest, least inquisitorial and obtrusive and in the most confidential manner from Inspectors and Head Constables of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Grade 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 <sup>instructions</sup> information, explanation <sup>must be personally</sup> <sup>instructed</sup> <sup>in person</sup> <sup>practically</sup>

Reports are required regularly every week from Inspectors and Station House Officers and should be sent by them directly to the Supt. or

or Asst Supt. the cover being marked "Confidential" and the office 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 Inspr 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~~ <sup>any</sup> information afforded by the local sub. magistrates or any other reliable source.

Again, district officers may not consider it advisable to touch all

all these Inspectors and St. House  
officers of No 1 and 2 grade with this  
important duty. Some may be <sup>to find by other work</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>it is</sup> advisable from <sup>work</sup> ~~manipulation~~, others  
for want of confidence in them but  
this must be left to the discretion of Dist  
Superintendent. ~~But~~ Only men of  
on whom dependence can fairly be  
placed should be employed.

5. Weekly Report No 1.

Will be forwarded through the  
same channel as weekly Reports  
now sent, Superintendent, Dist.  
Magistrate, Deputy Inspector level  
to Insp. level.

These Reports will be returned  
as at present to St officers.

6. Weekly Report No II

Will be forwarded by St Supt

direct to the Asst. St. Branch  
(note vide #11 in late)

to District Magistrate and to some  
delay it is suggested that they be  
sent by post later direct to Insp  
General. Each officer receiving  
such reports adding in their remarks  
regarding any action which he  
has taken or which he proposes  
should be taken in matters mentioned  
therein.

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 In-  
telligence, Police, will be sent from  
the Special Branch to all St  
Supts of Police for their information  
and that of their respective St  
Magistrates

Magistrates

As it is absolutely necessary that  
all these Abstracts should be  
strictly Confidential, they must be  
retained permanently by the Sup<sup>ts</sup>  
under lock and key.

8. Copies of the Abstract of Labels  
Gen<sup>l</sup>. Political will be furnished  
by the Special Branch to Defects  
Inspector.

Confidential.

T. & J. Department.

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G.O. 14 Nov 87, 856 Pol.  
C. No. 5528, 1361 & 1402  
T. & J. Pol.

A letter can go to India somewhat on the following lines.

We do not ourselves feel the need of any Special Branch but in reference to India have discussed the matter cordially with Messrs Henderson & McCracken - with anxiety to meet the wishes of India as far as possible notwithstanding any misgivings as to the usefulness or non-harmfulness of the scheme.

After discussion we are willing to try just what the scheme suggests - at all events for a year or two - on the understanding that, as stated by Col. Henderson, India will bear at least half the cost of the Special Officer & of any Dept. whom we may have to give him, as well as half the contingencies.

For this purpose we require authority to appoint an addl. Supt., last grade - just as the present Asst. to the D.G. is graded as a Supt., so will the

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addressed & concerned.

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Asst. Special Branch, as we understand he is to be designated. We also require sanction to entertain another Inspector, if necessary, half at Imperial Cost, of such grade as we may find desirable.

For the present, & in view to get the special branch fairly started & properly organized at the outset, we intend to depute an Officer of experience for the work (Lt. Col. Henning, but his name need not be stated). He will be with the J. of Madras, as we understand it is specially desired that he should be always with the Head Quarter of J. of.

The J. of Police will instruct his subpts (vide draft circular) to divide their weekly reports into two parts. Part II will be sent straight to the Asst. Spl. Branch who will compile weekly <sup>Political</sup> abstract & send to Col. Henderson. (See the Circular which sets out the matter fully & may perhaps be sent up in extension after revision).

We propose to commence on 1st April! The abstract will include references to Vern. Press gleaned from the translators' reports, but it is impossible for the Officer to undertake the direct supervision or reading of newspapers.

The whole Pol. abstract will go to J. of & Comm. of Madras & other for J. of Adm. Selections to J. of Master & subpts. who will have special instructions as to keeping them secret.

All reports to be in foolscap (this is to be circular) Comm. of Madras Police to send similar reports. J. of reports also to be sent? in regard to Cochin & Travancore from Kest. - As to P. de. Cottah the Daily subpt. will include this in his report.

This seems all right. I have no personal knowledge of the 'discussion' referred to. There is one matter which might be borne in mind by the Special Branch and that is

The general supervision of  
the newspapers printed  
throughout the Presidency  
in English. The vernacular  
papers are ~~not~~ by the same  
authorities. Some material  
at present brought to no-  
tice but it is no more  
said as at present to see  
that the English papers  
say & bring information  
of the subject before Govt.  
There is a good deal to be  
learnt one way and  
another from these  
papers & it will be ne-  
cessary that all should be  
supplied. I don't think  
the Govt office get all at  
present.

W. H. M.  
19/11

W. H. M.  
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Tell Department.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1887. N<sup>o</sup> 856.

also  
READ the following papers

- Mr. (Grand) J. J. of Police, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 87. N<sup>o</sup> 6408.
- Read to Trav. Cochin. 22 Nov. 87
- Pol. Agent, 28 Nov. 87. No 10 1/2

Order. 26<sup>th</sup> January 1888. N<sup>o</sup> 210.

The Govt of India will be addressed & a copy  
of the letter comm<sup>d</sup> to officers concerned.

W. H. M.  
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- Mr. J. J. of Police
- Comm<sup>d</sup> of Police
- Read to Trav.
- Pol. Agent

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Judicial Department

N: 211. & 26 January/88

To  
The Secretary to the Govt of India  
Home Department

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter N<sup>o</sup> 371,  
dated the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1887, regarding  
the formation of a "Special Branch"  
of the Police department at the  
headquarters of each local Govt.  
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 Government of India,  
who

Those wishes in this matter  
The Council is anxious, without  
standing any misgivings as to  
the usefulness or non-harmfulness  
of the scheme, as far as possible  
to meet they have ~~carefully~~  
discussed the matter ~~carefully~~  
with Colonel Henderson & his brother.

3. ~~This point is accordingly~~  
and an  
willing to give the scheme a trial

for a year or two. In assenting  
however

to this, I am to ~~state~~ say, that  
this assent is given  
it is on the understanding that,

as stated by Colonel Henderson,  
the Government of India will bear  
at least half the cost of the  
Special Officer & of any Inspectors  
and establishment that may have  
to

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to be entertained.

4. For this purpose the authority  
of the G.G. in Council is requested  
to the appointment of an additional  
Superintendent of Police, 1st grade,  
pay Rs. 600, as also to the entertain-  
ment of another Inspector, if  
necessary, of such grade as may  
be found desirable, on the same  
terms as that indicated in para 3.

Supra. ~~On the subject of the~~  
~~Special Officer & of any Inspectors~~  
~~and establishment that may have~~  
~~to~~

5. In view to ensure the  
Special branch being fairly started  
and properly organized at the  
outset, this Government intend  
to

to depute a police officer of  
experience for the work. He will  
be designated "Asst. Special  
Branch, with the Govt of Madras,"  
as it is understood he should be  
always with the Headquarters  
of Government.

6. I am to enclose a copy  
of a draft Confidential Memorandum  
prepared by the Insp. General  
of Police containing instructions  
to Superintendents on the lines  
indicated in the memorandum  
which accompanied your letter  
under acknowledgment. Part II  
of the weekly reports will be  
submitted by all Superintendents  
of Police to District Magistrates,

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and by <sup>direct</sup> them to the Assistant,  
Special Branch, who will compile  
weekly Political Abstracts and  
forward them to Colonel Henderson,  
the Insp. Genl, & Insp. General, the  
and Commissions of Police <sup>Made to</sup> other  
Governments and Administrations.  
Selections will also be sent to  
District Magistrates & Superdts of  
Police who will receive special  
instructions as to keeping them  
secret.

7. The Abstract will include  
references to the Vernacular Press  
gleaned from the Translators'  
reports, but it will be impossible  
for the officers to undertake the  
direct supervision or reading  
of

of newspapers.

8. Similar reports to those  
to be furnished by S<sup>t</sup>. Supt<sup>d</sup> of  
Police will be obtained from the  
Commissioner of Police, Madras, &  
the Resident in Travancore & Cochin.  
The Supt<sup>d</sup> of Police, Trichinopoly,  
will include in his weekly report  
information he may obtain in regard  
to ~~the~~ Radhakota.

9. As it is proposed to ~~start~~  
introduce the scheme on <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> April  
next, I am to request that the  
Sanction of the Govt of India may be  
communicated at an early date.

Recd<sup>d</sup> 26/11. Signed C. S. 18/11

No 211 A

Copy to the Govt of India. For Dept

with ref to this letter No 4703, 2, 3

29 Dec 1887. Signed C. S. 18/11  
Recd<sup>d</sup> 28/11 13/12/1887

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G.O. No. 210 dt. 26.11.1888

Recd<sup>d</sup> the letter  
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