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[Despatch Abstract.]

Assistant, Special Branch.

Recording letter from the S. G. of Police
reporting his opinion as to the possibility
of the — finding ample work in the study
of the doings of the Congress and the
Theosophical Society and of the Hindu
revival movement.

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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras, 26 February 1895.

FROM

M. Haunick Esq. J.C.S.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. 21st January 1895 No. 132, I have the honor to say that after considering the matter referred to and making some enquiries I can only suggest that if more information than at present obtained by the Special Branch regarding the Congress, The Theosophical Society and other bodies is required by Government District Magistrates should be specially instructed to obtain more information and submit it. There are in many districts branches of the Congress Committee and branches of the Theosophical Society of which not much is known as they are of very minor importance and in a more or less moribund condition. They only move occasionally when delegates arrive from Madras, and though sometimes referred

to in the Native papers as flourishing institutions consist mostly of a few school boys or young Vakeels.

2. There is however great danger that if our officials begin to enquire and report in detail on all these small-branched, they will obtain an importance which they do not now possess and that the freedom of communication which now exists between the non-official community and the Magistrates and Police on these subjects will cease. The result will be to produce suspicion where is now none and to encourage secrecy which might at some future time be dangerous.

The present situation in this Presidency is fairly satisfactory. There is a feeling that the Government do not distrust the leaders of these movements, and the result is that we obtain, I believe, in the main, fairly accurate information of what is going on. If once, however, the impression gets abroad that the Government is afraid of these societies, and that its officers have orders to make systematic enquiries into their doings, we shall no doubt obtain a mass of probably very inaccurate information and we

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shall start a feeling of suspicion which happily now does not exist.

4. Beyond occasionally reminding District officers that it is part of their duty to obtain as much information in these matters as they quietly can I think nothing more need be done, and I do not advocate encouraging the District officials to make much more extended enquiries or reports than is now done.

The Assistant with the Government can only work in this matter through the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police and I do not myself see how he can find much more work than he has now.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant

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Insp^d Secy of Police

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