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[Despatch Abstract.]

Messrs T. E. Thomas and S. P. C. Scott

Explanation submitted by —, Supts. of Police,
re. low conviction rates in Tanjore and South
Canara in 1893 considered unsatisfactory.

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Enclosure No 1 to letter No 3406 28.6.95 from the Insp. Genl. of Police,
Office of the Supt. of Police.

No 901.

South Canara District.

25th October 1894.

From

S. P. C. Scott Esq.

Supt. of Police.

S. Canara St.,

To

The Inspector of Police,

Madras.

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Sir,

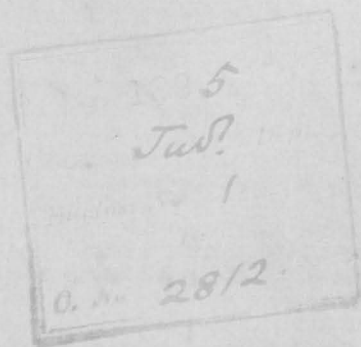
In reply to your endorsement No 21 C, dated
Coconada, 10th October 1894, in order of Govern-
ment, No 2303, dated 22nd September 1894,
I have the honor to report that I find it as
difficult to explain the extraordinarily low
conviction rates returned by this District in
1893 as I was in charge of the District for only
a few months in that year and consequently
only a few cases came under my notice.
From what I have seen during my tour of
inspection this year, I think that perhaps
it may be accounted for by the inefficiency
of many of the Station House officers,
the want of life in the work of the
Inspector

Inspector generally.

Shave & Co
(Ed) S. P. C. Scott
Superintendent of Police

(True Copy).

M. M. M.
Inspector of Police



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Enclosure No 2 to letter No 3406 S.P.C. 95 from the District Office.

Office of the Supt of Police,
North Arcot District,
24 May 1895.

From

J. E. Thomas Esq.,
Supt. of Police,
North Arcot Dt.

To

The Inspector of Police.

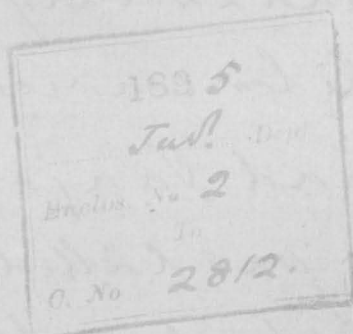
Sir,

In reference to the Extract from G.O. dated 22^d September 1894, No 2303, P.D., forwarded to me under your endorsement, dated 10th October 1894 for explanation as to the extraordinary low conviction rates returned by the District of Tanjore, during 1893, I have the honor to submit that I can only account for it by the unfavorable season, the poor prosecuting agency ordinarily employed, and the prevention of Police officers who investigated cases from prosecuting them. The ease with which witnesses were bought over by the defence, the unsympathetic attitude of the Magistracy, the undue leniency of the Courts and prejudice on the part of certain courts against the Police

Police and of the growing tendency
to acquit unless the evidence was of an
absolutely incontrovertible kind, and
the facilities criminals had for getting
out of the District by rail and sea,
and into French territory.

I have read
(cc) J. E. Thomas
Dist. Supt. of Police.

(True Copy)



M. Hammick

Inspector of Police.

No. G-49.

CURRENT NO. 2812

DEPARTMENT.

No. 3406

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
MADRAS, 8th June 1895.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government.
MADRAS.

SIR,

Enclosures.

[Two]

I have the honor to forward copies
of the letters from the Superintendents of
Police, South Canara and North Arcot,
dated 25th October 1894 and 24th May 1895
respectively, regarding the low conviction
rates in South Canara and Tanjore
in 1893. The explanation was called for
in para 4 of G.O. 22^d September 1894, No. 2303,
Judicial.

2. Mr. Thomas has given no explana-
tion whatever for his delay in replying
to the Government Order and his letter
is a very unsatisfactory explanation
for the bad Police work turned out in
Tanjore in 1893. Almost all the reasons he
gives for bad work obviously apply to
other

other districts besides Tanjore. I think from what I have seen the Magistrates in some parts of Tanjore are peculiarly difficult to deal with, but there is the same tendency everywhere to require more evidence and stricter proof than used to be the case, and Tanjore is not peculiar in this. The Stationary Magistrates are no doubt everywhere much more critical than were the Tahsildar Magistrates of former days, and regard themselves much more in the light of judges than Police Magistrates. From what I have seen I am in great hopes that Mr. Agar will show a better out. turn of work than did Mr. Thomas, and as regards results Mr. Thomas' administration in North Arcot has so far been unsatisfactory. Mr. Thomas has only a short time longer to serve for his pension and he has been passed over for the post of Deputy Inspector General. I am afraid these two considerations are affecting his work for the worse.

3. Mr. Scott was not wholly responsible for the bad results in South Canara in 1893, and it hardly seems worthwhile at present to pursue the enquiry farther in this district. South Canara has peculiar conditions

conditions. The force there is recruited from a limited area, and crime is, as a rule, light. The murders, which form a special feature in the crime of the district, are often committed by men with money at their back and are for this reason very difficult of detection. I shall be able to deal with the matter better after scrutinizing the results of 1894.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedt. Servt.,

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Inspector General of Police

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Jacob (1895) DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government.

Cotacmand.
No. 3406

Dated 8th June 1895.
Received 10th June 1895.



SUBJECT.

Forwarding copies of
Explanations from the
Supts. of Police, S. Canara
& B. Arcot called for in
f.o. 2303 of 22.9.94. f.d.
re: the low conviction rates
in 1893 in South Canara and Tanjore

with remarks.

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order in 1289/95
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SP. 2303/94 mis (ab)
323-13-2-95 mis
SP. 2080/94 sc 7/11

For orders.

Submitted for perusal.
15/8/95

Both explanations are very
lame affair

Very lame — I think Mr.
Thomas should be told that
if the S.P. has occasion to
complain of his work, it will
not merely be a case of being passed
over for the appt. of S.P., but
of reduction to a lower grade
of Supt.

18/6/95 21/6
24 June

Order of 27 June 1895, No. 1372
Further explanation can be regarded as
satisfactory and that submitted by Mr.
H. Thomas is particularly inadequate. He should
be informed that if the S.P. has occasion to com-
plain of his work, the Govt. will have to
consider whether he should not be reduced
to a lower grade, & if so, he will
not merely be passed over again for promotion to
the post of S.P. but

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