

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 846.

Dated 24th Apr 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

POLICE STATISTICS.

Directing the Inspector-General of Police to carry out the suggestions conveyed in G.O., dated 13th. February 1895, No. 323, regarding the simplification of statistics in the Police report and to inform Messrs. Stevenson and Frendergast of the withdrawal of the censure passed on them if cause is shown in the report for 1894.

met.

as long, if not longer than that of Madras.
The Madras report undoubtedly contains
as the Government points out, a good deal
in the letter press which might be omitted
but on the other hand, I think from what I
have seen there is very much which should
be explained to Government which is not,
as a rule, explained. Nothing has struck
me more in the few inspections I have yet
made, than the great danger of drawing
conclusions from the Police statistics when
insufficiently acquainted with the working
of the Force. Every figure almost from a
District has to be examined most critically
with the help of local knowledge, before
any safe conclusion can be arrived at,
and I fear that my first administration
report may be blamed from its excessive
length. I may point out, for instance,
that two of the Superintendents who
specially were blamed by Government,
Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Prendergast, are
among the best we have and the con-
clusions drawn from the statistics of
the two districts, Tinnevely and
Kistna were mistaken. Mr. Stevenson
has a reputation of his own as the best
detective

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detective in the force and the inspection
I made of his work confirmed the high
opinion which his District Magistrates
have always had of his work. As to Kistna,
I know Messrs. Arundal, Atkinson and
Gordon Mackenzie have always had a
good opinion of Mr. Prendergast's
earnestness and hard work and the
bad results from that District were
not due to his idleness or incapacity.
If the figures in the report had been
critically examined and explained
in the letter press I have little doubt
that Government would not have felt
called upon to pass the severe remarks
which were made on the Police work
of these two districts and I shall
feel it my duty in the next report
to go at more length than has been
hitherto the custom in this matter.
The Police administration dealing
as it does, with the work of 23000 men,
all in daily contact with the public
demands an annual review of
considerable length and I hope
I shall not be blamed if I can-
not curtail the next report to any
great extent.

3. The reply to para 4, G.O., 22^d Septmber,
1894, 2303, is delayed because Mr. Agar
has not yet reported from Tanjore. as
soon as his report is received, I will
address the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.,

Mamunet
Inspector of Police.

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In. Hammet Esq. Jas.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF POLICE

For orders

No. 1403

Dated 14 }
Received 15 } March 1895.

CHIEF SECRETARY
15 MAR 1895
No.
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT:

stating that he sees no objection to the alterations proposed by Government in the Administration Report.

4819.3.98.
Rec'd with
Report for 3/4
MR

Forbes

Wol for C. Draft
Please see order
on reverse of current
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miss

It will be enough to say "Re-
corded", I think. There isn't
much cause for satisfaction
Hd

* Attention is invited to which is
sent in para 5 of the letter. How
nearly the British Officer did not
see the blunder which is there mentioned
rectified and why these Caretakers were
not detached in the I. G. Office it
is difficult to understand. The nature
of the case of Indefensible homicide
you could would one would think
immediately attract attention and
lead to inquiry. If any questions
had been asked the mistake could
now have appeared in the Adm-
Nelson

C. N. 1288 of 14.3.98 from I. G. 10
— 1289 —

For Orders

These papers have been delayed for references which were so immediately available.

2. C. N.º 1200. This is the
reply to the last Police
Review (80.3 25 Aug. 1874, N.
1200, Indl.).

There is nothing particular
to note in it except that
the I.G. Expresses the opinion
that some of the severer
strictures of Gov.^t were
based on an incorrect
interpretation of the statistic
Subm.ⁿ that this current

may be recorded with
an expression of satisfaction
that the work of the
Police was not so bad
as G.P. imagined it to be.

3. C. No. 1289. This is the
reply to G. O. J. 13 Feb 95,
No. 322, Ind.

(17) Mr. J. G. has no objection to the simplification of the statistics annexed to the annual Police Report which Govt. suggested in that G.O. to be desirable. Subm. then, that the alterations suggested by Govt. may now be ordered to be carried out.

(2) The J.G. thinks that the Police Report is not defective by reason of length but by reason of the absence thereof of

alleged explanations
of the statistics dealt
with.

But he may be told
that Govt. agrees with
his view & only objects
to the overloading of the
Report with figures which
can be readily gathered
from the appended statements.
(3) The I.G. further expresses
the opinion that the severe
censure passed in G.O. of
22 Sept. 1894, No. 2303, Ind.,
on Messrs Stevenson &
Prendergast was not de-
served.

In para. 4 of his letter
read in G.O. of 13 Feb 1895,
No. 323, Ind., Col. Porteous
recorded a similar opinion
as regards Mr Stevenson
whom he spoke of as a
conscientious & hardworking
officer.

Mr. Hammick says that Messrs
Stevenson & Prendergast are
among the best of the Police
Officers & that Govt. has been
misled by the statistics.
Mr. Hammick has not explained
in what way Govt. was mis-
taken but he apparently
means to deal with the matter
in the report for 1894.

Statistics are so notoriously
deceptive & an undeserved
censure is so cruel a blow
to a hard-working man, that
it seems advisable to tell
the I.G. to inform Messrs S. &
P. that Govt. is much pleased

Agree with Mr. Hammick
as to C. No. 1289
20/4/95

To gather from the I.G.'s
remarks that the censure
passed was undeserved
& that it will be withdrawn
if cause is shown in the
report for 1894.

7 Apr 95

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated

18, No.

Again G.O., dated 13 February 1895, No. 323.

Current No. 1289 of 1895, dated 14 March from The I.G., Police

Current No.

of 18, dated

from

Order 824 April 1895, No. 846.

The I.G. will now be directed to
carry out in future administration
reports the suggestions conveyed in
G.O. of 15 February 1895 No. 323. The
Govt. agrees with his view that the
Police Report is not affected by
reason of its length, but on account
of the absence therefrom of intelligent
explanations of the statistics dealt
with, and only objects to the overloading
of the report with figures which can
readily be gathered from the appended
statements.

2 Messrs Stevenson & Prendergast
should be informed that Govt. is
much pleased to gather from the
I.G.'s remarks that the censure passed
upon them in G.O. of 22 Sept. 1894 No.
2303 Ind. was undeserved & that it
will be withdrawn if cause is shown
in the report for 1894.

From order,
Copied 27/4. 22. 23/4/95
The I.G., Police

Office note

See that the reply to para 4 of G.O. 2303
is received.

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From order