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Mr J.E. Thomas, Supt. of Police, N. Distt
for retrogression of work in his
District

as unsatisfactory

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From M. Hammick Esq I.C.S. Insp Genl of Police Madras

No. 580

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SUBJECT.

Submitting the explanations of Mr J. E. K. Thomas for the unsatisfactory state of North-Arcot Dist as regards crimes in 1896, with his remarks thereon

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Inspector-General of Police.

OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE 17 DEC.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE 16 DEC. 96 CENTRAL RANGE.

Office of the Superintendent of Police
North Arcot District.
Chittoor, 14th December 1896.

From
J. E. Thomas Esquire
Dt. Superintendent of Police,
North Arcot.

To
The Inspector-General of Police,
Madras.

Thro. The Deputy Inspector General of Police
Central Range.

Sir,

I In reference to Chief Office Memo No. 562/Conf dated 14th October 1896 and Reference on current No. 4145/Conf of 11th December 1896, and to the remarks of Government reviewing the Police Administration Report for the year 1895, contained in Government Order No. 1384 Judicial, dated 25th August 96 I have the honor to request that you will lay this my explanation before Government.

II I consider the increase of crime and retrogression in detection in the past year was to a great extent due to the following causes.

Firstly the succession of bad seasons of which 95 was the 5th year the District had.

Secondly. The fact that this

large and important District to which I was new, (having only joined it in October 1894) was for 210 days in the year without any Assistant Superintendent.

Thirdly. To the fact that some of the old Inspectors were either transferred out of the District altogether, or in it from one Division to another without any reason being assigned, or the Superintendent being consulted; and that this system of transferring officers without any reference to the Superintendent, made Inspectors lose heart and kept them in a state of uncertainty and perplexity, as to when their turn should come. Many intelligent constables also who had experience, and had passed the Station House Officer's Test, were transferred out of the District on promotion.

Fourthly. To the greater care bestowed by me and inculcated on Inspectors for the accurate registration, and ledgering of cases, so as to show the real state of crime and not a phenomenal state of detection, for when I joined the District, it was commonly reported, that Station House officers had got into the habit of burking crime, and of registering

... minor ones.

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... instance of what I ... above in clause 4 I have ... to refer you to the Inspector ... no. 6262 dated ... 1894 issued by Colonel ... late Inspector General ... to know the state of ... which 2nd Grade Head ... 390 Mohamed Hodaly ... 1st class constable for ... heavy case of theft on the ... non cognizable case ... 403 of the I. P. C. ... death blow to Head ... the District who were ... of burking crime. — ... regards the remarks of ... that discipline has ... relaxed, I have the hono... ... I have only carried ... of the Inspector

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where I had no assistant for the greater part of the year and had to work single-handed. Under the head robbery, the detection in 1895 was 39·3 per cent against 53·3 per cent in 1894, and under House breaking 34·8 per cent in 1895, against 44·8 per cent in 1894 which was probably owing to a more correct registration of cases that occurred. The detection under the head of "ordinary theft" was 44·9 per cent in 1895 against 59·9 per cent in 1894, which I submit is not a very great difference, and was probably owing as in the cases above referred to, to greater accuracy in the registration of crime. The results in cognizable cases tried by the High court and the Sessions courts, rose from 61·8 per cent in 1894 to 67·5 per cent in 1895.

There was thus therefore an improvement in detection in 1895 under the graver crime of murder, Dacoity and cognizable cases tried by the Sessions and High Courts. I submit that judging of an officer's work by a comparative statement of crimes and detection, is not a fair test of such officer's work, for an officer with a heavy [illegible] district cannot show the same percen[illegible]tage of detection as one

with a lighter one if he conscientiously records all crime as it occurs.

In conclusion I earnestly request that I may be informed how the Inspector General has arrived at the opinion he has expressed on page 39 of the report, that I do not seem to carry weight with my Inspectors as I should. I am quite at a loss to know on what grounds he has formed this opinion, for he has not at any time mentioned to me any circumstance, that would show such was the case, and as far as I am aware none of the experienced officers under whom I have served for the past 28½ years in the Police, have had occasion to remark in this disparaging way about me, the most senior officer in the Force, who had been all his service selected for the charge of the heaviest and most criminal Districts.

If it is as he states I can only think it is because my Inspectors see the way in which he has ignored my position as a District Superintendent of Police. i.e. when my Assistant Mr Armitage was transferred from Vellore to act for Mr Mainwaring in Madanapalli on 3rd February 96, no intimation of it was made to me by the Inspector General and the first I heard of it was from my Assistant Mr Armitage himself.

Secondly. In the matter of the formation of the Police school at Vellore for the training of Probationary Assistant Superintendents and Inspectors, I was not communicated with at all, but my Assistant was communicated with direct.

I submit that the remark which has been published in some of the Public papers has done me considerable harm in reputation, and been a cause of great pain to me.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Thomas
Dt Superintendent of Police

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CURRENT No. 3183 of 1896
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Forwarded.

Mr. Thomas has now served under me in my range for the past two years, and I have no reason to suppose he is other than a painstaking and Conscientious police officer. I have known instances in which Inspectors of his district have attempted to refer Cases of grave Crime as false and to minimise the gravity of such offences, but in all such Cases their efforts have been sternly frustrated by Mr. Thomas.

I do not for one moment believe that Mr. Thomas does not carry weight with his Inspectors. On the Contrary, I am certain that he is down on them when they play tricks or have recourse to irregularities. It is better, in the interests of the general public whose servants the Police are, that he should be so, rather than he should wink at their abuses in Consideration of being enabled thereby to produce statistics, at first sight imposing, but in reality most unreliable.

A reference to the returns prepared prior to Mr. Thomas' advent to North Arcot will show, that, in some divisions, 100. per cent in detection was arrived at. Now, in the name of common sense, Can Credence be

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be given to this figure, and, if it be assumedly genuine, why, may it be asked, have such wonderful figures not been followed by a diminution of Crime? It must stand to reason that if all the real Criminals of the Country are sent to Jail to expiate their Offences; there must be very few left to trouble the Police, and yet we find that the result one should naturally expect is not forthcoming but, that, on the Contrary, Crime is on the increase.

The District Magistrate has already in a measure attributed the decline in detection to the pack of the district being left for long periods without an assistant. I fully endorse this opinion, and Cannot but repeat that an important Sub division, such as the Vellore Sub division is, should have been left for months together without any direct European Supervision. As the bulk of the grave Crime in the district is reported from it, it is imperative to keep an European assistant always here. Vellore itself, an important centre with a population of 44,925 inhabitants and a large police force, requires unremitting European Supervision more than the outlying portions of the district.

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Enclosure No. Two
Letter No. 580 81 dated 9/1/97
from Inspector-General of Police.

THE INSPECTOR
9-JAN.97
MADRAS.

Office of the Superintendent of Police
North Arcot District

District Chittoor 8th January 1897

From

J. E. Thomas Esquire
D.I. Superintendent of Police
North Arcot

To

The Inspector General of Police
Madras.

Sir

In reference to your Reference on current No 4881 of 27th December 1896 and in continuation of my letter No 643 dated 11th December 1896, I have the honor to state that the following Inspectors were transferred out of the District without any reason being assigned on my being considered viz 3rd Class Inspector Mahamad Ameenudeen Sahib from Palacode to Chingleput District vide Fort St. George Gazette dated 20th April 95 page 184

4th Class Inspector Balakrishna Chetti from Arcot Taluq to Chingleput District vide Fort St. George Gazette dated 30th March 1895 page 144

4th Class Inspector Sundara Naick

from January 1st 1895 to Station District, vide Police Gazette dated 30th March 95 page 444 and 15 constables who had passed Station House officers test and 11 constables not passed as per list attached were transferred from the District on promotion and at their own request.

II The disparaging remark that I allured to in my letter above quoted is, that "I did not seem to carry weight with my Inspectors as I should do," published in the leading article of "The Times" dated 24th October 1896.

III I find that in calculating my explanation referred to above, I omitted a point, which I should now like to bring into prominent notice. I assumed charge of the North West District on the 11th October 94 so that I can be in no way held responsible for that years Statistics, which fell from 81·6 per cent in 1892 to 75·7 per cent in 1893, and to 50·3 per cent in 1894, or 30 per cent from 1892 to 1894. One would have supposed that such a tremendous fall would have formed a theme for unfavourable comment by the Inspecting Officer, but I find no allusion to it in any way. I can only conclude that because Mr Agar is the responsible officer, his bad work has been quietly overlooked.

II The downward tendency in detection commenced I daresay before my advent to North West as the above figures clearly disclose. It was under Mr Agar's regime that North West fell from the first District, in order of merit in 1893, to Number 6 on the list in 1894.

The pinnacle of fame reached by Mr Agar's figures (81·6) in 1892 was shattered by the results of successive years. It was too good in fact to be lasting, resting as it did upon an unsound basis. The Inspector General himself appears to discredit North West figures (vide the final paragraph on page 27 of his Administration report for 1894.) — and there can be no doubt, that the high percentage shown against this District has been due, rather to delicate manipulation of statistics than to the real efficiency of the Police, the material of which

is in no way superior to that, to be
met with in South Arcot, Chingleput
and the Salem Districts. I use the
term "Delicate manipulation of
Statistics" advisedly, because when
I joined the District, I found true
undetectable cases reported by Police
through form VI [illegible]
as [illegible] it being struck off
as false, and shown as such in
the returns. This practice I at
once put a stop to in communication
with the ~~District~~ Divisional Magistrates

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
T. Thomas
Dt. Superintendent of Police

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List of constables transferred to other Districts from No. during 1895

No	Rank and Name		District to which transferred	Date of transfer	Examination passed by constable	Remarks
378	1.c.c.	Irumalloo	Cuddapah.	1-7-95	Passed S.H. Oi test	On promotion to 4th Grade
827	"	Shaik Meera	— do —	1-8-95	— do —	— do —
417	"	Irumalloo	Kurnool	1-9-95	— do —	— do —
242.	"	Ramasami	Cuddapah.	1-9-95	— do —	— do —
856	"	Munisami	— do —	1-9-95	— do —	— do —
193	"	Ethirajulloo	Kurnool.	1-10-95	— do —	— do —
622	"	Arumugam.	Cuddapah.	1-11-95	— do —	— do —
459	"	Alagirisami	South Arcot	1-5-95	not passed	— do —
988.	"	Sambia Iyer	Cuddapah.	1-11-95	Passed S.H. Oi test	Transferred at their own request
949	"	Narasier	Kurnool	1-3-95	do	
852	"	Subramaniem Iyer	Nellore.	1-5-95	do	
789	"	Subramaniem Iyer	Chingleput	1-6-95	do	
325	"	Ramasami Iyer	South Arcot	1-7-95	do	
479	2.c.c.	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-11-95	do	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				
139	"	Venkatrayan	Chingleput.	1-8-95	do	
1115	1.c.c.	Chungalappah.	Cuddapah.	1-9-95	do	
1072.	"	Subbiah	— do —	1-10-95	do	
243	2.c.c.	Raganalu	Chingleput.	1-8-95	do	
100	"	Raganaloo	— do —	1-10-95	do	
579	"	Munisami	Salem	1-11-95	do	
828	"	Shaik Imam	Chingleput	1-12-95	do	

J. Thomas.
Dt. Superintendent of Police
North Arcot

Enclosure No. Three
To Letter No. 580 of 16th July/97
From Inspector-General of Police.

No. 5720-A.
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OFFICE OF THE INSPR.-GENL. OF POLICE, MADRAS,
22*nd November* 1895.

Inspection Note on North Arcot District.

I left Madras on 8th October for Renigunta and travelled by road to Chittoor and from Chittoor to Kuppam through Palmanér. I left Kuppam on the 2nd November for Tiruppattúr in Salem, and on Monday, the 4th November, came to Vellore where I stayed until Friday, the 8th, when I returned to Madras.

2. The following statement will show that, taking the district as a whole, in 1894 there was a distinct falling off in police work, judged by figures. Mr. Agar, who had been Superintendent for some years up to 28th August 1894 then left the district, and the present Superintendent took charge on the 11th October 1894 :—

—	Cases reported.	Cases detected.	Percentage of detection.	Persons convicted.	Percentage of conviction	Property lost.	Property recovered.
1888	298	159	53·4	193	65	14,905	4,435
1889	303	180	59·4	242	80	17,645	4,960
1890	494	315	63·8	402	81	37,549	8,490
1891	470	316	67·2	436	93	19,737	7,217
1892	454	373	81·6	483	106	26,968	12,169
1893	378	286	75·7	339	90	36,030	14,200
1894	350	176	50·3	211	60	34,821	6,790

From the figures I received at the stations I visited, I much fear that the results of the current year will again show a deterioration. Detection was bad in almost every station I saw and the Inspectors, in many cases, were clearly not kept up to the mark.

3. *Head Quarter Office.*—As I found the Deputy Inspector-General had inspected the office very recently, I did not inspect it as thoroughly as I had done the offices in Kistna and Kurnool. The Deputy Inspector-General's Inspection note accompanies this note. He found that the service books of five head constables had not been re-attested after five years, as should have been done; that, in one case, Challan F had not been signed by the Treasury Deputy Collector; that the names of constables retired or died had not been scored out in the constabulary register in red ink, as should have been done; and that entries in the long roll were untidy and in pencil.

When inspecting the office I instructed the Head-Quarter Inspector in the new method of keeping the correspondence registers, and I hope he will have no difficulty in introducing the new rules.

The accommodation in the office is cramped and it is possible that, before long, an addition will have to be made to the office. As regards the Deputy Inspector-General's remarks, the Government do not at present intend to take the office away from the Sup[illegible]tende[illegible]d there is no need to move in the matter.

Th[illegible]uch delay in the receipt of papers from Mr. Engledew's division. [illegible]ndent's report against this Inspector is now under disposal and he has [illegible]nsferred from the district.

The railway warrants were, I was glad to hear, received regularly back from the Office. I am afraid the Superintendent did not understand what is to be done these warrants when received. I hope the recent order sent out on the subject [illegible]eceive attention.

The hutting and building register showed that the allotment for the district for [illegible]rs and new works was being spent and works in satisfactory progress.

In the crime ledger I found that, as soon as a crime was reported, column 16 "Undetected" was filled in. This is, of course, wrong and makes the book untidy. It is sufficient if, at the end of the year, every undetected case is then shown in this column. The column will of course also be filled in when Form VII is snbmitted.

In the matter of gangs, I found that the settlements Mr. Stevenson had made, when Superintendent, at Gudiyáttam and Tirutani had disappeared and the gangs left. The Superintendent is requested to look up this matter and let me have an account of what Mr. Stevenson did and how long his efforts were successful and what has become of the gangs he settled down on the land he obtained. How is the land held now? I should be glad of a short clear history of the matter.

The stores seemed well kept, but the space allotted is very small. In this matter I shall be glad if the Superintendent will explain what I noticed at Vellore town, where, in the quarterly return for September, I noticed a valuable almirah had disappeared from the return after the June return, and apparently the Store Committee had not noted the fact or called for an explanation. The almirah was in the station, but not shown in the office copy of the return for September for no apparent reason except the carelessness of the Inspector. No notice had apparently been taken of the matter.

The Store Inspector keeps his register of issues and receipts of stationery in the book prescribed by the Stationery rules. The form gives a needless amount of writing, and if the Stationery Superintendent permits, the register will be kept in future in the old form of register. Orders will issue shortly on the subject.

In the quarterly list, Form G., no initials are given in the office copy kept in the office. The Store Committee should initial the office copy to show that it is correct.

4. I inspected the old jail buildings to see if suitable lines could be made there. I agree that suitable lines can be made out of the old wards and the Government has been addressed on the matter. They will be expensive, but the lines will be good ones when completed. The outer walls of the jail will have, I think, to be removed when the new lines are constructed.

The corner building—the old hospital—can be given over for use as a forest office as is proposed.

5. I inspected the existing lines, which are in fair order and conveniently situated.

I inspected the hospital, which is in good order and well adapted for its purpose. I did not approve of the way the Medical officer had closed up the windows of the bath and store rooms. It would be better to provide a properly-made bar across the venetians to make them secure. The magazine now in the hospital compound will be removed, as the Government has ordered, and a new and more suitable one constructed.

6. I inspected the reserve. The Reserve Inspector has been in the station five years. He has his men in good order. There was a good deal of talking in the ranks and the men did not march as well as they might have, but they went through the bayonet exercise and physical drill very smartly, and they turned out in good order, well dressed, with their arms in excellent condition.

The armourer works at a disadvantage, having no anvil or bellows. The Superintendent should address the Chief Office on the matter and try and get these supplied.

7. I examined the anthropometrical instruments. They were in good order and the Superintendent has made a capital box into which all the instruments fit with a place for cards and ink. The box is a very good one and I asked the Superintendent to send one to the Chief Office as a specimen. The sliding bar had got a good deal scratched and should be very carefully cleaned after use, care being taken that no grit gets on to it when in use. The School and Court Inspector I supervised doing measurements at the Vellore jail; he and his assistant know their work well. Mr. Armitage was shown the work and I hope he will, when at his head-quarters, regularly check the work at the jail. It is to be regretted that the School and Court Inspector has to go from Chittoor to Vellore to do this work as it takes up very much of his time. If Mr. Armitage could thoroughly teach his own office head constable to do the work, be might perhaps do it instead of the School Inspector. He probably has spare time. The Superintendent is requested to see if this could not be done. It would be a great advantage to get the work done by an officer at Vellore itself. I may mention that the jail measurements do not tally with ours and from what I saw I should say ours were far more correct than the measurements taken in the jail by the jail officer,

8. I agree with the Deputy Inspector-General that the guard room at the sub-jail and treasury should have some protection put up to keep off wind and rain. Chicks would probably be all that is required.

9. As to out-stations, I first saw all the stations in the Tirupati division.

Inspector P. Narayana Aiyar, 2nd-class.—This Inspector knows only Tamil and keeps his register in this language. His record of cases was very short and incomplete. He had inspected very few villages and personally investigated no cases himself. The reason he gave for this piece of laziness was that he did not like to give the courts an opportunity of examining his notes! His constables follow his bad example and most of them keep no note-books. The Superintendent should see that this sort of thing does not go on. I directed him in future to keep proper books and insist on his constables doing the same, and I told him he was in future to investigate every grave case that occurred. If he does not do this, the Superintendent should report him. He is fat and unwieldy in figure and clearly lazy in temperament. The Superintendent is requested to see that he is kept more up to the mark. His records showed the following detection:—

	1894.		1895.	
	Occurrence.	Detection.	Occurrence.	Detection.
	24	17	21	14
House-breaking	12	7	20	11
Thefts	2	1	4	4
Cattle thefts				

His K.D. note book was in English, which he could not read, and his knowledge of the six men registered was very small. No movements of these men were noted, and it was not recorded how many are now present in the division. The Inspector has clearly been very lazy in this and other matters. He wants a deal of stirring up.

Renigunta Station.—Drill was very badly done. One constable had no number or blue coat. He said he had lost them three months ago. They should be replaced. One constable had been at the station four months, but his defaulter sheet had not been sent from his last station. The men's turbands were of good shape, but here, as all over the district, the pins show too much and take off from the smart appearance of the men. The crime at the station was light and a great deal of it petty railway crime.

The beats seemed to be very carelessly done. One constable I examined, who had been to a house-breaking case on his beat on the 23rd September, the house-breaking having taken place on the 22nd, had either not told his station house officer anything about it or his station house officer had not attended to what he reported, as the case was entered in the register as reported by the village magistrate at 6 P.M. on the 23rd. Another constable who had gone on the meeting beat with Tirupati was quite ignorant of a big house-breaking on that beat. The Inspector clearly never examines the men on their beat work or instructs the men on the subject.

The gang work was much neglected and very little knowledge was shown of the members of the gangs, the information recorded being insufficient.

The magistrate had not initialled the Register 43 in one case on the 2nd July and the Inspector, although he examined the book on the 6th July, had omitted to notice the fact. The constable who took the property to the magistrate says the magistrate refused to receive it, so he brought it back. The property was, fortunately, of very little value.

The Superintendent's attention is drawn to the Deputy Inspector-General's remarks on the station. If he considers men can be transferred from here without loss of efficiency, I shall be ready to consider their transfer to any station where they are more required.

Tirupati Station.—This is a fair-sized station. The men turned out in good order. I noticed here, as elsewhere, that the defaulter sheets never appear to have been initialled by anybody for very many years past. This is not as it should be.

The site for the new huts was examined. It seems suitable. The town beats seem fairly done. Crime is light and fairly handled. One constable, 1161, who can write, had been fifteen days out on detective duty, but had not made a single note!

This shows the sort of supervision the Inspector exercises over his men. Another constable, 732, who could not write, had been sent away for days down the railway lines. He had submitted one report not written by himself. It is useless to send a man like this away on detection for such long periods.

One house-breaking of Rs. 30 was reported in January, and the Inspector has not recorded another word about the crime. It had clearly been lost sight of. Another case, which occurred in March, of Rs. 100, showed that the Inspector exercised no intelligent control over his men. Certain men who had got away to Conjeeveram were said to be suspected, but why so the Inspector could not explain.

Tiruchanur Station.—This is the taluk station for Tirupati. It is a new station and has been badly placed. There has been correspondence about the matter and some additional land will be now taken up to give more room. I doubt very much whether the land at the back of the station will do for lines as Mr. Agar intended.

Under a very inconvenient arrangement the Tirupati sub-jail is supplied from the station some three miles distant. I can see no objection to transferring sufficient men to the Tirupati town station from here to supply the jail guard. Mr. Thomas said the Deputy Inspector-General objected to this. Mr. Sullivan is requested to state what his objection is. It seems to me much better that the sub-jail should be supplied from the Tirupati station than from the station three miles away.

Crime here was very light and detection was fair.

Tirumalai Station.—I inspected this station. There is practically no crime here and the station is maintained for the watch of bad characters on the hill. There are only two beats and nothing to remark upon.

10. I next inspected three stations in *Chandragiri division.*

T. Kuppusami Aiyar, the Inspector, third class.—The detection in the division was very unsatisfactory.

	1894.		1895.	
	Occurrence.	Detected.	Occurrence.	Detected.
Murder	1	..	1	1
Dacoity	2	..	..	..
Robbery	..	..	1	1
House-breaking	29	17	7	3
Thefts	5	3	9	4

I examined some of the undetected cases. In one—35 in Inspector's Register—where Rs. 898 jewellery had disappeared, the hospital assistant appeared to have given a very queer certificate, that the alleged thief who had, the Inspector said, tried to commit suicide, had been shot by somebody else and not by himself. The Inspector promised to detect the case later on. I shall expect to hear what he does in the matter.

There was one very bad case at Dhamalacheruvu station, where Rs. 800 worth of jewels were reported lost in a theft case on the railway. This case I found to have been most grossly neglected. The Inspector's note-book shows that he suspected certain Mussalman passengers who were travelling in the same carriage with the complainant. The station-house report shows that these men were not at all in the same compartment, *but in an adjoining one.* No inquiry appears to have been made of the men, who must probably have got down from the train at Chandragiri or Pakala. No inquiry was made as to how long the complainant remained with the property on the platform or in the waiting room at Pakala station before the theft was discovered. The bag which had been cut or torn and from which the property had been extracted had not been kept. Nobody knows now whether it was a cut or a tear, or indeed anything about the bag. There is nothing in the record to show whether the Pakala station was dark or whether the lamps were lit at the time the theft was supposed to have been committed there—a very important point in the case. The Inspector has one short note in his book on the case, viz., the record of a statement from one Gopalachari, a blind old man, who cannot possibly have known anything of importance about the theft. The Inspector had clearly not worried himself in the smallest way to detect this big case and his constables had followed his example. It is not beyond the truth to say that not one serious effort has been made since the case occurred to detect it.

It was as bad a piece of police negligence as I have ever come across. The Inspector will now be fined Rs. 10 for his misconduct in this case and the fact recorded in his service book. I cannot understand how a case like this escapes the Superintendent's attention.

The Inspector is a capable man and quite able to turn out good work. I hope the fine will be a warning to him.

The Superintendent's attention is drawn to the Deputy Inspector-General's remarks on the Inspector's work as regards K.Ds. and gangs.

The Inspector knows little Telugu and cannot read it. It is ridiculous for the Inspector to say he cannot learn the language. I have told him distinctly that he will be reduced if he cannot read and write Telugu before the end of the year. It is a clear indication how disgracefully he has neglected his work since he came into his division that he does not yet know thoroughly the vernacular spoken there.

Chandragiri Station.—This station has two head constables and twenty-one constables. A good station-house in a neat compound near the town. A carefully-made aloe hedge may be made round the station, and the constables employed in keeping it clean. If looked after, it need not harbour snakes as the constables fear.

The drill was disgraceful. The Inspector should be sent into head-quarters and made to drill morning and evening for a fortnight or more until he knows his drill to the Superintendent's satisfaction. He can hold charge of his division at the same time and, if any very grave crime occurs, go out to it by train.

The men turned out neat and smart. Crime here is very light.

The railway orderly did not know his duties and seemed a remarkably stupid man. A better man should, I think, be sent to this duty.

I found one man entered in Book I who should have been entered in Book II as well. I hope the Superintendent is having this matter carefully checked throughout the district.

I found in the crime register one murder case entered in which the details of the inquest were not given as should have been the case.

There is one ghât on the Tirupati road, where a constable sleeps every night. I did not note how often the constable is changed. Care should be taken that constables on this duty are regularly changed at least every week. I am somewhat doubtful whether all the ghâts in North Arcot are really necessary. Some on the Chittoor and Tirupati road seem to be in places where there must be little danger of dacoities. The Superintendent will, no doubt, consider the matter when submitting his report on the matter which was called for some time ago.

Panappakkam Station.—Crime here is almost *nil* in the current year. The gang register is very unintelligently kept. Men are shown as having left a gang in two or three directions, but nothing is entered to show where or why the men have gone. I noticed much of this want of intelligence in several stations in the district.

The station and huts were in fair order.

Dhamalacheruvu Station.—Crime here has fallen off much in 1895 compared with [illegible] I have noticed above one case very badly handled at this station.

[illegible]ticed one K.D.—a Reddy—was in jail for life and the head constable in charge kn[illegible]othing about his relations, although some of them had been convicted. He had cl[illegible] not studied and knew nothing about his K.Ds. He could not find an entry i[illegible]ok I referred to in Book II. As I warned the head constable when at the [illegible]n, he will be fined Re. 1 for his ignorance and the fact entered in his service [illegible]k. The Superintendent will be good enough to see this order carried out.

I inspected with the Superintendent the land about the rail station at Pákala where no doubt, before very long, a police station will be a necessity. It would be well, if possible, to represent to the Collector and District Magistrate that a station will be required here before very long, where the number of European inhabitants and the accompanying native servants, &c., are fast increasing. There seemed to be a piece of waste available on the road towards Dhamalacheruvu on the left hand side just to the west of the village. If possible, this should now be reserved for future use as a site for a station. The Superintendent is requested to address the Collector on the subject.

11. I next visited the *Chittoor division.*

I examined the Inspector's register. Mr. Engledew, the Inspector of the division, is now under suspension and his papers are before me with a recommendation that he should be dismissed.

The detection all through the division has fallen off very much and the Superintendent's attention is drawn to the Deputy Inspector-General's Inspection note on the division which accompanies the note. It shows how much the division wants looking up. The new Inspector, who has been sent to the division, should be carefully looked after and Mr. Thomas should insist that all the records of gangs and K.Ds. are now properly written up, and that the different stations are very carefully brought up to the proper point as regards beat work, knowledge of K.Ds., &c. The division is a heavy one with nine stations (some of them fortunately very light ones) and it will take all the new Inspector's time to get his work up to date and in good order. In 1893, the occurrences were 75 and detection 57, in 1894, 82 and 39, respectively, and in 1895 up to date 83 and 30, respectively. This shows at once how the division has gone to the bad. The crime register was most slovenly written and the Inspector's note-book showed that very little attention had been paid to K.Ds. The Detective register is a mere list of men and of no real use. The present head constable in charge appears to have done his best, but he is not fit for the charge.

Puthulpet station.—Crime light, but detection very bad. The three K.Ds. attached to the station appear to have bolted, but their names do not appear to have been published yet and this though these men have been out of sight for months. Two constables at the station are always on ghât duty.

The station was clean and the men turned out fairly smart in appearance. The huts were in good order. Care should be taken here and elsewhere to see that the constables do the proper amount of work in keeping the surroundings of the huts clean and in order and the huts in good repair.

Chittoor station.—Detection very bad. Nine house-breakings with one detection and very small recovery of property. One culpable homicide had been well worked out.

The Superintendent's attention is drawn to the Deputy Inspector-General's Inspection notes on this station. The beat work was apparently much neglected, the excuse being that the men were much wanted in the town, but the town detection is very bad.

I am inclined to think that the station is undermanned and wants men more than Tirupati station. If men are taken from Rénigunta as the Deputy Inspector-General proposes, they might perhaps be added to this station rather than to Tirupati as he proposes. The Superintendent may come up about it if he thinks necessary.

There was every sign in the station of the Inspector's neglect. I think, as the station is at head-quarters, the Superintendent might give more attention to it when in Chittoor himself. If he had inspected the station oftener, probably things would have been in better order.

From Chittoor I went on to Palmanér and examined Venkatagiri station on the way. Crime had been light in this station, but a dacoity and robbery were not detected. Beat duty had been badly done. Constables Nos. 375 and 818 had been on special duty since 17th September 1895. The Station-house officer in charge said he did not know what 375 had been doing and he had not apparently seen him once since he had been on special duty. The station had been evidently neglected like the other stations in this district.

12. *Palmanér division.*—I saw three stations in this division.

C. Subbarama Aiyar was the Inspector in charge. He had recently joined from Chingleput. He is a heavy, slow man, but not incapable of good work. He is to be transferred to Arni where the Inspector has recently got into trouble.

The first case that attracted my attention in this Inspector's records showed his want of energy. He was at his kusbah on the 25th August 1895. A serious crime occurred—No. 54 Palmanér station. The Inspector says he heard of it four hours after it was reported at the station. On the 26th August the Inspector did nothing until the evening when he apparently went to the scene of the crime and looked at a box concerned in the crime, nothing else. On the 27th he did nothing. On the 28th

he began his enquiry. He had no excuse to offer for all the delay. His subsequent enquiry was very insufficient. He will be fined Rs. 5 for his carelessness. If Inspectors act as if thieves wait on their pleasure, it is not to be wondered at that detection is so bad. The Inspector knew no drill. The crime in his division was very light.

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Murder	..	..	1	1
Dacoity	1	..	..	..
Robbery	1	..	2	1
House-breaking	6	4	11	2
Theft	4	3	8	1

The detection was very bad and had fallen off very much in the current year. The register was very badly kept; ages of witnesses not noted, forward references omitted. His note-book was very illegible. Very few villages had been visited and there was very little recent information about K.Ds.

As the Inspector had only recently come to the division, he should, of course, have taken great care to get all his information about K.Ds. written up carefully and all recent information noted. It would be well if the Superintendent insisted on getting from his Inspectors in their diaries notes about all the K.Ds. they see and insisted on their seeing and finding out more about them.

This Inspector, from what I saw of him, is quite capable of turning out good work, and I hope the warning I gave him will make him work.

Palmanér station.—The station is in an old fashioned taluk cutcherry. It was in fair order. A better drill ground should be found near the station. At present the men drill on much too small a piece of ground. The Inspector knew no drill. He should be sent into the reserve and his mastering of the easy drill required insisted upon.

The men were fairly neat in dress, but a 1st class constable had a very broad ripe on and the constable nominated to be in charge when the Station-house officer happens to be away was wearing two stripes although not in charge at the time. Constable No. 54 knew no drill. He had managed to get a silver stripe though he had never done any good work apparently and was inefficient, not knowing his drill. Some one or two men had been moved more often than was necessary. I found this all through the district and it is a grave fault in administration. Superintendents sometimes complain of the orders in force as to moves, but as far as I have seen, little e is taken to avoid men being moved too frequently. If the rule is adhered to, re need be no ground for complaint. A constable should never be moved unless has served the allotted time in the station, except it is for some special reason. I nd many cases of constables with two moves in five years which seemed to be quite necessary. Until a constable has been in a station some months, he is comparavely useless, not knowing the inhabitants of the station limits. He should not be moved from a station until his seven years are up, except it be for some special cause. hope the Superintendent will pay special attention to the matter in future.

Crime in the station was very light.

	1894		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Dacoity	1	..	..	..
House-breaking	1	..	3	2
Theft	1	..	2	..
Robbery	0	..	1	(Probably false).

tannahs on the Gudiáyttam road appear to be very close to one another and perhaps be possible to reduce the work here, making the tannahs fewer and it ing on patrol between them.

I found the entries in the duty roster did not tally with the sentry book and sub-jail book. This, however, was explained and was really only a clerical error. The point to notice, however, was that the Inspector's check of the books had been so insufficient that he had never noticed the errors.

Beat work was very badly done, chiefly owing to the heavy drain on the station caused by the taunah work. I think too many men were allowed sick as out-patients at the Palmanér hospital. Care should be taken that men do not shirk work in this way. The K.Ds. and gangs seemed to have been fairly looked after by the station men.

Baireddipalli.—Station clean and in good order, crime very light, a detected murder, detected robbery and detected house-breaking; so the station had done well. The recovery of property was also fair. The constables showed a fair knowledge of their K.Ds.

I could not find any trace that the Inspector had done any work in the way of checking beats. It would be a good plan if the Inspector entered either in duty or village roster his check of beats. He could do this without trouble when at the station. At present it is only shown in his own records, which is inconvenient.

Venkatagirikotah.—Crime very light here and station in good order. Detection of the little crime that has occurred has been very bad, one robbery and four house-breakings not having been detected.

There was one constable here wearing three silver stripes and one red one! One constable who had three B.Ms. in one month in 1890 has a silver and red stripe. These matters show either that the defaulters' registers have not been checked, or that the Inspector has been very careless in looking after the dress of the men. The Superintendent is requested to see that all the defaulter sheets in the district are very carefully checked and proper stripes worn everywhere.

The K.Ds. and gangs were not as well checked at the station, as they should have been.

13. *Kangundi division.*—The Inspector in charge here is a probationer, Saiyed Mir Sahib. He has been in the division since 12th November 1894. He has passed no general tests, and it seems doubtful if he will ever pass the departmental tests. The crime in his division stood thus:—

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Murder	2	..	2	2
House-breaking	9	5	11	1
Theft	6	3	16	7
Robbery	..	..	3	..
Dacoity	..	..	1	..

The detection in this year has been very bad. The recovery of property has also been very bad. I examined the Inspector's note-book. The Inspector has a great deal to learn and the best that can be said for him is that he seems willing to do his best. His conduct in the Bissennathum torture case was disgraceful. He left a woman who complained of having been maltreated by the police in the police station at Bissennathum in charge of the very constables who were accused and he came away by train. The Inspector has nothing to say, and as I do not think his conduct was the result of anything but stupidity and inexperience, I will not do more than warn him this time.

The Inspector has done very little personal investigation, and his K.D. note-book contained no information. The gang register was out of date. Two men recently convicted in one gang were not entered. The Inspector had done very little village inspection. His shooting register was disgracefully untidy and his memorandum book shows no replies to his memoranda.

This Inspector has a great deal to learn and will want a great deal of coaching and supervision. I hope Mr. Armitage will look after him. He seems anxious to learn but has all the faults of his class. I am very much afraid he will never do as an Inspector. He was strictly warned that he would be turned out unless he showed great improvement.

Kistnapuram station.—This is a small station near the Mysore Frontier off the main road. Crime was light but detection was bad. The station building is in bad order and will have to be re-built shortly—a low dark old fashioned building.

Drill was very bad, the dress of the constables was also not smart, and two constables had wrong stripes on—one broad and one narrow one. There are very fair lines close to the station.

The head constable could hardly read the crime register though he had written it. I went carefully into one crime which had been most carelessly handled. The Inspector was at the station a few days after the crime occurred but never went to the scene of the offence. He says he had damaged his leg. The constable's note-book containing notes of the crime (a big house-breaking) had not, I believe, been read by the Inspector or his writer.

One constable, No. 287, had been out ten days on special duty connected with the crime, but had discovered nothing and reported nothing. It appeared that a few days before I visited the station some sort of clue had been discovered in Bissennathum. I hope the Inspector has worked it out vigorously. Even here I found the Inspector had taken no immediate measures and the result probably has been that the man to whom some of the property was apparently traced has disappeared.

Bissennathum.—A new station opened for the new gold mine here. Men here now have been moved unnecessarily often as I noticed elsewhere. The station is on a wretchedly feverish site. I hope the new station will be built shortly. I found here the men had been taken away unnecessarily for out-beat work. The Superintendent must bear in mind that the station was specially opened to look after thieving at the mine itself, and great care must be taken that the constables do not neglect night beat work at the mines. I suggested that some of the out-beats might be stopped and the Superintendent said he would see this was done.

I hope the constables will be made to live in the new lines Mr. Scantlebury has made for them. They are in a healthy position. There had been six cases of gold thieving enquired into which show the station was wanted here. It is unfortunate that the constables should have misbehaved the moment after the station was opened. I hope the Inspector will see nothing occurs again in this way. The station is an important one and should be frequently visited and close supervision exercised over the men.

Kuppam station.—The station here is a good building, but it is badly situated. The station was clean and in good order and the lines are excellent. I was glad to see that almost everywhere the police had demarcated the sites belonging to this department with good stones.

Kits were well laid out. In a good many cases the men's buttons want replating.

Crime was light—

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Murder	1	..	2	2
Robbery	..	..	3	..
House-breaking	7	4	8	3
Theft	8	4	6	..

The beat work was not as well done as it should be, but the men are not sufficient for seven beats.

Book I. was checked and in several cases the jail numbers were not given. This should be seen to.

The station on the whole was not in bad order.

Kangundi station.—I visited this station. The station should be re-built as soon as possible. The present station is in one of the men's huts, the station however having fallen down. Crime has been very light here. The men want to move the station but I don't think this necessary or advisable. It is very centrally situated now. The Zemindar, Kangundi, said he would do all he could to get a proper well dug to supply good drinking-water, and if he is kept up to the mark he will, I think, do what he promised. He is very anxious to retain the station in Kangundi village. With some tact, I think Mr. Armitage will be able to get the Zemindar to do a good deal for the police in the village.

14. *Gudiyattam division.*—B. Ramanujayya is in charge here, a 2nd-class Inspector. He has been all his service in this district. His crime stood thus:—

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Murder	..	..	1	Pending.
Robbery	3	..	4	2
House-breaking	18	5	11	6
Theft	16	12	19	6

Property lost amounted to Rs. 4,728 in 1895 and recovered to Rs. 1,308.

I found here, as elsewhere, the Inspector delaying in investigating cases. A house-breaking was reported on 29th May 1895, and the Inspector did not visit the scene of the crime until the 27th June. The Inspector explained that he could not get the real value of the property lost out of the Station-house officer, but he really never tried.

In a case where Mr. Ananda Charlu complained of loss of property—a large amount—the Inspector has no written notes. His K.D. book was well kept. It should be brought up to date.

This Inspector was, I think, the best I had seen when I inspected his division. He complains of bad head constables, but in this matter his remedy is to some extent in his own hands. He can do a great deal in the way of teaching them.

Katpadi station.—The men were fairly smart in appearance; one constable had incorrect stripes. The head constable had been too frequently changed. Crime in the station was not heavy but detection was very unsatisfactory.

Two resident gangs were well known by the Inspector.

Beats were not well done.

The lock-up here is in constant use by prisoners on transfer, and it is not a very safe room. It is therefore specially necessary here that the lock-up guard should be always sufficient.

15. *Vellore Town.*—Mr. C. E. Plowden has one station to look after and fifty nine men. The men turned out well dressed and drilled well. Kits were clean. One constable had incorrect number of stripes.

The buildings are in good order and very suitable for the purpose.

Crime stood thus:—

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Murder	1	1	..	..
House-breaking	18	6	19	3
Thefts	11	5	11	2
Petty thefts	..	..	12	8

The detection and recovery of property in 1895 has been very poor.

Complaint was made of constant change of head constables owing to there being no charge allowance attached to the station. I find, on looking through the papers in Chief Office, that the charge allowance of the station was transferred to Tiruchanur when that station was opened. I have asked Government to sanction an allowance for Vellore town.

Crime had been very carefully entered in the crime register; but in some cases of property lost, where there was really no reason to infer a crime, the occurrence had been registered as 403. In some cases an investigation had been entered upon when investigation might well have been refused under 157 (*b*), Cr. P.C.

The beats were regularly done.

The Inspector asked for additional men as an additional area has been recently added to the municipality. I do not however think that it is necessary at present to add to the present strength. The beats should be re-arranged, and, if necessary, made a little larger so as to economise men. The Inspector knew his K. Ds. fairly and

seemed well up in local crime. He is not by nature a detective officer and requires a good head constable to assist him. I hope, if the allowance is sanctioned, the Superintendent will be able to arrange for a good head constable to be sent to Vellore and kept there.

Mr. Plowden is excellent as far as drilling and looking after his men goes. I hope his results in detection will improve. There is happily not very much grave crime in the town.

I have noticed above the discrepancy in the quarterly list of arms sent to the head-quarter office which I wish explained.

16. *Vellore Taluk—Inspector Ghulam Saiyid Abdul Aziz, Fourth-class Inspector*—He has put in all his time since 1892 in this taluk. He appears to be an able Inspector. His crime stood thus—

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
House-breaking	18	10	17	9
Theft	18	9	8	3
Cattle theft	7	7	..	..

Detection is fair, considering local circumstances. The Inspector takes voluminous notes. The Inspector's drill is bad and he should be sent into the Reserve to learn his drill properly. On the whole, I think this Inspector is doing fair work.

The taluk station men drilled badly, chiefly because the Inspector did not know his drill as he should.

Crime at the station was very light, but detection was not as good as it should have been.

The head constable of the station does not use his note-book properly. He checks tannahs, but never mentions them in his notes, and keeps his note-book strictly to cases and nothing else, which is not as it should be.

I found in the station that not nearly a close enough watch had been kept on the length of absence of men away accompanying prisoners. Men took three or more days more than was necessary on journeys to other districts and in consequence beat work was neglected. The Inspector should carefully examine the roster when he inspects and find out if constables delayed on journeys away from the stations and get them punished if necessary. I found two cases where clearly the men had been away from the station longer than was necessary, probably idling in their own homes.

I will look up the question of whether the existing custom of accompanying released prisoners to other districts should continue. I think the practice is not correct and should be stopped, but I will see if there are any rules on the matter.

The K. D. book had been written up quite wrongly in what was supposed to be the new form. The Assistant Superintendent should see that the work is correctly done. Several of the slips sent out had been wasted.

The Inspector does not apparently know much English and makes mistakes in consequence.

17. *Assistant Superintendent's office.*—I examined this office. The books were in fair order. The cash-book was not as neatly kept as should have been the case. The office monetary transactions are large for an Assistant's office. The books showed that the Kangundi Inspector was the Inspector who delayed his returns and I hope the Assistant Superintendent will bring him to book.

The railway warrants were all put away as soon as received and not checked as should be the case. As it is, the railway warrant register is a useless waste of labour as it is never used.

Fifty-nine gangs were registered chiefly Korachas, Jogies and Maratta Dombas. The register was in good order.

The confidential records were not in good order. The head constables register should be re-written and the list of detectives checked and re-written and brought up

to date. The Inspectors register gave no really useful information. I hope Mr. Armitage will write all these books up. They are very useful in affording information to an officer on first taking charge. I saw the following Inspectors, but had no opportunity of examining any stations under their charge. I however examined their books.

18. *Kálahasti—Bakur Ali Khan.*—This man has been an Inspector nearly five years. He had only been in his division twenty days; so I had no opportunity of judging his work. The detection in his division was very unsatisfactory. Ten house-breakings had occurred with only one detection. In one case the Kálahasti Magistrate appeared to have allowed some Yanadies, who had confessed to a house-breaking, to go on bail. The Head Assistant Magistrate had transferred the case to Tirupati, and the High Court re-transferred it. In the mean time the accused appear to have bolted. The head constable who had been in charge of the division for three months appears to have done his work very badly.

Cases Nos. 32 *and* 34*—Branding a wife.*—The Magistrate appears to have ordered the cases to be struck off *though true.* The Superintendent should find out what happened in the cases. There must have been some mistake either in the Police report or in the Magistrate's proceedings.

19. *Tirutani—C. V. Kuppu Rao, third class Inspector.*—Detection in this division again has fallen off very much, especially in house-breakings. The register was badly kept; it had no forward or back references. Thirty-nine K. Ds. are registered, but no receivers though the Inspector admits that there are many in his division. The Inspector has fairly noted down the wandering gangs in the division, but he has handled his cases very badly. I was not satisfied with him.

20. *Puttur—K. D. Jaganadha Pillai, fourth class.*—This Inspector had only been three months in Puttur. Crime had been very fairly well detected in the division; but this Inspector had not had much crime to deal with since he came. There are 31 gangs to look after and 49 K. Ds.

I hope the Superintendent will see this Inspector works better here than he has done hitherto.

21. *A. G. Sama Rao, Acting Fourth-class Inspector, Punganúr.*—This man had only been in charge a few days. He seems a capable man, and I hope he will turn out good work here. He has had experience in the Madras City Police in 1893. Every case in this division was detected.

I explained to him that in this division the watching of gangs is most important.

22. *S. Rama Aiyar, Soudapalli.*—The Inspector had been in the division since 1892. The crime is light in the division with a great many false cases. The Inspector's note-book was fairly written, but the crime is so little that the Inspector has had not much opportunity of showing what he can do.

The Inspector does not know Telugu and asks for a transfer to a division on the banks of the Cauvery. The Superintendent should warn him that he will get no transfer until he has learnt Telugu properly and insist on his learning it. He has a very light division and ample time to study the vernacular.

23. *Wallajah—C. Ramachandra Rao.*—This Inspector has been in the district seventeen years. He has been in the division thirteen months. It is a very heavy division with 57 house-breakings up to date with 21 detected. The Inspector's detective work has been very fair. His register is very intelligently written, and the Inspector seems a very smart Inspector. He seemed to have a good knowledge of what was going on in his division. The movements of gangs have not been well watched, and the village police are said to give little assistance. On the whole, the Inspector gave me the impression of doing good hard work.

24. *Arni.*—This division was in charge of a head constable. The Inspector, Doraswami Pillai, had been transferred for misconduct. The division must be a very heavy one, but fortunately crime is not very heavy in it.

25. *Wandiwash—Muhammad Azim-ud-din.*—The Inspector asks for a transfer to Salem. He has been five months in the division. There is no reason for a transfer at present. The Inspector's people live in Trichinopoly; hence his desire to get a transfer to Salem.

The station in the taluk seems badly placed, but there may be special reasons for this. There are only forty-two constables in the taluk which seems a small number.

The crime return shows—

	1894.		1895.	
	Cases.	Detection.	Cases.	Detection.
Dacoity	5	..	18	..
Robbery	12	..	7	4
House-breaking	11	5	11	7
Theft	7	2	3	1

The Inspector seems to have worked well since he has been in the division and done his cases well. Detection before he came had been very unsatisfactory. His false cases seemed to be genuine false cases and his notes were well and clearly written. The number of K.Ds. has been largely added to lately from Book I which shows that the matter had not been attended to properly. The K. D. note-book is not the one that should be used. A regular card-board bound book should be supplied and the Inspector should write up all his information about each K.D. accurately up to date. Gangs appear to be fairly well watched. The Inspector is, I consider, a fairly able Inspector and should turn out good work.

26. *Arcot—Ali Husain.*—This young Inspector has clearly little idea of his work. His note-book was disgracefully written. Crime in his division is not really heavy, but detection has fallen off very much this year. I hope Mr. Armitage will try and improve the Inspector's work. There is very great need for improvement. The Inspector requires to be thoroughly taught his work.

27. *General Remarks.*—The above notes will, I hope, show the Superintendent what is wanting in his district. I consider, on the whole, that the men turn out here as smartly as they do in any district I have seen. This is due, I imagine, to Mr. Agar's attention to the matter. I know in Tanjore Mr. Agar is most particular about his men's appearance, and in North Arcot I saw evidence that he had been so here too. I hope this will not be allowed to drop back. I am sure I noticed cases here and there of individual slovenliness which I am afraid shows that the old strictness on this point is not being maintained as it should be. Inspectors very soon drop back if not rigidly kept up to the mark, and, although in itself not perhaps very important, it is very important because, unless police are made to turn out always smart and clean in dress and appearance, they won't be smart in other ways.

The management of crime shows a decided falling off since Mr. Agar's time. In this matter it must be remembered that Mr. Agar was preceded by Mr. Stevenson, who is also a most successful officer as regards detection.

The Deputy Inspector-General refers this falling off in detection to constant changes in constables. I noticed everywhere constant and unnecessary changes; but these changes were, as far as I could see, not necessitated in any way by the seven years rule. The changes appeared to be made at much shorter intervals than seven years. Sometimes I found a man changed two or three times in five years, which is not necessitated by any rule that I know of. The seven years rule is a most useful rule if properly worked, and no district need suffer owing to it. In North Arcot, for some reason, changes have been much more frequent than is necessary, and now the matter has been noticed, I hope the Superintendent will see that changes are not made oftener than is really necessary and always for some real reason and not merely because a man asked for a change.

Another reason for bad detection is, I am certain, want of vigour in the Inspectors. Excepting two or three Inspectors, there are none in North Arcot who are really active about crime. It is not enough for an Inspector to set out leisurely when he hears of a crime, come up when the constables have already almost finished the investigation and then accept what is already recorded. An Inspector should be always ready to move and should move *at once* to the scene of any really grave crime when reported. This is not nearly understood, as it should be, and, unless the Superintendent is constantly on the watch for this dilatoriness, all Inspectors will fall into it. I am afraid the Superintendent has not himself insisted on this in every case. In the cases I have mentioned in this note the Inspectors' diaries should have shown the Superintendent that investigation had been undertaken late and not thoroughly made and he

should have come down on the Inspectors in consequence. If the Inspectors do not write proper full diaries about every grave crime, the Superintendent cannot supervise their work. Another thing, I am afraid, happens. Inspectors take up a crime in one week, work at it and then drop it and no one reminds them of their want of perseverance. I can only understand that this must be the case as I found in several cases Inspectors had taken up a crime months ago and dropped it, reporting nothing further and no one brought them to book for it. It is only by hammering away week after week at each undetected crime and keeping the Inspectors perpetually aware that the matter has not escaped the attention of the Superintendent that they can be kept up to the mark.

In this country it is one round of perpetual review for the supervising officers, and it is only by this that work is kept going. I am afraid this has been to some extent lost sight of.

I make these remarks because I know that successful Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents are those officers who show me week after week that their eyes are never off the undetected crimes in their divisions, and I believe it was this constant vigilance which raised detection in North Arcot more than anything else. I do not like to see it dropping in the way I am afraid it has done in the current year.

I also think with Mr. Sullivan that the Inspectors, as a rule, in North Arcot do not do enough of actual patrolling. I saw few signs anywhere that the Inspectors had really done anything to satisfy themselves that beat work, night patrol, tannah watch, &c., had been properly done. The Superintendent might, I think, very well insist on Inspectors showing in their note-books and diaries that they actually do the work; he might insist on their doing a certain amount of beat checking, and a certain number of surprise visits to guards, road patrol and ghâts at night in every month. I am certain if this was done work would improve.

In Mr. Armitage Mr. Thomas has an excellent assistant. I hope to see much improved work in his division. At present there is much too much routine and book everything, and what is wanted is an infusion of some energy and life into the Inspectors and men.

I have, I hope, got a fair idea now of what each Inspector is like in the district and I shall watch their work with interest.

There is no reason in North Arcot why work should not be good. Recruiting is fairly easy; the stations are most of them in good order. Huts are better than I have seen anywhere else. The head-quarter office is in good order, railway communication is good and the people, as a whole, are law-abiding. Former Superintendents have done very much to make gang registry and K.D. registry more complete than it is elsewhere, and the Inspectors are, I should say, on the whole above the average. With personal interest on the part of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in the detection and repression of all grave crime, things should, I consider, be better than they are.

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DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

No. MADRAS, 16 February 1897.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, ESQ., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

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With reference to G. O. No.1384 Judicial dated 25th August 1896 para 30 I have the honor to submit the explanation of Mr. Thomas for the unsatisfactory state of North Arcot District as regards Crime in 1895.

2. I regret the delay in submitting this explanation. Mr. Thomas' first explanation did not reach me till the 16th December 1896 and his second letter reached my office on the 8th January 1897.

3. Mr.Thomas tries to show that detection did not fall off to the extent reported in the Administration Report. I have looked through the report again and I see nothing in it to alter. It is true the results as regards murders and dacoities did not show a falling off but as regards other grave crime the results were distinctly inferior to those of previous years. I am the very last officer to exaggerate the importance of results in Police Work as shown by statistics, but such a marked falling off as was shown in North Arcot District in 1895 could not and unnoticed and I do not consider any explanation that ct been put forward, is sufficient, if the one explanat-

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inferior supervision is put out of the question.

4. Mr. Thomas' main defence is that his predecessor allowed his Inspectors and Station House Officers to conceal crime. Now on this point proof is no doubt exceedingly difficult but Mr. Thomas I maintain produces none. He brings forward one case in which Colonel Porteous discovered that a heavy crime of theft on the Madras Railway had been shown under Section 403 of the Indian Penal Code. This was a bad case but the misdoings of the Police in that one case are hardly a ground for infering that habitual concealment of crime took place im Mr. Agar's time all through North Arcot. For myself I can hardly believe that Mr. Agar's good results can be due to his passively permitting crime to be hushed up in the manner suggested,when I receive no complaints on the subject from the District he administers. It is almost impossible to suppose that crime can be habitually concealed without some of the sufferers petitioning me or the District Magistrate upon the subject. I am quite ready to admit that in some years of Mr. Agar's administration in North Arcot he was blessed with very favourable surroundings. He succeeded a specially good Superintendent and he worked with the assistance of a specially active District Magistrate,but admitting all this I cannot conceive that the good results produced by Mr. Agar both in North Arcot and Tanjore are not due in chief to his own ability and exceptional activity as a supervising officer.

5. Mr. Thomas in his second letter alleges that when he joined North Arcot he found undetectable true cases struck off as false by the magistracy,I only regret he did not bring this to notice at the time. I know it was done to some small extent in several districts and I took some pains to put a stop to the practice.But in any case it could not have been ...e to any extent sufficient to affect the statistics in any ...i way without general and active connivance on the part ...he Magistrates and I have no reason to suppose that

there is any ground to bring this very grave charge against the North Arcot Magistrates in the years previous to Mr. Thomas' arrival in the District. I do not myself believe that either of the causes suggested by Mr.Thomas is sufficient to account for the extraordinary falling off in detection in his District.

6. As regards other causes put forward,I am quite ready to admit that bad seasons affect crime to a very great extent. But they should not affect detection very considerably. In fact crime that arises from scarcity should be more easily detected than other crimes. In any case I do not consider that in 1894 and 1895 the seasons were worse in North Arcot than they were during Mr. Le Fanu's administration as Collector when Police results were especially good. It was , if I mistake not,in 1891 and 1892 that scarcity was felt in North Arcot and it was in those years that detection was specially good.

7. As to Mr. Thomas' excuse that he was left without an assistant,it is true that he was left in 1895 for nearly 7 months without help but in 1893 there was no assistant from the 1st January to 11th June and again from 29th August to t... 15th October so that Mr. Agar had not much advantage over Mr. Tho...s in this respect. In very many districts it is found impossible to keep an assistant invariably in the subdivision and Mr. Thomas was certainly not worse off in this respect than other Superintendents.

8. Mr.Thomas remarks that some of his old Inspectors were moved and severable Head Constables. I find that in 1894 one Inspector was transferred to Chingleput and in 1895 four Inspectors were transferred from the District. Now of these four Inspectors one G. A. Balakrishna Chetti was transferred because Mr. Thomas had reported him in Tanjore when there and Colonel Porteous had removed him from Mr. Thomas' district then. This transfer was recommended by Deputy Inspector-General really in view to assist Mr. Thomas. The second

Inspector transferred was a Probationary 4th class Inspector from Palmaner. This man could have been of little assistance to Mr. Thomas. The Deputy Inspector-General also recommended his transfer. The third Inspector transferred was a good In- Inspector from Kalahasty who on the Deputy Inspector-General's recommendation was transferred to Saidapet where a specially good Inspector was required. The fourth man transferred was only an acting Inspector whose loss could not have been detrimental to Mr. Thomas. Of the transfers in the District one was made on the recommendation of Mr. Thomas himself and the other was necessary owing to the misconduct of an Inspector at Arni. The constables transferred were all transferred at their own request on promotion and if Mr. Thomas had objected to their transfer the Deputy Inspector-General would I am sure have considered his wishes. I never move an Inspector without consulting the Deputy Inspector-General and I am sure the moves made since I have been Inspector-General will compare favourably in number with those made by my predecessor. There is not the smallest ground to suppose that Inspectors are in a state of uncertainty and perplexity in the matter. No other Superintendent has ever complained to me on the matter.

9. Mr. Thomas complains that in writing to Mr. Armitage direct I have reduced his influence with his subordinates in his district. In the first case mentioned as far as I recollect Mr. Armitage's transfer to Madanapalle was a matter of urgency and for that reason I communicated direct with him. I am sorry I did not explain the matter to Mr. Thomas at the time. I must have forgotten to do so. Had Mr. Thomas written to me about it I should of course have explained the matter to him. I do not think this one slip on my part could have had much effect in the District. In the second matter I corresponded direct with Mr. Armitage about the school at Vellore as I intended him to be the head of it and he was on the spot. I had no idea whatever of passing over Mr. Thomas and simply did not want to worry him about the matter. Again in this case had

Mr. Thomas hinted to me that he was hurt in the matter I would have sent every letter about the school at Vellore through him. Till now I have had no hint that I had hurt Mr. Thomas' feelings.

10. Mr. Thomas asks how I came to the conclusion that he does not carry weight with his Inspectors and says that I have never at any time mentioned to him any circumstance that proved such to be the case. Mr. Sullivan the Deputy Inspector General says he is certain that I am quite mistaken.

11. I may be mistaken as to Mr. Thomas' short-comings but most certainly Mr. Thomas had had ample intimation of my opinion before I drafted the Report last year. In 1895 I inspected North Arcot and I enclose for the information of Government my notes which were duly communicated to Mr. Thomas. The following remarks from the Note are extracted to show Government that Mr. Thomas knew my opinion of his administration well enough. In para 11 I said - "There was every sign in the Station(Chittur) of the Inspector's neglect. I think as the station is at head quarters the Superintendent might give more attention to it when at Chittur himself. If he had inspected the station often probably things would have been in better order".

Again in para 10 after noting a disgraceful case of negligence on the part of the Inspector at Chandragiri I added "I cannot understand how a case like this escapes the Superintendent's attention".

In para 9 after noticing the disgraceful condition of one Inspector's Register I noted - "The Superintendent should see that this sort of thing does not go on" In para 27 I remarked as regards the general appearance of the men in North Arcot "I am sure I noticed cases here and there of individual slovenliness which I am afraid shows that the old strictness on the point is not being maintained as it should be". In the same para I pointed out clearly enough to Mr.

Mr. Thomas that I thought he was not keeping his Inspectors up to the mark. I said - "In the cases I have mentioned in the note the Inspectors' diaries should have shown the Superintendent that investigation had been undertaken late and not thoroughly made and he should have come down on the Inspector in consequence". I further said - "I believe it was this constant vigilance which raised detection in North Arcot more than anything else. I do not like to see it dropping away in the way I am afraid it has done in the current year".

If Mr. Thomas did not understand from my Note that I was not satisfied with his supervision in North Arcot and particularly that he did not carry weight with his Inspectors I think I am hardly to blame. My note seemed to me to indicate my views sufficiently clearly.

11. Now as to the fact whether or not Mr. Thomas carries weight with his Inspectors I differ very much from Mr. Sullivan in his opinion and a recent case very clearly indicates what I mean. In my note I particularly drew Mr. Thomas' special attention to the state of Chittur Division (see para 11 of the note) and any one would have thought that when a new Inspector was sent to Chittur Mr. Thomas would have specially given his attention to seeing things were improved there. In fact Mr. Thomas was distinctly ordered to do so. I wrote in that note - "The newInspector who has been sent to the Division should be carefully looked after and Mr. Thomas should insist that all the records of gangs and Known Depredators are now properly written up and that the different stations are very carefully brought up to the point as regards beat work,knowledge of Known Depredators &c. &c. Now Mr. Sullivan-who considers that Mr. Thomas is a very strict Superintendent and supervises his Inspectors efficiently - inspected Chittur Division in November 1896 and his notes on the state of that Division were as follows:- "1st Class Inspector Mr. J. Hill assumed charge on 19th December 1895 and has thus been in charge close upon a year. I cannot congratulate him upon the

state of his books and of his division generally. Everywhere there were signs of neglect and of duties being carried on in a slipshod fashion. When an Inspector of Mr. Hill's experience and standing has to admit that of 20 Known Depredators in his division he does not know a single one,the only conclusion it is possible to form is that the Inspector has <u>persistently and systematically neglected his work</u> since his arrival at Chittoor. Mr. Hill promises reformation and says he will be able to show better results from the beginning of next year when the stations of his division will be reduced in number from nine to six-while I admit that the division with 9 stations was almost unworkable by a single Inspector I cannot exonerate Mr. Hill for the palpable neglect he has exhibited throughout whether it be due,as he says,partially to ill-health and partially to domestic troubles and inconveniences. Inspector's Crime register is very badly kept-results of investigations have not been entered in many cases of grave crime-there is the bare complaint entered and no subsequent steps taken by the Police to trace the offenders. True copies of Magistrate's orders have been omitted - the Court,Calendar number and date have not been shown in several instances. There is no index to Inspector's K. D. book and it does not appear to me that it has been written and corrected up to date. The target practice register is also badly kept and not in accordance with orders. It would appear from this book that ball practice has only once been held this year in the division and the men of Irehal have not been practised at all. All the buildings in the division are in good order except Venkatagiri Station house which will be remarked on hereafter. More huts are required at Naraharipett; there are only two now to accommodate a strength of 1 Head Constable and 7 men and these were adopted for use as huts from an old maty godown and kitchen attached to the travellers bungalow. The Head Constableship of Paradaramai is vacant-it should be

filled up. Crime has decreased and in house breakings detection has gone up from 7·4 per cent in 1895 to 31·4 in 1896 (first 3 quarters) Further improvement however should be effected."

The above notes of Mr. Sullivan show exactly what influence Mr. Thomas has had during 1896 on a Division which he was particluarly told to look after. Chittoor is Mr. Thomas' own head quarters and Mr. Thomas had in Mr. Hill an Inspector who knows perfectly well how to do work and yet Mr. Thomas has been able to get nothing in the shape of good work out of him. I refer to this case because it is a very good instance in point to show exactly what I mean by characterising the main fault of Mr. Thomas' administration as that of want of influence with his Inspectors. If after special direction to Mr. Thomas to look after the work of Chittoor Division his own head quarters, under an experienced Inspector, the Deputy Inspector-General finds after a year that this Inspector has "persistently and systematically neglected his work since his arrival". I don't think Mr. Thomas has any body but himself to thank, if I conclude that he does not carry weight with his Inspectors.

12. Mr. Thomas has had many advantages. He knows the language thoroughly, he knows the country and its inhabitants equally well, he is very active in getting about his district and I have no reason to suppose he is not industrious. With all these advantages my predecessor considered his record not sufficiently good to justify him in recommending Mr. Thomas to be appointed a Deputy Inspector-General, and from what I have seen of Mr. Thomas' work I held and I still hold that his fault is exactly what I have stated. He does not carry weight with his Inspectors. I cannot otherwise account for the unsatisfactory results which come from his District.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,

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C. No. 692

[H.]E. THE GOVERNOR.

HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

~~HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Explanation of Mr Thomas Supdt of Police, N. Arcot Dt.

[Subm]itted to the Hon'ble Mr [...]E. with reference to the [...] to the draft order [...] H.E. the Govr

FOR ORDERS.

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[...] no objection at all

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In paras 8 and 30 of the review on the report of the Police Dept for the year 1895 the Govt adverted to the fall in the detection of crime and the recovery of stolen property in the North Arcot district and also to the laxity in discipline (there) and Mr Thomas, the District Supdt of Police was called upon to submit any explanation of the retrogression which he desired to place before Govt.

This explanation has now been received.

Mr Thomas joined the district on the 11th October 1894, his predecessor in office being [...] 8th [1]888 to 17th Sep for the presentation [...]

(P.T.O.)

(15th May 1883 to 21st Decr 1887).

The following statement shows the percentages of detection under the various crimes for the five years 1891–1895:—

Year	Murder	Dacoity	Robbery	Housebreaking	Ordinary theft	Cognizable by High & [illegible]
1891	35.7	40	85	66.7	67	71
1892	71.4	100	100	81.2	79.3	74
1893	55.6	--	81.3	75.4	81.2	71
1894	29.2	--	53.3	44.8	59.9	[illegible]
1895	56.3 ⊗	9.1 ⊗	39.3	34.8	44.9	[illegible]

There was thus a fall in detection during Mr Thomas' administration of the district under all crimes except under murder and dacoity.

Mr. Thomas' explanation for the retrogression of work are

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2nd fact of the district being left without an Asstt. Supdt for 210 days.

3rd Transfer of Inspectors & constables without the Supdt. being consulted

4th Greater care in the registration & ledgering of cases than in previous years.

5th Discontinuance of the practice of [illegible] Inspectors &c if they [illegible] crime.

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Th[illegible] [illegible]ce proves [illegible] that

that none of these causes sufficiently account for the retrogression in work.

The I.G. and the D.I.G. do not agree in the conclusion that Mr Thomas does not carry weight with his Inspectors and in support of his view Mr Hammick quotes passages from his inspection notes.

Mr Hammick does not question the ~~ability~~, industry and activity of Mr Thomas but ascribes the unsatisfactory results in N Arcot to the fact that Mr Thomas has not sufficient influence over his Inspectors to exact go[od] work out of them.

The note against para. 30. of the Police review (Flag B.) shows that it was not intended to at once take action against Mr. Thomas, but merely to see if he had anything to say, so that when the next review came up his case could be considered with more finality. It is submitted that for the present the ~~at~~

⊗ My opinion is that the detection of murders & dacoities is always more or less a question of luck & that you cannot judge officers by it. HS

[illegible] have Mr. Hammick of one & Mr. W. J. A. Sullivan of another [illegible] both these men [illegible] [illegible]tation in accepting the opinion of the [illegible] HS

The results of cognizable cases tried by the High & Se[ssions] Courts were slightly better than [illegible] not much. These figures and [illegible] are not proof of anything [illegible] Cases are better put together [illegible] [illegible] deal too on who is [illegible] a considerable part of 1894 [illegible] done. [illegible] was absent on other duty. HS

Not the case HS

His predecessor was about as badly [illegible] N.A. dist. is not singular in being [illegible]

Nothing at all in this. HS

This is mere self-laudation and disparag[ement] (apparently quite undeserved) of his prede[cessor]

That is, in other words, subordinates were [illegible] kept up to the mark — It is always, in this country, a case of drive, drive, drive, if one is [illegible] work done by the average native subordinate [illegible] this were not the nature of the case, how could [illegible] handful of Europeans rule a continent? HS

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explanation may be "recorded" or that if the next series shows that there has been yet further retrogression in N. Arcot it may then be considered. The call for it will probably have had the effect of making Mr. Thomas exert himself more.

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I submit that this can hardly be simply recorded.

Mr. Thomas if he [illegible] would immediately say that his explanation had been accepted as satisfactory and this [illegible] a lame affair. Might [illegible] the order [illegible].

Recorded with the remark that Govt. does not consider Mr. Thomas' explanation ×[satisfactory] and trusts that in the [illegible] report on the administration of the Police Dept. the working of his district will show better results.

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"that statistics may be misleading, but in the present case, the opinion which the Inspector General formed after his inspection of the District points to the same conclusion as the statistics."

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It is submitted that it was [illegible] that the order should [illegible] to anyone, but that the papers simply be recorded in the office.

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This will do. I should use the word "satisfactory" because [illegible] Mr. Thomas' explanation is dis[illegible]

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"It is dangerous to let the Police suppose that [illegible] work is to be tested wholly by the percentage [illegible] convictions. While, therefore, agreeing wi[illegible] above, I would add: — "The Govt. is a[illegible]

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The Govt. is aware that statistics may be misleading, but in the present case, the opinion which the Inspector General formed, after his inspection of the district, points to the same conclusion as the statistics.

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