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Abstracts of Intelligence

Approving of the proposal of the S. G. of
Police that certain portions of the — should
be circulated among inspectors of Police

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No. 5873

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
MADRAS, 6th December 1895.

FROM

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

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE

Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St George.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to draw the attention of Government to the present system under which no part of the abstract of weekly intelligence from the Assistant with the Government (Special Branch) is circulated among Inspectors of Police.

2. It would of course not be advisable to circulate a great part of the weekly abstract among officers inferior to Superintendents, but the latter portion of the paper which deals with Foreigners and their movements and with Criminal gangs should in my opinion be circulated as widely as possible. I have the honor to make a proposal in view to this being done.

3. I found not long ago when I had access to some records from Bombay that every Inspector in that Presidency had access to what really was

a reprint of the weekly abstract in that Presidency. I would not go as far as this as reprinting would be expensive and unnecessary but I think that permission should be given to the circulation among our Inspectors of that part of the weekly abstract which deals with Foreigners and gangs. Mr. Carr tells me he can arrange to have this part of the paper printed separately from the rest of the publication and if additional copies of this part were printed and one copy issued for every four Inspectors or at least one copy to every Superintendent's and Assistant Superintendent's Division containing four Inspectors' Divisions and two for all Divisions containing more than four Inspectors, this copy could be circulated for general confidential information. Each Inspector would extract anything of interest to him in the paper and send it on. The paper would eventually be returned to the Assistant Superintendent's or Superintendent's office and filed there.

4. There is ^{really} nothing very or strictly confidential in the record of the movements of suspicious Foreigners but it must be kept confidential for obvious reasons. I think the circulation of the extract in a confidential cover would meet the case. At present the Inspectors who are the very officers who should have all the

the information on record about Foreigners never see the abstract and know nothing about the movements recorded outside their own districts. I hope the Government will see fit to accede to the above request.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant.

M. M. M.

Inspector General of Police

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FROM

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

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT
Madras.

No. 5873

Dated

6th

Received

December 1895.

SUBJECT.

Submitting proposals for the circulation among Inspectors of that part of the abstract of the Weekly Intelligence from the Assistant with the Local (Spl Branch), which dealt with Foreigners and Gangs.

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FOR ORDERS. whether the request of the Inspector General of Police may be complied with.

What the I.G. wishes to be circulated among Inspectors is apparently the statements ^{& notes} at the end of abstracts - vide pp. 409-414 of the accompanying abstract.

In the original in - ~~the~~ instructions of India about the organization of the 'Special Branch' it was directed that there should be (1) a Police abstract, & (2) a Political abstract. The latter was to be particularly secret & go only to the Govt. Secretariat, & Comm^{rs} & the S.D. & D. of Police. The former was to go to Dist. Supt. of Police, Magistrates of Districts, Railway Police Officers, & to any other authorities in & outside the administration to whom the Local Govt. sh^d. consider

it necessary to communicate
it. (page 5. of go. 85b. Polit.
14. 11. 87)

In this Govt. instructions
wherein it was said that as it
was "absolutely necessary that all
these abstracts should be strictly
confidential", Supts. & D. Masters
were to retain them personally under
lock & key.

In a later letter dated 3.5.88
India said the Police abstract
should be "freely circulated" as
long as the precautions for
safeguarding its confidential
character were taken, while the
circulation of the political abstract
was to be as restricted as possible.

Subsequently the two abstracts
were amalgamated into one. India
ordered (page 3. of go. 79. J. 14.1.93) that
only a limited number of these
should be printed, that officers
handing over charge should be
required to account for all of them
to their successors.

India might perhaps be shocked,
therefore at Mr. Hammick's suggestion,
but the precautions taken with these
abstracts have long appeared to most other
people to be rather overdone, considering their
very ordinary contents. W. F. 12.1.95

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

FOR ORDERS.

I submit that there is not the slightest
objection to the proposal made by Mr.
Hammick. As he says the information
which the part of the abstract to which
he alludes contains is matter which
Inspectors ought to know. It can
easily enough be shuttled separately

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The proposal of the Dy. of
Police is approved

(From orders)

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