

REPORT

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Commissioner of Cooch Behar Division,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

FORT WILLIAM.

Dated Julpigoree, the 30th June 1870.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the police report of the Cooch Behar Division for the year 1869.

2. An attempt was made by the district officers and this office to prepare the report in the new form prescribed by Government No. 460 of 27th January 1870, but the deputy commissioners found it impossible to supply the information called for by the new return, as the registers heretofore kept do not supply the data from which the returns are to be collected. The report will be submitted in the new form next year.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. HAUGHTON, *Colonel,*

Commissioner of Cooch Behar Division.

The increase of cases under this heading appears to be due to increased activity on the part of the police.

Statement of persons arrested by the Police and order of the Magistrate during 1869.

How disposed of.	Sent in by police.	Summoned by the magisterial authorities.	REMARKS.
Convicted	194	255	The proportion of persons sent in by the police and convicted continues the same as last year, 70 per cent. ; that of persons attending on magisterial summons has improved from 82 per cent. last year to 52 this year.
Acquitted	77	225	
Escaped	2	6	
Died	1	.....
Under trial... ..	6	.....
Transferred to other districts	2	1	
Committed	1	1	
Total	283	488	

Statement shewing the Punishment awarded to Police Officers during 1869.

Rank.	No.	Period of imprisonment.	Fined.	Rank.	No.	Period of imprisonment.	Fined.
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Inspector	1	25 0 0	Constables	3	3 0 0
Sub-Inspector	1	130 0 0	Ditto	2	1 0 0
Head Constable	1	15 0 0	Ditto	1	1 week ...	5 0 0
Ditto	3	.....	30 0 0	Ditto	2	3 months.	
Constables... ..	2	.....	50 0 0	Ditto	1	6 weeks ...	6 5 2
Ditto	1	.....	15 0 0	Ditto	1	7 days.	
Ditto	2	.....	20 0 0	Ditto	2	15 days.	
Ditto	1	.....	9 0 0	Ditto	1	1 month.	
Ditto	3	.....	15 0 0	Ditto	1	1 year 6 months.	
Ditto	1	.....	3 8 0				
				Total	30		327 13 2

The number of persons punished appears to have increased from 11 last year to 30 this year; the gravity of the offences appears to have decreased.

Statement showing the Accidental Deaths in 1869.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Drowned... ..	5	3	8
Killed by wild beasts	11	...	11
Bitten by snakes	2	...	2
Killed by lightning	1	...	1
Falling from trees	2	...	2
Burnt... ..	2	...	2
Total	23	3	26

No remarks.

TABLE I.

Required by Government letter No. 4597, dated 25th July 1867.

Number of charges taken up by police and sent up in form A.	210
Ditto ditto taken up by police as per form B... ..	35
Ditto ditto reported false on inquiry by police	48
Ditto ditto sent in by police in form C	69
Average number of days occupied by police inquiry	9.8
Number of cases in form B in which further inquiry has been ordered by magistrate	0
Number of cases in which proceedings have been instituted under sections 182 and 211 of Indian Penal Code, either at the instance of magistrate or complaint of the parties aggrieved	3

The number of cases in the last column compared with number of cases reported false is not satisfactory. There is an increase in the average duration of inquiry from 2.17 to 9.8 days, to which the deputy commissioner's attention will be directed.

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TABLE II.

Number of cases under Chapter XV, Criminal Procedure Code	317
Ditto ditto summarily dismissed under section 67 without issue of summons	81
Number of cases in which summons were issued on complainant	...	...	236
Number of defendants attending on summons	} Convicted	...	227
		...	55
		...	68
Number of cases in which award has been made under Section 270	} Released	...	41
		...	0

This table shows an improvement in the proportion of convictions to that of the number actually tried of 20 per cent., being 84 per cent., against 64 of last year.

Statement shewing the number of wild animals for the destruction of which reward was paid during the years 1867, 1868, and 1869 in the Cooch Behar division.

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	1867.	1868.	1869.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1867.	1867.	1869.	
Tigers ...	4	28	49	1	6	13	8	51	90	The rate of rewards for the destruction of the wild animals was increased by the Government letter No. 2945, dated 26th May 1868.
Leopards ...	...	25	58	...	3	10	17	41	53
Tiger cubs ...	1	4	...	...	...	...	17	...	10
Leopard cubs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Wolves	2	2	
Buffaloes ...	1	...	1	11	23	6	
Bears	5	4	3	5	23	13	
Rhinoceros	12	20	1	...	
Rhinoceros cubs	...	2	

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