The police play a vital role in the enforcement of law and order. Realising the importance of the police force, the kings of Travancore made frequent changes in the police department based on the British model and appointed British officials in key positions in Travancore police. Unmindful of day or night, they worked hard for the protection of the people. Whenever crime happened, immediately they reached the spot to detect the crime and brought them before Judiciary for the punishment. The period is noted for the creation of proper police force without the interference of other departments.

The thesis entitled "Police Administration in Travancore 1857-1947" attempts to make a detailed study of the creation of modern police force, its organization, various rules created for its betterment, the duties allotted to various officers, about the detection of crime by the general police and its allied agencies, branches within the department and its allied departments such as Judiciary and prison.

Though certain attempts have been made, a detailed and comprehensive study on the police administration in this period has not been made in Travancore so far. The scholarly studies done by Curry, J.G; Indian Police, Ramesan Nair, K; Kerala Police Suttandukalilude (Mal); Sir Edmund Cox, C., Police and Crime in India, Triloknath, The Indian Police, Sankar Sen; Police Today, Mathur, K.M; The Problems of Police in a Democratic Society, Krishna Murthi, K; Police Powers and Duties and Girija Devi, T.P; History of Police Administration in Travancore 1729 to 1885 A.D shed light on some related aspects. Though piece-meal attempt was made to highlight the early police administration in Travancore, no comprehensive attempt is made to study the police
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