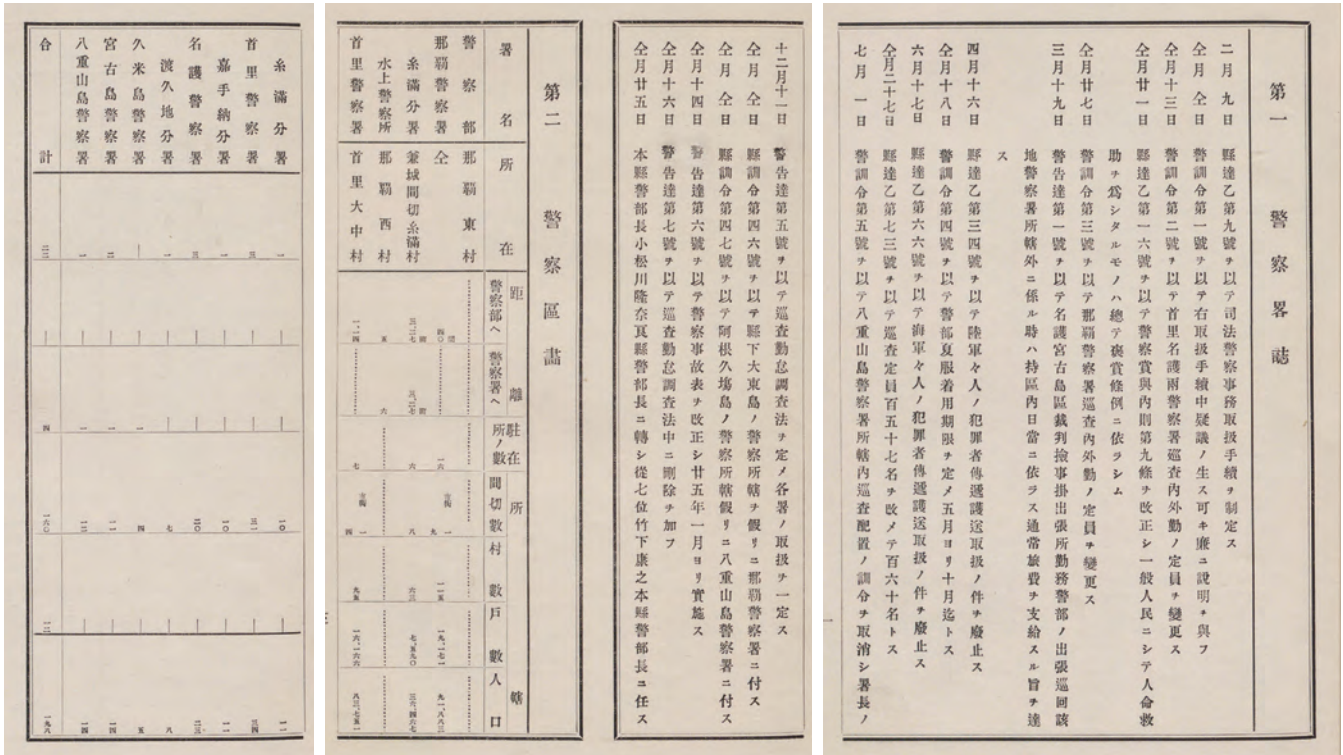


**Period II** (2) – iii. Documents showing attempts by Okinawa Prefecture to manage the Senkaku Islands

**An instruction to incorporate the Senkaku Islands under the provisional jurisdiction of the Yaeyama Islands Police Station**

**No.11 Okinawa Prefectural Police Statistics in the year of 1891**

FY2017/P17 Instruction on December 11, 1891. The instruction was published on December 7, 1892.



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**Overview**

This is the FY 1891 Report of the annual reports compiled by the Okinawa Prefectural Police Department. The report states that in December 1891, the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture issued an instruction to the Yaeyama Islands Police Station that provisionally put the Akon-kuba Islands (\*1) under its jurisdiction.

Thus, this document indicates that Okinawa Prefecture was making an attempt to manage the Senkaku Islands provisionally under the jurisdiction of the Prefectural Police even before the official incorporation of the Senkaku Islands into the territory of Japan in 1895. Note that the reason why the main text of the material says “provisionally placed under the jurisdiction of the Yaeyama Islands Police Station” is that Okinawa Prefecture could not exercise the management rights by the police as an official administrative act before the official territorial incorporation of the Senkaku Islands.

\*1 The Akon-kuba Islands was another name of the Senkaku Islands and was used in Okinawa Prefecture and the Yaeyama region at the time.

**Excerpt [English translation]**

In the year of 1891, on the same day and same month (December 11), Prefectural Instruction No. 47 states that the Akon-kuba Islands are provisionally placed under the jurisdiction of the Yaeyama Islands Police Station.

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