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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 17*th January* 1862.

No. 103. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Nellore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Podalakuru, 6th January 1862, No. 2.

New Kacheris having been sanctioned for two of the Taluqs of this District, after some correspondence,* as noted in the margin, I submitted† a plan on which I proposed the Kacheris should be built.

2. The plan which I submitted, provided for the Taluq Treasury and the requisite accommodation for prisoners being in the same building, and so arranged as to allow of one Sentry guarding both.

3. I also gave a corner of the Kacheri to the Police for a Barrack.

4. The Chief Engineer, to whom the plan was forwarded by the Board, gave it as his opinion, that the separate entrance, which I had provided for the Barracks was objectionable, and suggested that the accommodation for the Police guard should be altogether omitted, which would bring the estimate within the limits fixed by Government, which it otherwise exceeded.

5. Whilst the Board was in correspondence with the Chief Engineer as above detailed, it came to my knowledge, that the Government had sanctioned the building of Station Houses on such a plan as would not only provide accommodation for the Police but also for prisoners. And I at once brought the matter to the notice of the Board, who in reviewing my letter and the opinion given by the Chief Engineer, directed me in their Proceedings under date the 14th ultimo, to place myself again in communication with the District Engineer, and the Superintendent of Police.

6. Before however placing myself in communication with these Officers, it is necessary I should know, whether the Government have determined that all prisoners in the Taluqs should be kept in the Station House; or the cells sanctioned for Station Houses are merely lock-ups, and accommodation must still be provided in the Taluq Kacheris for such prisoners under sentence for short periods, as it would be inconvenient to send on to the Zillah Jail.

7. It is very desirable that the new Kacheris required for this District should be built this season. And in doing myself the honor, under these circumstances, to apply to Government direct for the above instructions, I would beg respectfully to call the attention of Government to the very important questions involved. If the lock up, and cells for prisoners under sentence or inquiry, are under the same roof with the Taluq Treasury, in the event of a disturbance, the Police have simply to abandon the Police Office, supposing it to be separate, and concentrate their whole force on one point. If, on the other hand, we have the prisoners in one place, and the Treasury in another, then in the event of a disturbance, very probably with a view to rescue, the Police would have two points to guard. They would have to separate their force, and results might ensue, that might otherwise be avoided.

* Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 19th March 1861, No. 639.
† From Collector to Board of Revenue, No. 193, dated 13th August 1861.
Board's Proceedings, No. 4,782, dated 3rd September 1861.
From Collector to Board, Nos. 226 and 243, dated 1st and 19th November 1861.
Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 6,985, dated 14th December 1861.

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1862, No. 73.

Referred for the remarks of the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge,

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