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Read the following papers:—

No. 242A. From the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chetterpur, 5th August 1864, No. 171.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, of the 20th July 1864, No. 1090, I have the honor to annex a List of Cutcherries still required in this District, with a rough estimate of the cost and explanation of the necessity.

A List of Buildings for Cutcherries, &c., required in the Ganjam District.

Town.	Building.	Estimated cost.	Explanation of the necessity.
Russelcondah.	New Cutcherry.. ...	Rupees 5750—Vide Order of Government 6th June 1864, No. 960....	Emergent. The building hitherto occupied has been converted into a Jail for Hill prisoners, and the Tahsildar's Office and Treasury are poorly and temporarily accommodated.
Berhampur ...	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry...	Estimate has not as yet been prepared. Rupees 500 would suffice.	Office is now held in a rented house. May be postponed.
Barwa...	Sea Custom House.	No Estimate...	May be postponed.
Itchapur... ...	Salt Cutcherry... ...	Not estimated. Rupees 300 would suffice.	Should be built at once.
Oomeravilly..	Do. ...	Rupees 250 would suffice ...	Requires to be re-built. May be postponed.

GANJAM DISTRICT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
CHETTERPUR, *5th August* 1864.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

List of new Buildings required to be constructed in the District of Vizagapatam in 1864-65.

No	Nature of work.	Estimated cost of each building.	Explanation of the necessity of the work.
	Sub-Magistrate's Offices.	RS. A. P.	
1	Bimlipatam.....	3,240 0 0	Much inconvenience is felt for the want of accommodation for the Public Offices at these places, and it is therefore requested that these may be sanctioned for execution this year, 1864-65. Estimates for the first four are already sent in—Vide Government Order 20th July 1864, No. 1,090. That for Jeypore will follow, if sanctioned for execution in 1864-65.
2	Srungavarapucottah...	2,780 0 0	
3	Gunapur.....	3,190 0 0	
4	Ourada.....	3,620 0 0	
5	Jeypore.....	3,500 0 0	
6	Rayagadda.....	2,680 0 0	Sanctioned in Government Order 22nd September 1863, No. 1,524, but no provision made in Budget for 1864-65. Sanction for execution in 1864-65 is required.
7	Nowrungpur.....	3,500 0 0	May be postponed until 1865-66.
8	Mahadeviputti...	3,500 0 0	

VIZAGAPATAM,
27th August 1864.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL.
Magistrate and Agent to the Governor.

To the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George,
with reference to Government Order, 20th July 1864, No. 1,090.

No. 242C. From the Officiating Magistrate of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 30th August 1864, No. 286.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,090, dated 20th ultimo, Judicial Department, I have the honor to report that three new Sub-Magistrates' offices are still to be constructed in this District at the stations marginally noted.

1. Chintalapudi.
2. Pentapadu.
3. Kottapalli.

2. The present buildings in the first two stations are quite unsuited for the purposes for which they are occupied, as they are common thatched houses.

3. With regard to the last mentioned station, I beg to observe that the office of the Sub-Magistrate is now held in the old Taluq Cutcherry at Raghudevapuram, in the late Kottapalli Taluq. This building is reported to be a fine one, but it was proposed by the late Collector, Mr. Purvis, that the office of the Sub-Magistrate should be located at Kottapalli, which is situated in a central and convenient position in the jungle tract of the country; a new building is therefore necessary at Kottapalli. The probable cost of each building will be about Rupees 3540.

No. 242D. From the Magistrate of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 16th November 1864, No. 23.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 20th July last, No. 1090, I have the honor to submit a list of the buildings which must be constructed or materially improved, with a rough estimate of the cost and explanation of the necessity in regard to the Cutcherries of Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates in this District.

2. I further beg to state that a report was sent to the Board of Revenue on the 7th July last on the same subject, as called for in their Miscellaneous Circular, No. LX, dated 3rd June last.

3. Nos. 1, 3, and 5 are urgently required without delay. The remainder might be postponed. I understand from the Superintending Engineer that 15,000 Rupees only has been entered in the Budget for this purpose.

List of the Buildings which are required to be constructed and materially improved for the Offices of Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates in the Kistna District.

	The places at which Cutcherries must be built.	Rough estimate of the cost.			Explanation of the necessity.
		RS.	A.	P.	
1	Tahsildar's Cutcherry for the Palnad Taluq.	10,100	0	0	There is now a Cutcherry at Dachepalli, but it is so much out of repair that a new one should be constructed this year at the same place. A plan, together with an estimate for Rupees 10,100, was sent to the Board for sanction on the 29th September 1864, and sanctioned on the 13th October 1864.
2	Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Rajahpetta.	10,100	0	0	The Tahsildar is now using the old Cutcherry at Narsarowpetta temporarily. His head quarters being fixed at Rajahpetta, which is more central, a new Cutcherry should be built there.
3	Do. do. at Repalli.	10,100	0	0	The old Cutcherry is very much out of repair, and was badly built in the beginning; a new one must be constructed on the same site this year.
4	Do. do. at Bezorah.	9,000	0	0	The building is not large enough, and there is no room to add to it; it might be pulled down, and a new one constructed next year.
5	Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate's Office at Kakinnami, in Bapatla Taluq.	5,000	0	0	For want of building at Kakinnami, which was fixed as the Sub-Magistrate's head quarters, he is now at Ponnur, and using the old Taluq Cutcherry, there for his office, which is also reported to be in a miserable condition. A new Cutcherry therefore must be built this year.
6	Do. do. Avanigadda, Bunder Taluq.	5,000	0	0	The Cutcherry is now held in a private house, and a public one must be built next year.
7	Tahsildar's Cutcherries at Gudivada, Nandigama, and Bander.	4,000	0	0	The buildings are strong, but not sufficient; two additional rooms must be built next year for each Cutcherry.

MASULIPATAM,
16*th November* 1864.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Magistrate.

No. 242E. From the Magistrate of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kottapalli, 29th September 1865, No. 30.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 19th instant, on Subsidiary Jails.

2. In their Order,* the Government observe that Subsidiary Jails, at a distance from the Sub-Magistrate's office, involve separate guards, and an expenditure for which the funds are not available.

* No. 1340.

3. I beg to suggest a course by which the additional guards might be avoided and as the arrangement I am about to suggest would obviate grave objections to the present system, I trust I shall not be considered as trespassing on the time and attention of Government.

4. Under the present system, the guard that guards the Taluq Treasury, guards the Taluq Jail, or Subsidiary Jail as it is called ; and so long as it is considered necessary that Taluq Treasuries must be in the Taluq Cutcherry, it is obvious that separate Subsidiary Jails cannot be established without additional expense. But treat Taluq Cutcherries like the Civil and Criminal Courts, and place Taluq Treasuries and Subsidiary Jails in separate and distinct buildings, it would, I think, be found that many and great advantages would be the result of such a change of system, and that the disadvantages are simply departmental matters, and in fact balanced by corresponding advantages.

5. To build a large building to accommodate the various offices to be provided for in a Taluq Cutcherry according to present orders, and make the whole strong enough to be a defensible post, capable of resisting illegal passage from without or within, is to incur an expenditure that apparently precludes any attempt to provide decent accommodation either for those who have to dispense justice in the Taluqs, or those who come within the scope of their jurisdiction. It is true the Government have been able to sanction a new Cutcherry for Ongole, that is now being built at a cost of Rupees 11,334.* But I shall have this afternoon to visit a Cutcherry (Devarapalli) that is a disgrace to us, and was looted a few years ago. It will probably be years more before the real wants of the District can be met in respect to Taluq Cutcherries and Jails, even at present prices ; and as it will, I think, be admitted at once and without proof that it would be a comparatively inexpensive matter to construct a Taluq Treasury and Subsidiary Jail that should meet all possible requirements as to strength and accommodation, here, I would respectfully submit, is one strong argument for meeting the difficulty, to which the Government refer, by separating the Taluq Treasury from the Taluq Cutcherry. Prices might rise, and we should yet be able to meet wants that no longer, with decency, can be neglected. Arrangements would be made under which the Police at present available in a Taluq could defend the Treasury and prisoners against a sudden attack, a power that is somewhat doubtful when a small body of men is called on to defend buildings, from 60 to 100 feet square, with numerous windows, whilst, where it is not necessary to change the position of the Cutcherry as in this Taluq (Atmakuru), probably the mere carrying out of a measure that, on sanitary grounds, cannot long probably be delayed, would avoid the necessity for a new Cutcherry at all ; the present prison accommodation would become available for other and more appropriate purposes.

6. And it is on sanitary grounds that I especially address the Government. The outbreak of cholera in the Nellore Jail in March is what might occur any day in a Subsidiary Jail crammed, perhaps, with a gang robbery case under preliminary inquiry, in addition to other inmates who may be averaged, but cannot altogether be provided for with reference to averages. Or, setting aside the probabilities of the worst of Indian scourges, there still is the chance of other epidemics ever hanging over these Jails when crowded. Whilst whatever the state of health may be, what can be said in defence of arrangements that provide only one door of communication for (1) a Jail, (2) a Magistrate's Court, (3) a Taluq Cutcherry, (4) a Stamp Office, (5) a Post Office, (6) a Registration Office, and yet to give the scavenger another door would be to weaken the building with reference to present requirements.

7. Again, to commit men to Jail, whether it be a Subsidiary Jail or the Zillah Jail, is to sentence offenders to a certain number of days of imprisonment, which should be so regulated that, by its seclusion and strict discipline, a wholesome effect shall be produced on those so sentenced. None of these results can be expected whilst the Jail is in the Cutcherry, and those confined there and separated by an iron palisade, are the auditors, it may be spectators, of all that goes on there before the Tahsildar, &c.

8. Neither, I would respectfully suggest, are we justified in overlooking what must be the feeling of all those whose education and acquirements now enable them to enter the service of Government in the Taluq Establishments as Clerks, Sheristadars, or Tahsildars, in respect to such enforced contact with the criminal classes.

9. And having in the first instance argued that the Subsidiary Jail and the Taluq Treasury should be under the same roof,* I now beg to add to the recommendation I then made, the proviso that this result should be obtained by building the Jail and Treasury separate from the Taluq Cutcherry, and as near to the Taluq Cutcherry as they can conveniently be placed.

10. I would further recommend that Taluq Sheristadars should be made Officers in charge of the Subsidiary Jails, and vested with such powers as the Government may consider it requisite to give them to preserve order in the Jail ; the Taluq Jails should be under the inspection of the Taluq and District Magistracy, and the Officer in charge should have a small room provided for him in the Jail as an office.

11. I have all along recommended that there should be a Warder for Subsidiary Jails, but should this be still deemed unnecessary, or at present impracticable, the same peon, who looks after the prisoners in the Subsidiary Jail in the Taluq Cutcherry, would be available for the purpose when the Jail was detached, and this would be equally the case with the Cutcherry sweeper.

12. And the Taluq Treasury and the Subsidiary Jail having been put in a separate and detached building, with an office for the Officer in charge, and a suitable guard-room, the Taluq Cutcherry, Sub-Magistrate's office, and Police Station would be separate buildings, calling for no more care or attention than the Sessions or District Moonsiff's Courts, and the disadvantages would be that the Taluq Shroff or other Taluq officials must go outside the Cutcherry when they want to put money into, or take money out of, the Taluq Treasury.

No. 242F. From the Collector and Magistrate of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Turpukambampadu, 30th September 1865, No. 33.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, the state in which I found the Taluq Cutcherry of the Atmakuru Taluq on visiting Devarayapalli yesterday.

2. Situated between the irrigation under the Anantasagaram tank and the bank of the Pennair, access save on foot is a matter of difficulty, and arrived there, what I saw was equally to the discredit of the public service.

* Original Estimate ..... Rs. 10,534
Raised 809
Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, 28th August 1865, No. 2483, appropriating for defensive purposes Proceedings, Board of Revenue, 6th April 1864, No. 2043.

* Letter to Government, Judicial Department of the 6th January 1862, No. 2.
Government Order, Judicial Department, No. 73, 17th idem.

3. Atmakuru is a large and important Taluq, with a revenue of Rupees 2,34,606. The Cutcherry is an open shed enclosed by four walls. This shed is tiled, and one end walled off for the Treasury, the other for the records, the partition walls in neither case going up to the roof. I give in the margin the dimensions. And the roof leaking so badly, that all must leave, who can, when it begins to rain; in the wall at the back of the "Treasury (!)" there are two big cracks from top to bottom, which will probably this monsoon settle the question of a new Cutcherry, and it is to be hoped without loss of life.

Sub-Magistrate's Court Office, Tahsildar's Cutcherry, Post Office, &c.	24' × 15'
Treasury as walled off	12' × 15'
Registration Office and Current Records similarly walled off	6' × 15'

4. The Tahsildar has devoted his registration fees to plastering some of the bad places where his registration records are kept, and has put up some nice trellis work with creepers opposite his Cutcherry. And passing through this one pleasing feature, where so much is the reverse, three or four steps was the distance from the Cutcherry shed to the den at the side with a trellis work wood door that forms the *Subsidiary Jail*.

5. Men were in our Subsidiary Jail; and a woman, in under Section 411, was sitting outside the Jail, for the Police to care of as they best could. The men looking through the wood grating, and the woman at their feet exposed to the gaze of every one who entered the Cutcherry was not altogether a pleasing picture, or one much in accordance with the received ideas of prison discipline.

6. On either side, the entrance into this Court of Justice, Registration Office, Office of Records, Treasury, Stamp Office, Post Office, Revenue Office and Subsidiary Jail was a lean-to, also tiled, and also leaking, one used for the custody of property, &c., the other as Station-house.

7. I received on the 26th instant an estimate for Rupees 113 for the repair of this building, but this estimate makes no provision for repairing the dangerous cracks; and, whilst unwilling to spend money on what is so discreditable to us, so ill placed, ill-suited for the purposes for which intended, and so little likely to last however much may be dribled away in plastering and shifting tiles for which the estimate provides, I am calling on the Sub-Engineer who prepared the estimate to give his immediate attention to the danger to be apprehended as regards the Treasury, from the occupation of the building during the approaching rains.

8. And I further propose, pending the orders of Government on my letter of yesterday, to furnish a copy to the Superintending Engineer, with a request that he will kindly go into the matter, and inform me for what sum he could give us decent accommodation, were we to abandon the idea that it is necessary to make the whole Cutcherry strong enough to be a defensible post, if the requisite number of Police were available for the purpose. I trust that the saving that could be thus effected in the cost of building would materially increase our chances of not being exposed to another monsoon at Devarayapalli in the present building, into the Treasury of which, I may add, any thief would break a hole with the help of the cracks in a few minutes, and without the guard in the Cutcherry shed having the faintest idea of what was going on. And should the Government be pleased to think the views now brought forward worthy of consideration, the estimates I propose applying for will be so much further information ready to hand.

No. 242 G. From the Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddapah, 16th December 1864, No. 46.

With reference to an Official Memorandum from the Under Secretary to Government, dated 9th December 1864, No. 641, calling for the list of buildings required to be constructed or improved for the use of Sub-Magistrates offices &c., as required in the Government Order, dated 20th July 1864, No. 1090, I have the honor to forward a list of such buildings as are required for this District, and to inform you that sanction of Government has already been obtained for the construction of the Taluq Cutcherries of Calacada and Pullempett, and that an estimate for the construction of the Taluq Cutcherry at Pulivendula was submitted for the sanction of Government, all of which buildings, I suppose, provide for the Police Station houses and Jails at each Cusbah stations.

List of the buildings which are to be constructed in the District of Cuddapah.

No.	Taluqs.	Names of the buildings.	Estimated cost.	Explanation of the necessity of the construction.	Remarks.
			Rs.		
1	Pulivendula	Police station house at Balapanur	300	These buildings are required, as there is no suitable accommodation at the several places indicated.	The buildings from Nos. 1 to 7 are urgently required, and the work should be undertaken within the current official year. Those from Nos. 8 to 10 can be deferred till next year.
2	Siddhavatam	Police station house at Siddhavatam	300		
3	Cuddapah	Police station house at Camalapuram	300		
4	Jammalamadgu	Police station house at Jammalamadgu	300		
5	Muddenpully	Police station house at Muddenpully	300		
6	Cadiri	Police station house at Cadiri	300		
7	Royachoty	Police station house at Royachoty	300		
8	Pullempett	Police station house at Chitwail	300		
9	Badwail	Police station house at Badwail	300		
10	Calacada	Sub-Magistrate's office at Voilpaud	700		
	Do.	Police station house at Voilpaud	300		

WONTIMITTAH,
16*th December* 1864.

(Signed) H. G. SMITH,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 242 H. From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 14th December 1864, No. 71.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 641, of the 9th December, I have the honor to state that the Estimates for the extension of three of the Sub-Magistrates Cutcherries in this District were forwarded to the Board of Revenue on the 16th November.

2. As new Record rooms and other alterations are required as urgently in the above Cutcherries as any extension for merely Magisterial purposes, I considered it necessary to submit the Estimates through the Board.

No. 242 I. LIST of the Buildings which must be constructed, or materially improved, in the ensuing Official year.

Names of the Taluqs.	Names of the Villages.	Nature of the Buildings required.	Rough Estimate.		Remarks.
			RS.	A.	
Bellary	Siroogooppah	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry	2,870	0	The Sub-Magistrate holds his office at present in the Village Choultry.
Do.	Do.	Two Lockups for remand male and female prisoners.	2,382	0	The Superintendent of Police reports that this building is necessary.
Do.	Bellary	Two do.	2,382	0	Do. do.
Hospett	Kumpli	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry	2,870	0	The present Cutcherry is in a most dilapidated state.
Kudlighi	Kudlighi	Taluq Cutcherry	9,850	0	Do.
Hurpunhully	Hurpunhully	Do.	9,850	0	Plan and Estimate have been approved of by Government, in their Proceedings, No. 217, dated 4th February 1865.
Adonie	Adonie	Do.	12,100	0	Plan and Estimate have been approved of by Government, in their Proceedings, No. 2,111, dated 17th November 1864.
Do.	Do.	Two Lockups for short sentenced prisoners...	2,382	0	This building is required if no provision has been made in the plan of the Taluq Cutcherry at Adonie.
Alur	Alur	Two do.	2,382	0	The Superintendent of Police reports that this building is necessary.
Gootty	Gootty	Taluq Cutcherry	9,850	0	The building is situated in the middle of houses;—no proper ventilation, and there is no room for Treasury.
Raidrug	Raidrug	Two Lockups for short sentenced prisoners...	2,382	0	The Superintendent of Police reports that this building is necessary.
Tadipatry	Tadipatry	Taluq Cutcherry	9,850	0	The present building is in a dilapidated state, and there are no rooms for Treasury, Records, and Jail.
Anantapur	Cusbah Anantapur	For raising the Taluq Cutcherry	660	0	The present Cutcherry is confined and ill-ventilated.
Dhurmavarum	Dhurmavarum	Taluq Cutcherry	9,850	0	This is required in the event of the Kulliandrug Moonsiff's Court being transferred (as I hear is in contemplation) to this place.
Do.	Cusbah Dhurmavarum	Police station house to be newly built.	510	0	Village Choultry is now used as a Police station.
		Kulliandrug Range.			
	Golla	Sub-station house	156	0	
	Nutimadugu	Do.	160	12	
	Kundurpi	Do.	170	12	
Penkonda	Rodum	New Police station house	100	0	Mussulmans' Pirlu Choultry is now used as Police station house.
	Vengahunaherun	Do.	40	0	Village Choultry is now occupied by the Police.
	Pedapully	Do.	50	0	Do.
	Bukkapatnum	Sub-Magistrate's Court and Police station ...	280	0	There being no suitable place for the construction of a new Sub-Magistrate's office and Police station, it is recommended that a new Village Choultry be built, and that the present Village Choultry, which is used for a Sub-Magistrate's Court be improved, and provision made therein for a Police station.
		New Village Choultry	180	0	
Hindupur	Hindupur	Taluq Cutcherry	9,850	0	This is required in the event of the Purghi Moonsiff's Court being transferred (as I hear is in contemplation) to this place.
Do.	Do.	Cooking room for the prisoners in the Subsidiary Jail.	290	0	At present the prisoners have to be taken to a well to cook—a most objectionable practice.
Maduksera	Cusbah Maduksera	New Police station house	350	0	Village Choultries are now used as Police stations.
	Amarapur	Do.	300	0	
	Gudibanda	Do.	350	0	
	Rutnagiri	Do.	300	0	
	Madhodi	Do.	300	0	

N. B.—No building is required to be constructed within the current year.

The delay in submitting this Statement earlier is purely attributable to the Superintending Engineer's non-compliance with the *Collector's* request to furnish a rough estimate of some of the buildings, although that Officer was repeatedly applied to for the same. This Statement has now been completed by other means.

CAMP KAMALAPUR,
24th March 1865.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY,
Collector.

To the Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

From the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Rayelchervu, 21st March 1866, No. 18.

In continuation of the List of buildings which must be constructed, or materially improved, forwarded with 24th March 1865, I have the honor to forward another list showing two Sub-Magistrates' Cutcherries, required to be constructed (one at Yadiki, and the other at Yemiganoor) in the ensuing official year.

List of the buildings which must be constructed in the ensuing official year.

Names of the Taluqs.	Names of the Villages.	Nature of the building required.	Rough estimate.	Remarks.
			RS.	
Tadipatry. ...	Yadiki.....	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry	2870	Vide Government order, No. 2184, dated 12th September 1865, sanctioning the entertainment of Sub-Magistrates at these places.
Adoni..... ...	Yemiganoor...	Do.	2870	

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
CAMP RAYELCHERVU IN THE TALUQ OF TADIPATRY, 21*st March* 1866.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY,
Collector.

No. 242J. From the Magistrate of South Canara, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 5th August 1864, No. 28.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, No. 211, dated 20th July 1864, No. 1090, I have the honor to state that, on the 18th July 1863, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division submitted, for the District Magistrate's approval, revised Estimates and Plans of all the new Offices for Sub-Magistrates and Subsidiary Jails which were required in this District, as per margin, and that, after they were countersigned, they were forwarded to Government, by whom they were sanctioned in their Proceedings, No. 1717, dated 2nd November 1863.

Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Karkal.
Do. Do. Nileshwar.
Subsidiary Jails at Kundapur.
Do. Do. Mangalore.
Do. Do. Bantwal.
Do. Do. Kasergod.

2. I beg, also, to add that I have learnt from the Engineer's Office that the four lock-ups above-mentioned were completed previous to the current official year; and that, the Superintending Engineer having been directed* to apply for the requisite funds for the construction of the Sub-Magistrates' Offices at Karkal and Nileshwar after the 1st May last, they will be built within the present year.

* Vide Proceedings of Government, Department Public Works, 13th November 1863, No. 3291.

3. I mention this, as it is said, in the Proceedings above quoted, that all these estimates may be entered in the Budget of 1864-65.

4. After all the above-mentioned buildings have been completed, nothing more in the way of lock-ups, &c., will be required in this District.

No. 242K. From the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 10th December 1864, No. 67.

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 20th July last, No. 1090, to submit a list of the buildings which, so far as I can ascertain, are required to be constructed, or materially improved, with a rough estimate of the cost, and explanation of their respective necessity. The list distinguishes the works which have been, and are to be, undertaken within the current official year from those which may be postponed until the next.

List of buildings the construction of which must be, or has been, undertaken within the current official year.

Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Punganur. Estimate, Rupees 2800, sanctioned by Government, 2nd December 1862.	Work in progress.
Converting the Commandant's quarters at Arni into a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail. Estimate, Rupees 360, sanctioned by Government, 13th July 1874.	Work in progress.
Subsidiary Jail at Chittoor. Estimate, Rupees 1250, sanctioned by Government, 11th July 1864.	Work in progress.
Converting the Commissariat Godown in the Vellore Fort into a Subsidiary Jail. Estimate, Rupees 400, sanctioned by Government, 16th June 1864.	Work in progress.
Temporary building for a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kristnapuram. Probable cost Rupees 200.	It is proposed to transfer immediately the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry from Venkatagherry Cottah to Kristnapuram, the climate and water of the former place being exceedingly unhealthy and the locality extremely feverish. Kristnapuram, although only two miles distant from it, is stated to be a far more healthy situation. This temporary building, which can be constructed at once, is to answer the purpose of a Cutcherry till a permanent structure can be erected.
Subsidiary Jail at Palmanair. Estimate, Rupees 1170, sanctioned by Government, 19th October 1864.	Work in progress.

List of buildings the construction of which may be postponed till the next official year.

Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station at Kalastry. Probable estimate Rupees 5000.	The necessity of this building has been already discussed.—Vide Proceedings of Government, dated 30th April 1864, No. 623, Judicial Department.
Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kuppum, in Kungundi Zemindary. Probable estimate Rupees 2500.	The Sub-Magistrate at Kuppum, holds his Cutcherry in the verandah of a small building, which is also used as a Police Station. The accommodation afforded is quite insufficient. It is proposed, therefore, to construct a separate building for the Sub-Magistrate.
Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station at Kristnapuram. Probable estimate Rupees 5000.	This is the permanent building referred to in the remarks recorded, regarding the temporary building for a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kristnapuram, in the foregoing list.

Assistant or Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Puttur, with Subsidiary Jail and Police Station. Probable estimate Rupees 10,000.	The necessity of these buildings also has been already discussed.—Vide Proceedings of Government, dated 28th January 1864, No. 152, Revenue Department.

North Arcot Collector's Office,
Chittoor, 16*th December* 1864.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Collector.

No. 242 L. From the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Saidapet, 13th September 1864, No. 63.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 20th July 1864, No. 1090, I have the honor to enclose a Memorandum shewing the different Sub-Magistrates' stations in the District, the extent of accommodation now available, and of that required at each of the Stations for Subsidiary Jails.

2. The estimate of costs by the Tahsildars and Sub Magistrates for improvements and alterations in the buildings now severally occupied by them so as to accommodate prisoners, cannot be relied upon, and therefore a correct estimate will have to be eventually made by professional officers. I am, however, of opinion that in all cases, the Police Station and the Subsidiary Jails should be attached to the Sub-Magistrates' Offices.

MEMORANDUM.

A Taluq Cutcherry has been sanctioned with the usual Police and Jail accommodation. The

Saidapet. site of the proposed Cutcherry has not as yet been decided upon. The plan of the Saidapet Taluq Cutcherry does not provide accommodation for short-sentenced prisoners, or for a Police Station. There is a Police Station in the town where persons under trial are confined, and the short-sentenced prisoners are sent to the Mount. I would recommend a Subsidiary Jail being attached to the Taluq Cutcherry, and make use of its inmates for keeping the Cusbah Station of Saidapet clean.

A Cutcherry is in the course of construction with Police and Jail accommodation. The

Maderantakam. Chingleput. Taluq Cutcherry here has the necessary Police and Jail accommodation.

The old Collector's Cutcherry at this place has been handed over to the Tahsildar with the

Conjeveram. necessary alterations made to accommodate the Police and prisoners.

A Taluk Cutcherry has been sanctioned with the accommodation necessary for the Police

Trivellore. and prisoners. The building is not as yet commenced, as the Superintending Engineer is still negotiating for a suitable site.

There is no accommodation for prisoners at this station; and the present Police Station is

Ponneri. reported by the Superintendent of Police to be altogether unsuited for the purpose. The Tahsildar estimates the addition of a room to the present Cutcherry for accommodating prisoners at Rupees 200. This cannot be a correct estimate, and 400 Rupees would be nearer the mark.

There is abundance of accommodation at this station for both Police and prisoners. The

Poonamallee Sub-Magistrate's Station. Sub-Magistrate recommends a partition wall in the large room where prisoners are kept, with the view of keeping separate male and female prisoners.

Puttivalu Sub-Magistrate's Station. A new Cutcherry was lately built with the necessary accommodation for the Police and prisoners.

Police and Jail accommodation is much required at this Station. No provision for them

Streeperumatoor Sub-Magistrate's Station. has ever been made. The Sub-Magistrate thinks that with a slight improvement to the present Cutcherry building sufficient accommodation might be secured both for the Police and the prisoners.

No suitable accommodation at present exists at this station; but the Sub-Magistrate thinks

Cottramallore Sub-Magistrate's Station. that with slight alterations and improvements to the building now occupied by the Sub-Magistrate sufficient accommodation might be secured both for the Police and the prisoners.

Tirupporur Sub-Magistrate's Station. A new Cutcherry has lately been built with the necessary accommodation for the Police and prisoners.

Madras Collector's Office,
Saidapet, 13*th September* 1864.

(Signed) E. FANE,
Collector.

No. 242 M. From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Gingee, 25th January 1865, No. 6.

In acknowledgment of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1090, of the 20th July last, and of the Memorandum on the same subject of the 9th ultimo, No. 641, from the Under Secretary, I have the honor to state that, in reference to the sanction of Government, communicated in their Orders under date the 30th March 1864, no further Subsidiary Jails or Lock-ups are needed in this District and of the places whereat there exists a necessity for erecting Sub-Magistrates' Cutcherries. The accompanying Statement contains a list of such buildings which have already been recommended, but in regard to which nothing has yet been done, and I have understood that want of funds is the ostensible plea for inability to proceed with the execution of these works.

2. The list contains all the buildings of the kind now really needed in South Arcot. There are other Taluq Cutcherries requiring improvement and enlargement, but these alterations are not so urgent as to necessitate their immediate execution, however desirable, when Government are in a position to do what is wanted.

3. Of the works entered in the list the three Sub-Magistrates' Cutcherries are really much required, because at none of those stations is there any public buildings available, and the Officers have to make what shift they can, and to do their duty in their own houses, a state of things which would seem very undesirable to continue; and, therefore, I am prepared to recommend immediate sanction for these public Offices as urgent works.

4. I am very sorry at the delay there has been in submitting this report; but I have been of late much away from my Head Quarters, and with other matters pressing on my attention, this call of Government was omitted to be brought to my notice as it should have been; and further, it was supposed that Subsidiary Jails and Lock-ups were mainly contemplated, and the erection of all of which in my District had already received the special authority of the Government.

List of Buildings requiring and recommended for construction or improvement in South Arcot.

Station.	Building.	Remarks.
Cuddalore Villapuram Ellavanasore	Taluq Cutcherry	Reported on, for the construction of new building to the Board, under date the 6th January 1865.
Vanoor Tittagoodi	Sub-Magistrate's office.	Reported on, and Board's approval and sanction for buildings, under date the 5th and 30th March 1865.
Merkanum	Do.	Office only, lately instituted; no reference as yet made.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

No. 242 N. From the Acting Magistrate of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Camp Senkerrydrug, 29th March 1865, No. 13.

With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 21st July 1862, No. 1150, I have the honor to state that since the receipt of the Order under reference, the old Taluq Lock-ups specified in the margin have been converted into Subsidiary Jails, in which prisoners sentenced to short periods, of a month and less, are confined. I would, however, propose three Subsidiary Jails for the whole District, to be established at three places, viz., Oossoor, Tripatur, and Namkul. These are the head stations of the Joint, Head Assistant, and Deputy Magistrates, and they are situated at a distance of 96, 84, and 32 miles from Salem. I propose that prisoners sentenced to imprisonment from ten days to six months in the Division in which the Subsidiary Jail is situated, should be confined in these Subsidiary Jails. This would not only save the expense of conveying the prisoners, sentenced to imprisonment above a month, from the different Sub-Magistrates' Stations to the Zillah Jail at Salem, but would also obviate the inconvenience and danger which attends the over-crowding of prisoners at the Zillah Jail. The Zillah Jail at this minute, I believe, has got more than its proper number, but I am unable to state by how many.

1. Razipur.
2. Womalur.
3. Senkerrydrog.
4. Peramatti.
5. Denkeecottah.

2. With regard to the buildings for the Jails at the three places above referred to. At Oossoor, there is a building which was fomerly used as a Magistrate's Jail, and this is capable of containing from 80 to 100 prisoners. It requires slight repairs, which are estimated at Rupees 138.

3. At Naunkul though there is no building available at present, there would be one shortly. The Government in their Proceedings, dated the 27th January 1865, sanctioned the construction of a Taluq Cutcherry at Namkul. When the new Cutcherry is built, I propose to appropriate the old one for the use of the Subsidiary Jail, and it would, I think, well suit the purpose with slight alterations.

4. The only place where it is necessary to construct a building for the purpose, is Tripatur, and here, one is very much needed. The Lock-ups of the Taluqs

forming the Head Assistant's Division are neither very secure nor afford sufficient accommodation. They are narrow cells in the inside of the Cutcherry buildings, and the inconvenience to which the Taluq officials are put from the position of these cells, is considerable, especially at the time when cholera happens to break out among the prisoners. I would strongly recommend, therefore, the construction of a new building for the Subsidiary Jail at Tripatur, at a cost of 4000 Rupees. If the Government accede to this recommendation, I will have the necessary estimate prepared.

5. The Taluq Lock-ups will still be used for prisoners, whose sentences are below ten days, and they are quite sufficient for that purpose. I do not think there will be any extra expense for guards, as there will be a corresponding saving at the Zillah Jails.

6. The Tahsildars at Oossoor, Tripatur, and Namkul will be required to have charge of the Jails at these places, under the immediate supervision of the Joint, Head Assistant, and Deputy Magistrates. I may also mention that a Medical Subordinate is attached to each of the Establishment of these officers, and no extra Medical assistance is therefore required.

No. 242 O. From the Officiating Magistrate of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Alloor, 22nd September 1864, No. 30.

In obedience to the instructions conveyed in the Government Order, dated 20th July last, I have the honor to forward* herewith a list of the buildings which must be constructed and materially improved, as also an estimate of the cost.

* 1 Plan.

2. At present there is no accommodation whatever for the Sub-Magistrates of Rajandrapatam, in the Woodyarpollium, and of Torriyur, in the Museri Taluq, to hold their offices. They hold their Cutcherry sometimes in open Mantapams, and during the rainy seasons, in their own houses. They have no places either to secure the records or confine the prisoners, the Police Station-houses are made available for the latter purpose.

3. All the works noted in the list may be postponed till the commencement of the next calendar year.

List of the Buildings which must be newly constructed or materially improved in the District of Trichinopoly.

A second Class Police Station and Sub-Magistrate's Office at Rajandrapatam.
Do. do. at Torriyur.
Improving and repairing the Prison rooms and Treasury attached to the Taluq Cutcherry at Trichinopoly.

TRICHINOPOLY, MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
CAMP ALLOOR,
22nd September 1864.

(Signed) Æ. R. McDONELL,
Officiating Magistrate.

No. 242 P. From the Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tanjore, 27th December 1864, No. 1305.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, under date the 20th July last, No. 1090, I have the honor to annex a list of buildings which require to be provided for the offices of Sub-Magistrates, Police Station-houses, and Subsidiary Jails. These works, with the exception of the one last entered, and which requires to be immediately carried out, may be postponed till next year.

2. I would beg to add that these buildings, with the exception of the one above referred to, were included in a list submitted by me to the Board of Revenue in reply to a call* from that authority, and from a communication† since received from the Superintending Engineer, I understand that that officer has received orders from Government to prepare estimates for the same.

* Vide Miscellaneous Circular No. IX, 3rd June 1864.

† Dated 11th November 1864.

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1. Firka Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Tanjore..... 2,000
2. Do. do. at Aduthorai..... 1,000
3. Do. do. at Negapatam..... 2,000
4. Do. do. at Vadaranniem..... 1,000
5. Providing accommodation for a Subsidiary Jail in the Taluq Cutcherry at Nunnillum..... 290

(Signed) W. M. CADELL,
Collector.

No. 242 Q. From the Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 4th October 1864, No. 78.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 20th July 1864, No. 1090, Judicial Department, I have the honor to forward a list of new Cutcherries required for the Sub-Magistrates in this District, and the Tahsildars' Cutcherries which should be materially improved.

2. The works which should be undertaken within the current official year, and those which may be postponed till the next year, are explained in the column of remarks in the list.

List showing the number of Cutcherries required in the Coimbatore District.

No.	New Cutcherries to be constructed and old ones to be improved.	Estimated cost.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	
1	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Kongieu.	1,250 0 0	The Sub-Magistrate now occupies a portion of the Native Travellers' Choultry; the estimate for the construction of a new Cutcherry was sanctioned in the Order of Government, Public Works Department, 20th February 1864, No. 511, but as there were no funds available for the immediate execution of the work, and as no provision has been made in the Budget for 1864-65, the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, was called on by Government to submit an application for a special grant from the reserve fund. The work should be undertaken within the current year.
2	Do. do. at Avanashy.....	1,250 0 0	Do. do. do.
3	Do. do. at Coonoor.....	3,900 0 0	The estimate for this building was sanctioned for entry in the Budget for 1865-66 in Government Order, dated 24th June 1864, No. 1846, Public Works Department, the work may be postponed till next year. The Sub-Magistrate now holds his Cutcherry in a small building which is inadequate.
4	Do. do. at Talavady, in Sattimungalum Taluq.	2,500 0 0	The Sub-Magistrate now occupies the village Choultry; a new Cutcherry is much needed, the work should be undertaken during the next year.
5	Do. do. at Annamalli in Pollachy Taluq.	1,250 0 0	Do. do. do.
6	Making alterations and additions to the Guard-room and Treasury in the Taluq Cutcherry at Ootacamund.	1,250 0 0	Do. do. do. plan and estimate are sent herewith.

COIMBATORE,
4th October 1864.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Magistrate.

No. 242R. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Lakadie, 16th September 1864, No. 126.

Adverting to G. O., No. 1090, dated 20th July last, I have the honor to submit a list of Sub-Magistrate's Offices which require to be constructed or materially improved in this District, with rough estimate of the cost and explanation of necessity.

2. It will be observed that I have included in it a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Chavasheri, which was, I regret, inadvertently omitted in the list of new Cutcherries forwarded to the Board on the 23rd ultimo, and submitted by them to the Government.

List of Sub Magistrate's Offices in the District of Malabar which must be constructed, or materially improved, with rough estimate of the cost and explanation of the necessity.

No.	To be constructed.	To be improved.	Rough estimate of cost.	When to be undertaken.	Explanation of the necessity.
			Rs.		
1	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery Vyttri, Wynaad.		3,885	Within the current year if possible.	At present the Sub-Magistrate's Court is held at Chaliyoa in a hut rented for 6 annas a month; but as the removal of the Court has been sanctioned by Government, a suitable building is urgently required at a better place. The building was included in the Budget List of 1864-65, but not sanctioned, for want of funds. The Government, however, were pleased to state in their Order of the 26th July 1864, No. 2,140, that they would be prepared to consider any proposal which the Superintending Engineer might submit for the diversion of the necessary funds from grants made for other works.
2	Treasury and Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Cannanore.		3,500	Do.	At present the offices are held in a hired building. The Executive Engineer has been requested to prepare Plan and Estimate for a suitable Cutchery.
3	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Chavasheri.		2,500	Do.	The Sub-Magistrate holds his Court in a miserable hut, in which the records and stamps are not secure.
4	.....	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Odaynkanu in Chirakel. A Record room is wanted.	500	Within the next year.	There being no separate Police Station House, the Police occupy a part of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery, there is, therefore no room for records.
5	.....	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Quilandi. The female prisoners' room requires alteration.	100	Do.	There is a large window with only wooden bars in the room reaching almost the ground. This renders the room very insecure.
6	.....	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Manjeri. A ward for females is wanted.	200	Do.	At present there is no separate ward for females.
7	.....	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Ponani. A Record room is wanted.	132	Do.	Much inconvenience is felt for the want of a room for records.
8	.....	Sub-Magistrate's Cutchery at Betutpadiangadi. Portion of the roof damaged, requires to be changed, tiles should be shifted, and the chunam plastering of the floor renewed.	398	Do.	The roof is in a very damaged and leaky state, and the floor is entirely out of order.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Magistrate.

LAKADI,
16th September 1864.

No. 242S. From the Magistrate of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 10th August 1864, No. 243.

Adverting to the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 20th July last, No. 1090, I beg to report that the erection of the marginal Subsidiary Jails sanctioned by Government, under date the 15th September 1863, No. 1479 has, it appears from the Progress Reports of the Department Public Works, been completed, and to append a list of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherries which must be constructed in the District, written in the order in which they should be undertaken.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Periakolam	35	0	0
Palni	340	0	0
Dindigal	307	0	0
Sivagunga	257	0	0
Trippattoor	310	0	0
Tiruvadanai	65	0	0
Ramnad	51	14	0
	1365	14	0

Names of Sub-Magistrates' Stations.	Amount of the estimatedc ost as entered in the Budget.
	Rs.
Chinnamanoor	2750
Vedasundoor	2750
Mudookalattoor	2750
Palani Hills	2750
Tiruchooli	2750
Nelacottai	2750

No. 242T. From the Magistrate of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tenkasy, 24th August 1864, No. 318.

With reference to the Proceedings Government, Judicial Department, dated the July 20th 1864, No. 1090, I have the honor to forward a List of the Cutcherries to be newly constructed for the use of the Taluq and Division Sub-Magistrates, and of the additions to be made to the existing Cutcherries for Subsidiary Jail and Police Station-houses. The works which must be undertaken during the current year are shown in the list.

LIST.

Name of Works.	Amount of estimate.	Remarks.
	Rupees.	
Constructing a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station-house with Subsidiary Jails at Virdoopatty.....	2,750	These works have been sanctioned and entered in the Budget of 1861-65. Of these works, the construction of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherries at Vilathicolam and Kytaur, and the additions to the old Police Amin's Cutcherry at Coolasagarapatam, may be postponed till next year, as temporary buildings have already been constructed at the first mentioned two places, and as the lock-up room in the old Taluk Cutcherry at Trichendoor, now used as a Cutcherry by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Southern Salt pans, is available for the short-sentenced prisoners of the Coolasagarapatam Division, and the rest should be undertaken during the current year, as the want of proper accommodation for the Sub-Magistrate's Subsidiary Jails and Police guards is greatly felt.
Do. do. at Velathicolum.....	2,750	
Do. do. at Kytaur.....	2,750	
Additions to the old Police Ameen's Cutcherry at Vattrayerupu for the accommodation of Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, Subsidiary Jails and Police Station-house.....	1,500	
Do. do. at Coolasagarapatam for do. do.....	1,500	
Do. do. at Rathapuram for do. do.....	1,500	
Do. to the Taluk Cutcherry at Sattur for short-sentenced prisoners and Police guards.....	2,200	
Additions to the Taluk Cutcherry at Sunkernainar Covil for do.....	2,200	
Do. do. at Ottapedarom for do...	2,200	
Do. do. at Tenkausy for do...	2,200	
Do. do. at Nangunery for do...	2,200	
Constructing a Taluk Cutcherry at Ambasamudrum.....	11,580	This work must be undertaken at once, as the present building is in a very dilapidated condition, and a new building is urgently required.
Do. do. at Tenkarai.....	11,580	This work may be postponed till funds are available, as there is a suitable building for the purpose at Sreevaigoontam.

TENKASY,
21*th August* 1864.

(Signed) J. SILVER,
Magistrate.

No. 242U. From the Inspector General of Madras Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kotagiri, 24th August 1865, No. 1713.

I have the honor to submit an Extract from the Inspection Report of the Deputy Inspector General of the Western Range, "Namkul (Salem) 17th July: "The Police are here located in the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, with one sickly hot den "as Subsidiary Jail, and all (meaning lock-up for Police and Casual prisoners and "for Magisterial prisoners for trial.") "I got quite ill when I went into it, and "found half a score of poor wretches being not only suffocated but half-starved "on one Anna per diem."

2. I venture to draw attention to the matter, because this is no solitary instance. Many of the so-called Subsidiary Jails in other Districts are precisely in the same condition. I have personally witnessed horrible scenes in these black holes; but I have not troubled Government on the subject, because Magistrates are generally as anxious as possible to carry out the humane views of Government, and gradually the lock-ups are being improved; but it is a slow process while funds are so short.

3. It strikes me, however, that immediate relief is required in many instances, such as the one under notice, and that permission to use such a place as a Subsidiary Jail should be withdrawn until suitable accommodation can be provided. The fact is, that in many places the old prisoners' rooms of the Tahsildar's office are being used as Subsidiary Jails. These, at the best, were terrible places; but with the addition of convicted persons, their usual inmates, they have become perfectly unfit for the confinment of human beings, setting aside all consideration of mixing up felons under trial with persons punished for assault and trivial offences.

4. It must be borne in mind that we are dealing with a very large number of fellow creatures in this matter. Upwards of 15,000 convicted persons are annually so incarcerated for an average period of eight days. Many pass a full month in these places. There is no Medical attendance, and perhaps Native Office Duffadars and the like, who act as Jailors, are not so considerate as might be. The time so spent is quite sufficient to cause loss of health of some duration.

5. If we add to the above number, the Casual prisoners and prisoners under trial who are exposed to the same influences, the subject becomes worthy of very serious consideration.

6. I would therefore venture to suggest, that Magistrates be required to submit a statement, *on the inspection of an European Officer and the Engineer*, on each place so used, with its dimensions, degree of ventilation, &c., and the number of prisoners that it may safely contain, with a view to proper instructions being given. Wherever the place is reported unfit for the use it is put to, permission to use it as a Subsidiary Jail should be withdrawn.

7. Precise rules should likewise be laid down for the management of Subsidiary Jails.

8. I am aware of the great difficulty that must arise if a large number of these short-sentenced prisoners are thrown back again on our over-crowded Jails. But the difficulty might be met, in many instances, by hiring a suitable house, until lock-ups fit for use can be provided. The difficulty of guarding, &c., will be increased; but any thing is better than endangering the health or the lives of those who, though prisoners, are legally entitled to be fairly dealt by.

9. It will be observed that Captain Drever alludes to the insufficiency of food supplied. My attention has more than once been drawn to this point. Police officers are called on to work these prisoners in the streets, and they have reported, by Diary, that they find them at times too weak to work from want of food.

10. I am not aware whether any scale of diet has been laid down by Government, or what scale different Magistrates have adopted; but it is a matter worthy of consideration, as likewise is the question—what measures are taken to assure against embezzlement of allowed rations? I know from experience that it is difficult to secure this point, many Native Constables have been convicted of embezzling the batta entrusted to them, and starving their prisoners in transit; and when 15,000 prisoners are scattered over the country, as is now the case, it is difficult to control the subordinates to whom the rationing of this large body is entrusted.

No. 242V. Extract from a letter from Captain W. S. DREVER, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range; dated Ooty, 19th January 1866, No. 10.

With reference to my recent tour of inspection in Malabar, I have the honor to bring the following points to your notice.

2. As a general rule, the lock-up accommodation for prisoners in all the Cutcherries is not only inadequate but in many cases quite unfitted for their detention; one small, ill-lighted, unventilated, inaccessible room, in the Cutcherry, for the most part, serving the purpose of Subsidiary Jail and Prison for under trial, or committable prisoners of all ages and sexes.

3. I have before addressed you on this subject in regard to other Districts. I have characterized these lock-ups in some places as disgraceful; but am not aware that anything has been done to remedy these crying evils. I would specially remind you that till recently prisoners in Taluq Subsidiary Jails were taken out to labor during the day by the Police, this has been stopped, and as the poor wretches now only leave their dens for a short time, for purposes of nature, ventilation, &c., is not improved.

4. The Magistrate informed me that the subject was under his consideration; but as it is a general question involving the most important results, I would strongly urge upon you the propriety of some uniform action being taken throughout the Presidency.

5. In some places I find prisoners crowded into a wholly inadequate Taluq Subsidiary Jail, when there is excellent accommodation available within two miles, *e. g.*, the lock-up in the Cherikal Cutcherry, and the Cantonment Jail, Cannanore.

6. I am told that the prisoners must run the risk of being suffocated in the former, though there be room for them in the latter, because one is under a Native and the other under an European Magistrate.

7. Though one Subsidiary Jail can scarcely be called much worse than another in Malabar, I would particularly draw attention to the miserable lock-up in the Cutcherry at Manantoddy in Wynaad; a portion of an outer verandah is grated off exactly like a cattle pen; and exactly like cattle are the sexes huddled together and exposed to heat or cold, wind, or rain, according to circumstances.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Captain,
Assistant Inspector General of Police.

No. 242 W. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1866, No. 1451.

From the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Viruru, Atmakur Taluq, 14th February 1866, No 35.

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th May last, No. 2461, I have the honor to forward, for the Board's consideration, a revised plan* and estimate for building a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Venkatagiri, received† the other day from the Superintending Engineer.

* 1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Detailed Estimate.
1 Specification Report.
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† Letter No. 105, dated 30th January 1866.

2. The plan and estimate, Colonel Winscom observes, have been revised with reference to the Board's remarks in their Proceedings adverted to, and I take this opportunity of forwarding, for the Board's consideration, copy of a letter‡ addressed by me last September to Government, suggesting the advisability of separating the Judge from the prisoners, and dividing the Treasury and Jail from the other accommodation required to be provided in a Taluq Cutcherry.

‡ No. 30, dated 29th September 1865.

3. Rupees 2500 have been applied for in the Public Works Budget for 1866-67, for the Cutcherry at Venkatagiri.

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1. Submitted for the sanction of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 14th June 1864, No. 878, Judicial Department.

2. The necessity for this building at Venkatagiri seems pressing.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department,
with 4 *Enclosures.*

No. 242X. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1866, No. 470.

Referring to the numerous requisitions for the erection of new offices for Sub-Magistrates, of Subsidiary Jails and Police Station-houses, and for the extension of existing buildings for these purposes, while the means of complying with such requisitions were limited, the Government, in their Order of the 20th July 1864, No. 1090, called upon the several Magistrates to submit lists of the buildings which required to be constructed or improved, with rough estimates of the cost, and an explanation of the necessity in each case. The letters from the District Magistrates above recorded are replies to this call.

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Proceedings 19th September 1865, No. 134*.

7. Then, again, as regards the places now actually used as Subsidiary Jails, the Inspector General of Mofussil Police submits, with his letter of the 24th August last, prefixed to these Proceedings, an extract from an Inspection Report of the Deputy Inspector General of the Western Range, in which the Namkul Subsidiary Jail in the Salem District is described as a sickly hot den, which is used not only for short sentenced prisoners, but as a lock-up for prisoners in charge of the Police pending investigation of the charges preferred against them, and persons under trial by the Magistracy. Mr. Robinson states that this is no solitary instance; that many of the so called Subsidiary Jails in other Districts are precisely in the same condition; that in many places the old prisoners' rooms of the Tahsildars' offices are being used as Subsidiary Jails; that "these, at the best, were terrible places, but that, with the addition of convicted persons to their usual inmates, they have become perfectly unfit for the confinement of human beings." In a more recent Inspection Report of the same Deputy Inspector General, viz., of the Western Range, Captain Drever, referring to the lock-ups in Malabar, states that, as a general rule, the lock-up accommodation for prisoners in all the Cutcherries is not only inadequate, but in many cases quite unfitted for their detention; one small ill-lighted, unventilated, inaccessible room in the Cutcherries for the most part serving the purpose of Subsidiary Jail and prison for under-trial or committible prisoners of all ages and sexes. He adds that, though one Subsidiary Jail can scarcely be called worse than another in Malabar, the lock-up in the Cutcherry at Manuntoddy in Wynaad is in a miserable condition. And yet Malabar is one of the Districts in which some* expenditure of public money has been incurred in putting the Subsidiary Jails in order.

* Rupees 926-6-8.—Vide Proceedings of Government, 28th January 1863, No. 124.

8. Although, as already noticed, similar expenditure has been incurred in other Districts also, the Governor in Council entertains no doubt that the description given of the state of the Taluq prison rooms in Malabar and Salem applies more or less to all Districts; the present Taluq lock-ups appearing to be mere make-shifts, improvised to meet the sudden emergency which arose when it was found objectionable and inexpedient to crowd the District Jails with short sentenced prisoners, and it consequently became necessary to find other accommodation for them.

9. The Inspector General of Police points out that upwards of 15,000 convicted persons are annually incarcerated in the Subsidiary Jails for an average period of eight days; that many of them pass a full month in them; and that the time so spent is quite sufficient, from the way in which the prisoners are confined and looked after, to cause loss of health of some duration.

10. Under all these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the whole subject of these Subsidiary Jails should be dealt with on some definite plan, in order to place them on a satisfactory footing; and he resolves, accordingly, to direct that each Magistrate will cause each place now used as a Subsidiary Jail in his District to be inspected and reported on by one of his European Assistants, in company with the Executive Engineer of the Range, and will thereupon submit a clear statement showing the name of each place at which a Subsidiary Jail is located; the dimensions of the building used for the purpose with a rough plan of it; the number of prisoners it may safely contain; the average number at present confined; the degree of ventilation; whether there exist separate wards for male and female prisoners; and such other particulars as may be necessary to a proper understanding of the state of each lock-up and of the remedy to be applied. The Magistrate should also distinctly state his opinion in each case whether he considers the present building to be fit for the use it is put to, or whether it should be given up as a place of confinement till better accommodation can be secured.

11. The number of Subsidiary Jails required for each District should be carefully considered and settled with reference to the distances of Sub-Magistrates' stations from the places where it is proposed to locate the Jails, and from the Zillah and District Magistrates' Jails.

12. The Reports now called for should be submitted through the Inspector General of Jails, who will forward them, as they are severally received, with his own remarks and suggestions. Colonel Wilson will also be so good as to prepare, after communication with such Magistrates as he may wish to consult, and with the Inspector General of Police, a few simple and precise rules for the management of Subsidiary Jails, including the rationing of the prisoners.

13. The Governor in Council is aware that the wants of the several Districts in respect to safe lock-ups for prisoners under sentences of short periods of imprisonment cannot be met all at once or in any limited time; but when their number and locality and the place of the buildings are settled, a few at a time may be put in hand, in the order of their urgency, and according as funds are available.

14. Meanwhile, in all cases in which the present places of confinement are pronounced to be absolutely unfit for the incarceration of prisoners, the Governor in Council authorizes the several Magistrates to rent suitable houses near the Sub-Magistrates' Cutcherries until lock-ups, fit for use, can be provided. This will be done without further reference to Government, the arrangement made in each case being reported for confirmation.

15. The Governor in Council directs, in conclusion, that every building used as a Subsidiary Jail shall be inspected, not less than once in three months, by one of the European Officers of the Magistracy, and that the reports of such inspections shall be submitted quarterly to the Inspector General of Jails, in such form as that Officer may prescribe. Such inspections should be made at irregular intervals and without any previous notice.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Memo. 14

A tabular statement is submitted showing the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherries & Subsidiary Jails required, the cost of each building or addition to an existing building, & the total amount for each district. In some districts, Police Station houses & Salt Cutcherries have been mentioned, but these are not included in the district totals.

Bellary. Cuddapah. Ganjam.

There is no letter or statement from the Magistrate of Nellore in the packet. That district has therefore been wholly omitted. Kurnool has also been omitted, as the report from that district has, the Magistrate states in his letter, been sent to the Board of Revenue. From two districts, South Arcot & South Canara, no specific propositions have been submitted. Only 15 districts are, therefore, represented in the statement.

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As regards Emergent Cases, these are indicated below:—

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Malabar— A separate ward is required for female prisoners in the Subsidiary Jail at Manjeri — cost about Rs. 200.

Tanjore— The prisoners ward in the Nannilum Subsidiary Jail is urgently in want of improvement — Cost Rs. 290.

The Negapatam Subsidiary Jail has already been improved at a cost of Rs. 62.1.5 & for this outlay, sanction is solicited.

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Memorandum.

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A new Cutcherry at Russelcondah at an Estimate of Rs. 5750 is emergently required. The building hitherto occupied has been converted into a Jail for Hill prisoners, and the Tahsildar's Office and Treasury are poorly and temporarily accommodated.
A Sub Magistrate's Cutcherry at Berhampore at an Estimate of Rs. 500.
Two Salt Cutcherries at Rs. 550 and a Sea Custom House at Barwa for which no Estimate is given.

Vizagapatam.

Seven Sub Magistrate's Offices are required. Two of which may be postponed. of the remainder one was sanctioned in G. O. 22nd September 1863, No. 1524, but no provision made in the Budget 1864/65 and sanction for execution in 1864/65 is required. The remaining five are estimated at Rs. 16,430.

Three

Godavery.

Three Sub Magistrates' Offices at an Estimate of Rs. 3540 each-available Jails (Rs. 640) were sanctioned. 20th March 1863.

Kistna.

Rough Estimate amounts to 53,300 Rs. Two Tahsildars Cutcherries at an Estimate of Rs. 10,500 each and a deputy Tahsildar's and Sub Magistrates' Office at an Estimate of 3,000 Rs. are urgently required. The rest might be postponed. 5 available Jails (2900 Rs.) have been sanctioned

Nellore.

Two Sub Magistrates' Cutcherries and four Taluq Cutcherries which should include prison accommodation, Station house &c.

Cuddapah

Ten Police Station houses (Rs. 3000) and a Sub Magistrates Office Rs. 700. Two Taluq Cutcherries have been sanctioned and five available Jails (Rs. 1007).

Kurnool.

Magistrate has submitted Estimates for the extension of three of the Sub Magistrates Cutcherries to the Board of Revenue.

Bellary

The rough Estimate amounts to Rs. 93,047-8-0 and the Collector states that no building

is required to be constructed during the current year. Two Sub Magistrates Cutcherries at an Estimate of 2870 Rs. each.- At Sivagoopah the village choultry is used and at Kumpili the present Cutcherry is in a most dilapidated state. 8 lock-ups for remanded and short sentenced prisoners, at an Estimate of 2382 Rs. each are stated by the Superintendents of Police to be necessary. 7 Taluq Cutcherries at an aggregate Estimate of 71,200 Rs. Sub Stations houses and nine new police stations, where in every instance the village choultry is now occupied by the Police

Madras.

The Collector suggests that a subsidiary Jail for short sentenced prisoners should be attached to the Taluq Cutcherry at Saidapet. Police and Jail accommodation is much required at Streepermatoordo and there is no accommodation for prisoners at Pumeri. Slight alterations such as partition walls &c. are required in several Cutcherries, but no Estimate is given of the probable cost.

North Arcot

A Sub Magistrates Cutcherry at Wingamur at

at an Estimate of Rs. 2000 and Sub-
-sidiary Jails at Chittor and Palmanair
estimated respectively at Rs. 1250 and
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Cutcherry and Police station at
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Cutcherry at Puttur with Subsidiary
Jail and Police station (Rs. 10,000) may
be postponed.

South Arcot

A Taluq Cutcherry
sanctioned and two Sub Magistrate's
Offices of which one has been sanc-
-tioned. Subsidiary Jails and lock
-ups (Rs. 7200) have been sanctioned

Salem

Three Subsidiary Jails
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Tanjore

Rs. 352 " 1 " 5 are re-
-quired for building cells with Taluq
Cutcherries and four Sub Magistrate's
Cutcherries. (Rs. 6000).

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Trichinopoly

A second class Police station
and Sub Magistrate's Office at Raja
-mavapatam and at Tornore estimated
at Rs. 2300. There is now no accom-
-modation whatever. 4 available
Jails (Rs. 3210) have been sanctioned.

Coimbatore

5 Sub Magistrate's
Offices at an Estimate of Rs. 10,150. one
of these has been sanctioned by Go-
-vernment. In the others the Sub-
-Magistrate now occupies the village
Choultry. Rs. 1250 is required for
making alterations and additions
to the Guard room and Treasury in
the Taluq Cutcherry at Ootacamund.
4 available Jails (Rs. 1087) have been
sanctioned.

Malabar

Three Sub Magistrate's
Cutcherries at an Estimate of 6085 Rs.
at present miserable huts or hired
buildings are used. Repairs to the
extent of Rs. 1330 are required at
other Sub Magistrate's Cutcherries.

South Canara

Two Sub Magistrate's
Cutcherries and four Subsidiary
Jails have been sanctioned and are
in progress. Nothing further is needed

Six

Six Sub Magistrate's Cutcheeries (Rs. 16500) Seven Subsidiary Jails (1365 Rs. 14/) have been sanctioned. Madura

Three Sub Magistrate's Cutcheeries with Police Station houses and subsidiary Jail (Rs. 9250). Repairs to old Police Ameen's Cutcheeries for the accommodation of Sub Magistrates Cutcheeries Subsidiary Jails and Police Station houses (13,500) sanctioned. Two new Valley Cutcheeries (23,160 Rs) are required — one immediately the other when funds are available. Tinnevelly

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is of opinion that the whole
subject of these Subsidiary
Jails should be dealt with
on some definite plan in order
to place them on a satisfactory
footing; and he resolves accord-
-ingly to direct that each
Magistrate will cause each
place now used as a Subsidiary
Jail in his District to be inspected
a report on by ~~an~~ European Assistants in
company with the Executive En-
-gineer of the Range, and to
thereupon submit, after such inspection,
a clear Statement showing the
name of each place, the dimen-
-sions of the building used

for

with a complete plan of it

for the purpose; the number of Prisoners it may safely contain; the average number at present confined; the degree of ventilation; whether there exist separate wards for male and female Prisoners, and such other particulars as may be necessary to a proper understanding of the state of each lock-up and of the remedy to be applied. The Magistrate should also distinctly state his opinion in each case whether he considers the present building to be fit for the use it is put to, or whether it should be given up as a place of confinement till better accommodation can be secured.

11 The number of Subsidiary Jails required for each District should be carefully considered and settled with reference to the distances of Sub Magistrates' Stations from the places where it is proposed to

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to locate the Jails and from the Zillah and District Magistrates' Jails.

12 The Reports now called for should be submitted thro' the Inspector General of Jails who will forward them with his own remarks and suggestions. Colonel Wilson will also be so good as to prepare, after communication with such Magistrates as he may wish to consult, and with the Inspector General of Police, a few simple and precise rules for the management of Subsidiary Jails including the rationing of the Prisoners.

as they are severally rec?

13 The Governor in Council is aware that the wants of the several Districts in respect to safe lock-ups for prisoners under sentences of short periods of imprisonment cannot be met all at once or in any limited time; but when their number and locality and the

place

place of the buildings are settled a few at a time may be put in hand in the order of their urgency and accordingly as funds are available.

14 Meanwhile in all cases in which the present places of confinement are pronounced to be absolutely unfit for the incarceration of Prisoners, the Government ~~will be prepared to authorize~~ Gen Council

~~a person appointed by the Inspector~~ ~~General of Police~~, the renting of suitable houses near the the Sub Magistrates' Cutcherries until lock-ups, fit for use, can be provided. In which case it must further be borne in mind that the arrangement made in each case being important for consideration.

This matter should be referred to Inspr Genl of Police

Yes - but these houses when taken, will require to be as comfortable as the Jail, & will therefore cause expense

to the Insp Genl of Jails
— Insp Genl of Police
— Magistrates of all Distts
— Public Works Dept.

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Magistrate of a district to have cells visited each & each of them once in 2 months, by one of his Sub-ordinates who shall report to him in writing previous to the time of the Magistrate's visit.

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her Majesty's subjects in each province that every subsidiary jail shall be visited as a subsidiary jail by the Superintendent of Jails not less than once in 3 months by one of the European Magistrates and by the Civil Surgeon of the station and that the Superintendent of Jails shall be informed quarterly of such inspections

& the Inspector General of Jails in such forms as may be sent to him for the purpose. Such inspections must be made at irregular intervals & without any previous notice.

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