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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 198. From C. W. READE, Esq., Magistrate of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Camp Punrooty, 25th April 1866, No. 13.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government, with the Order thereon, dated 29th March 1866, No. 470.

2. In paragraph 14, Magistrates are authorized at once to rent suitable houses near the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherries, until lock-ups, fit for use, can be provided, in all cases in which the present places of confinement are unfit for the incarceration of prisoners; and in paragraph 10, Magistrates are further directed to obtain and submit to Government full particulars in respect to each place now used as a Subsidiary Jail in their respective Districts.

3. With all deference, I desire to draw the attention of Government to the papers noted in the margin, because they seem to contain all the items of information now sought by Government so far as my own District is concerned, and I have only to recommend that the new Subsidiary Jails, of which there are five admirable buildings, may now at once be utilized and turned to account, as well as the lock-ups, and that such of the latter as may not have been completed, under the operation of the Order of Government, 2nd October 1865, No. 1417, may immediately be finished, when, as already reported by me to Government, the wants of this District on this all-important subject will be fully met.

From Collector to Government, dated 29th February 1864, No. 13.
From Government,—Order thereon, 30th March 1864, No. 427, Judicial Department.
To Government, 19th May 1864, No. 24, and Order thereon, 11th June 1864, No. 860.
To Government, 25th January 1865, No. 6, and Order, 15th February 1865, No. 253.
To Government, 23rd February 1865, No. 19.
Do. 16th June " " 44.
Do. 1st September " " 73, and Order thereon, 19th September 1865, No. 1310.

4. I have ventured to think that my District stands exceptionally in the matter of Subsidiary Jails and lock-ups, and that all has been done that needs to be done to meet the serious and growing evils which form the subject of comment in the Government Proceedings under acknowledgment; and thus all that is wanted is the cancelment of the Government Order, under date the 2nd October 1865, No. 1417, and which, at my instance, is still unenforced, as I could not help foreseeing that the excellent Jail buildings which have been erected in South Arcot at so economical a cost must eventually be made use of, and I had requested the Superintending Engineer, in consequence, to allow six months to elapse before taking measures to dispose of any of them.

5. The present orders of Government have relieved my doubts, and afford me the opportunity of again urging that these new buildings may now be utilized in the way intended.

6. Government are pleased to authorize the renting of Native houses, and if this were done, a house must be rented at the Head Quarters of every Taluq, eight in number, as well as at some of the Sub-Magistrates' stations, and besides this fixed monthly charge, some expense will be needed to render such houses suitable places of confinement, for there are few, if any, native dwellings that would be safe places of custody without additional security, and it seems a pity to incur all this expenditure when there are eligible and appropriate buildings,

all reported on, and all specially adapted for the very object of Jails; and I hesitate, therefore, to act on the orders now received, until Government have considered my reasons in objection.

7. The Government will recollect that the main cause assigned for abandoning the new Subsidiary Jails was because of the expense of providing separate guards for them, as brought to notice by the Inspector General of Police; but I may observe that the very same objection holds in respect to the renting of separate dwellings, each of which will equally require a separate guard for the due protection of prisoners, and thus the expense in the one case (Subsidiary Jails) will be far less than in the other (Native houses), inasmuch as the former are ready for occupation and are built for the purpose, while the latter have to be paid for, with other expenses incidental to rendering them fit places of imprisonment; so that I submit for consideration whether in all respects it be not advisable and preferable immediately to occupy the regular and suitable Jail buildings, at the mere cost of guarding them, than to prepare and rent inferior Native houses, with the additional cost of hire and repairs.

8. As the subject has been so fully discussed and represented by me in my past reports which are before Government, and all has been nearly done in South Arcot to meet the prominent evils commented on by Government, I would earnestly hope that His Lordship in Council may be pleased to treat this District exceptionally, so far as at once to sanction the appropriation of the Jail buildings to the purposes of their construction, and that the orders under the dates already quoted may be cancelled.

9. I would lastly point out that presuming the Government accede to my proposals which will confer on this District a very great blessing, it will, of course, be necessary that sanction be given for the requisite guards for the five Subsidiary Jails, which require only three Police Constables for each, or 15 for the entire District, the cost of which, even when multiplied by 20 Districts, must really be esteemed a very trifling matter when put in contrast with all the evils as at present existing, and which the proposed arrangement will at once avert, for the places of incarceration generally throughout the country have been already graphically described by those Officers of Government who are best acquainted with them.

10. There is little to be done to complete the expenditure of the sum originally sanctioned by Government in their Orders of the 30th March 1864, No. 437, and if the balance* still unexpended be again placed at my disposal, the entire arrangements authorized in the same orders will speedily be finished, as there are only two or three Lock-ups and one Subsidiary Jail that remain to be fully completed.

* Rupees 1 553-4-5.

11. I trust I have not erred in submitting the foregoing for the consideration of Government, before acting on their present orders.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police, for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9th May 1866.

(Signed) H. LINTON,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 199. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kotagherry, 4th June 1866, No. 897.

With reference to the letter of the Magistrate of South Arcot, dated 7th May, I am constrained, under the circumstances, to recommend the Government to accede to his request.

2. The error originally made in this District was pointed out in my letter, dated 24th July 1865, No. 1479. It was that, instead of observing the intention of Government that the Subsidiary Jails were to be constructed as part of the Taluq Office, in such a way that the Treasury and Office guard should be able to observe the inmates, detached buildings have been constructed, necessitating a guard for which no provision is made under the Budget. Had the original intention of Government been observed in the construction of these places, as is now provided for in the standard plan of Taluq offices, the Subsidiary Jail accommodation of South Arcot would have been unobjectionable and in an exceptionally advanced condition.

3. As things are, we are in this dilemma. The Cutcherry lock-ups are, without exception, unfit for use, while the expenditure necessary to afford suitable lock-ups in the Cutcherries, and save the guard, cannot be sanctioned for a long term to come. On the other hand, we have Subsidiary Jails constructed for the purpose, though placed so as to necessitate a separate guard. We must, therefore, I think accept the only solution, and make the best of the position in which we are placed.

4. If the Government will be pleased to sanction the use of these Jails, and order the immediate completion of such as are still unfinished, I will direct the District Superintendent to detail a guard of four men for each.

5. The Magistrate, of course, is aware that the watch, &c., of his District must suffer to the extent required to furnish guards for these detached Subsidiary Jails. His District can ill afford it at a time when the protection of the public revenue requires that the preventive Force around the Pondicherry frontier be strengthened, and other and increasing claims are springing up on all sides; but I suppose he is willing that the sacrifice be incurred.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1866, No. 976.

Under the circumstances represented by the Magistrate, and as the Inspector General of Police is prepared to detail a guard for each of the detached Subsidiary Jails in question from the General Force of the District (although this will entail inconvenience, in consequence of the heavy calls upon the Force), the Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs, in supersession of G. O., 19th September 1865, No. 1340, that the buildings which it was resolved to abandon be completed as early as practicable, and applied to the use for which they were originally intended. The necessary orders will accordingly be issued, in the Public Works Department, for placing Rupees 1588, at the disposal of the Magistrate, for the purpose.

2. The Magistrate will return the plan of the Subsidiary Jails, which was forwarded to him with G. O., 11th June 1864, No. 860, and will state the number of prisoners each Jail is designed to contain, and the average number expected to be confined in each. A rough sketch of the lock-up places, with similar information, is also required.

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3. Mr. Reade will also state whether, in regard to the detached Jails, he proposes to place any one, and, if so, what officer, in immediate charge, in something of the position of Warder, and what rules are in force for the rationing, working, &c., of the prisoners.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Magistrate of South Arcot.
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From The Magistrate of South Arcot

To The Chief Secretary to Government Madras

Dated 25 April 1866
Read 7th May
Desp 3d May 1866.

No 13

No 983.

Drawing attention to the Jeathers correspondence on the subject of erecting subsidiary Jails in South Arcot & recommending that the buildings which have already been erected be ordered to be utilized for subsidiary Jails under the circumstances stated.

Referred

Pros. 29th March 1866 Nos 242 & 242 a
Pros. 21st July 1862 at 179 to 199.
— 20th March 1863 at 124 to 138.
— 30th March 1864 at 276 to 278.
— 15th April — at 175 — 176
— 4th June — at 106 — 107.
— 15th February 1865 at 136 — 137
— 7th March — at 25 — 26.
— 12th Sept — at 135 — 133.
— 2nd October — at 8 — 9.
— 3rd February 1866 at 10 —

Entd in Despatch Book 9th May 1866

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— the Insp. Genl of Police — 4th June — 897.

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The necessary orders will
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the Public Works department
for placing Rs 1500 —
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Dated 21 June 1866.

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Mr Marchetzy and
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Extract for the 27th inst.
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