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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd July 1867.*

No 16. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 1391.

Requiring a report as to what arrangement the Committee on Subsidiary Jails would propose for Subsidiary Jails where new Talook Cutcheries have to be built. (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 22nd June 1867, Nos. 313 & 314.)

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1045:

Communicated to the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Madras, 8th July 1867.

From

Surgeon S. B. Montgomery M. D.
Off Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq.
Off Chief Secretary to Government

SIR,

Revenue Department

N^o 1391, dated 22 June 1867

Judicial Department

N^o 1060, dated 4th July 1867

N^o 1043, dated 2nd July 1867

I have the honor to forward herewith
Proceedings of Government, as per margin, and
addressed to me personally as a member of
the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.

2. I presume that this has been done in error
and in consequence of your having been appointed
a member of the Committee and also holding the
appointment of Sanitary Commissioner.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

S. B. Montgomery
Off Sanitary Commissioner

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd June 1867.*

1. In their Order, dated 6th September 1866, No. 2,328, the Government directed the Board to call upon Collectors to report upon any defects which had been detected in the Talook Cutcheries built upon the new standard plan.
2. It will be observed, from the correspondence recorded above, that there have been so few Cutcheries yet built upon this plan, that it is not possible to state its defects from sufficiently lengthened experience, but several of the District Officers object to it generally, and alternative plans have been forwarded by the Collectors of Nellore and Coimbatore.
3. The cost of a Cutcherry for the Atmakur talook in Nellore on the standard plan was Rupees 12,280, while that of the two buildings (Cutcherry and Jail) proposed by the Collector and Superintending Engineer is Rupees 12,270. The plan proposed by Colonel Walker, and approved of by the Collector of Coimbatore, provides a Subsidiary Jail and Tahsildar's Office in the same building, and is apparently estimated to cost Rupees 30,000, this amount being marked on the plan. The Board consider that, on the score of expense alone, this plan is quite out of the question.
4. Colonel Winscom's plan places the Subsidiary Jail, the Treasury, and Guard Room at a distance of 200 yards from the Tahsildar's Office, and the Board consider that this is too great a distance. They, however, decidedly prefer this plan to that proposed by Colonel Walker; at the same time they consider that it should be amended as follows:—
 - I. The space between the two blocks forming the Tahsildar's Office ought to be more than thirty feet.
 - II. The two blocks should be connected by a verandah to enable the officials to pass from one block to the other under cover, and the wall on its right hand side ought to have openings for ventilation.
 - III. The Tahsildar's block should have a verandah on the inner side.
 - IV. There should be a room for the Peons on guard and duty.
 - V. The Treasury should be in the Cutcherry.
 - VI. There should be a well in the Courtyard, if good water is within a reasonable distance from the surface.
5. The Board would not give up the plan of making Cutcheries defensible, but the means proposed in the standard plans, and in Colonel Winscom's plan of Jail, seem to them to go beyond what is necessary. All that is needed is to render the place defensible against a mob by a small party, and this can best be done by providing a flanking fire along the walls. Two small loopholed rooms at opposite angles, projecting beyond the contiguous sides and communicating with the interior would be ample, and should cost much less than the towers proposed in the plans. These additions to Colonel Winscom's plan of a Cutcherry would probably provide a Treasury and Guard-room; of course such defences should be provided only where the situation would render them likely to be of use and not universally.
6. The Board accordingly resolve to recommend that the plan of Tahsildar's Office, as proposed by Colonel Winscom and as modified by the Board, be adopted at Atmakur and Kanigiri; this plan of building may not, however, suit Dhara-pooram which is a third, while the others are fourth and fifth class talooks; and the Board consider that in lieu of prescribing any standard plan, Executive Engineers

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should exercise their skill in adopting plans to local peculiarities of site, &c. They would, therefore, recommend that the amended plan be sent for Colonel Walker's opinion.

7. As the question of Subsidiary Jail accommodation is now under the consideration of a Special Committee, the Board recommend that Colonel Winscom's plan of a Jail and Guard-room, combined in a defensible building, be referred for their consideration, and, if approved, that these buildings also be directed to be constructed at Atmakur and Kanigiri. As the Tahsildar's Offices are, however, much needed, and as the necessary funds are provided in the Budgets of the present year, the Board will request Government to sanction the commencement of this part of the plan at once at each place.

8. On reconsideration, the Board are of opinion that a Treasure Chest in a secure railed-off compartment in the Tahsildar's Office will be preferable to a Treasure vault, though they would still adopt the latter in all Cutcheries constructed on the old plan, in view to giving more space and ventilation. The Treasury, they consider, should be in the Cutcherry, and not in a distant detached building.

No. 314.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1867, No. 1,391.

Miscellaneous

1. The Government concur in opinion with the Board that the Treasury should be in the Cutcherry; but Colonel Winscom's plan makes no provision for this, and places the Treasury and Subsidiary Jail in a detached building.

2. The Committee appointed to report on the question of Subsidiary Jails, have not yet submitted their opinion as to the best arrangement to be made for this purpose in erecting new Talook Cutcheries. Under these circumstances, the Government are unable at present to issue the orders for the commencement of the Cutcherry building solicited by the Board. The Committee will be requested, through the Judicial Department, to report, with as little delay as possible, what arrangement they would advocate for Subsidiary Jails where new Talook Cutcheries have to be built, and what extent of accommodation must be provided.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Judicial Department.

[Signature]
The Public Works Dept.

Exd. R. F. Bantleman.

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