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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd July 1867.*

No. 253. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 2nd July 1867, No. 1043, on the subject of improvement of the Subsidiary Jails, &c., in the Sydapet Talook, Madras District.

Order in the Military Department, dated 15th July 1867, No. 2573.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department), and Barrack Master of Fort Saint George, in view to the necessary instructions being issued for the transfer of the Jail building at St. Thomas' Mount to the Civil authorities, and removal of the cart shed and cattle pound adverted to in the foregoing Proceedings.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
15th July 1867.

To the Judicial Department.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Depy. Secy. to Government.

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1867, No. 1173.

Communicated to the Committee on Subsidiary Jails, to the Inspector General of Jails, and to the Magistrate of the Madras District.
(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Magistrate of the Madras District.

No. 12. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 11th June 1867, No. 7.

We have the honor to submit to Government proposals for the improvement of the Subsidiary Jail accommodation at the following stations of the Sydapet Taluq (Madras District).

Enclosures nine.
Plans A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I.

This Taluq is peculiarly situated, as including the *Head Quarters of the Madras District* at Home's Gardens, the *Tahsil station at Sydapet*, the *Cantonment Magistrate's Office at Saint Thomas' Mount*, the *Sub-Magistrate's station at Poonamallee*, and the *Assistant Magistrate's station at Palaveram*, the three last being military stations.

2. There is at Saint Thomas' Mount a large and very suitable building (classed among military buildings), which is at present used as a *Central Subsidiary Jail* for prisoners sentenced by the Magistrates at each of the above stations, and we propose to continue this arrangement as regards all *convicted* prisoners.

3. Annexure A is a plan of the Saint Thomas' Mount Jail as at present. Plan B exhibits the alterations and improvements which we would recommend being made.

4. This Jail is at present under the charge of the Barrack Master. It is not used for any military purposes. We would, therefore, suggest that it should be made over to the Civil authorities.

5. It will be observed that, with slight alterations for the improvement of the existing buildings at Saint Thomas' Mount, good accommodation can be provided for

36	Convicted male prisoners.
18	Under trial do. do.
9	Convicted female do. do.
9	Under trial do. do.

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Two hospital wards, and one contagious ward, can also be provided, and all the necessary subsidiary buildings for the prisoners of both sexes.

6. This accommodation is far in excess of what is required for the Magistrate's prisoners from the stations described above. The number of these prisoners does not usually exceed 30, but as these buildings are already in existence, and in good repair, we think it desirable that the whole building should be rendered fit to accommodate prisoners. It is also possible that the enforcement of all the provisions of the Cantonment Act may increase the number of prisoners sentenced by the Cantonment Magistrate.

7. It is absolutely necessary to remove the existing privy, which is a source of nuisance; and the open drain across the square should be closed. We have provided separate latrines for males and females, as shown in plan B.

8. The wards of the Jail are represented as extremely damp, and the Cantonment Magistrate has recommended that the floors should be raised throughout one foot, and asphalted. We are strongly in favor of an asphalted flooring, but we suggest that careful drainage will be necessary to remedy the defect pointed out by Major Clementson.

9. It is possible that, in future, it will be necessary to provide in this Jail for civil debtors sentenced to imprisonment by the Small Cause Court at Saint Thomas' Mount. Hitherto, these have been imprisoned in the Jail at Chingleput.

10. We have, however, left unaltered the greater part of the range of cells in front of the Jail. These, if necessary, can easily be converted into suitable places of confinement for civil debtors.

11. We understand that, at the places indicated by stars in plan B, there are a cart shed and a cattle pound. The proximity of these to the Jail is very undesirable, and they should be removed without delay.

12. Provision having been made at Saint Thomas' Mount for the accommodation of convicted prisoners from

Saint Thomas' Mount (Cantonment Magistrate),
Palaveram (Assistant Magistrate),
Poonamallee (Sub-Magistrate),
Sydapet (Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate),
Home's Gardens { Magistrate of the District,
Assistant Magistrate and Deputy Magistrate,

we now have to recommend the alterations and additions necessary at each of these stations for the accommodation of prisoners under trial, remanded, or in custody of the Police.

Saint Thomas' Mount.

13. It will be seen by a reference to plan B that we have provided, in the Saint Thomas' Mount Central Subsidiary Jail, wards, marked X, for prisoners (males and females) under trial, remanded, or in custody of Police at Saint Thomas' Mount.

Palaveram.

(Assistant Magistrate's station.)

14. The only building which requires notice is a small Police Lock-up. The largest number confined here, male and female, is five.

15. We do not recommend any material change in this building. Plan C shows the existing building; Plan D the alterations which we think necessary: these, it will be seen, consist in improvements in the ventilation, and in the closing of a room, into which a privy, recently constructed by the Department of Public Works, ventilates in a most objectionable manner.

16. It is not possible to ventilate the southern side of the building, as there are houses built against the outer wall. This building is so surrounded by roads and houses that there is no available site for a cook-room, except in the opposite side of the road on the east of the Lock-up.

17. As the prisoners are few in number, and are only confined here for a few hours, there is no practical difficulty attending this arrangement.

Sydapet... Sub-Magistrate.

Home's Gardens... { Magistrate of the District,
Assistant Magistrate, and
Deputy Magistrate.

18. At present, the only building available for prisoners in custody of the Police, at Sydapet, or under remand and under trial by the Sub-Magistrate of Sydapet (the Tahsildar), the Magistrate of the District, the Assistant Magistrate,

and the Deputy Magistrate, is the Police Lock-up (vide Plan E), situated in the main bazaar of Sydapet. This building, which is of recent construction, is only capable of accommodating three men and one woman.

19. This accommodation is quite insufficient, and we propose, therefore, reserving this small Lock-up, with some slight improvements, only for night cases, which are frequent at Sydapet, when soldiers and European loafers, barrack followers, &c., are frequently found drunk in the bazaar.

20. The only improvements necessary are an increase of existing means of ventilation, which we have indicated on the plan E, and which are colored yellow, and the transfer of the store from the front room, marked (a), to the back room, marked (b) in the plan.

21. For all the ordinary cases of prisoners in Police custody, under trial, and under remand, we propose the construction of a building in what is known as Home's Gardens, in which place is the Collector's Cutcherry. A suitable site has been selected by us, and has been approved by the Magistrate of the District. This site unites the advantages of being at a convenient distance from the Cutcherry and from the Police Guard-room.

22. This building, of which the accompanying sketch, plan F, is enclosed, is designed to accommodate twelve males in two separate wards, and three females in one ward, allowing 40 square feet superficial space, and 600 cubical feet, to each prisoner.

23. This number, twelve men and three women, represents the full requirements of the Magisterial Courts and Police of Sydapet and Home's Gardens, exclusively of night cases, for which, as shown in paragraph 19, provision has been made in the existing Police Lock-up at Sydapet.

Poonamallee.

(Sub-Magistrate's station.)

24. The available buildings at this station are a Police Lock-up, and a Subsidiary Jail, which latter, for the last four years, has not been used, in consequence of there being no Police Guard furnished to guard the building. The prisoners sentenced by the Sub-Magistrate are taken to the Subsidiary Jail at Saint Thomas' Mount, a distance of six miles. The Police Lock-up is only capable of containing four prisoners, and from its position this building will admit of little improvement, being surrounded by streets and houses.

25. We can only suggest that ridge ventilation be added to the roof, and that, by means of iron bars, the lateral ventilation should be improved. These alterations are indicated in yellow, in plan G. The urinals inside the very small wards should be removed.

26. We propose that this building should be used only for prisoners in the custody of the Police, previous to their being brought before the Magistrate, and not, as at present, for prisoners in the custody of the Police, under remand, and under trial.

27. For prisoners under trial and under remand, we recommend that the Jail accommodation afforded by the building in which the Sub-Magistrate holds his office should be utilized, but in a somewhat different manner than as shown in plan II, which exhibits the whole block of the building as at present allotted. Plan I shows the allotment which we propose.

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28. This will necessitate the removal of the Post Office and the Treasury and the records to another part of the building; but the arrangement which we suggest will leave ample accommodation for the Deputy Magistrate and his small office and for the Post Office.

29. It will be observed that we have provided accommodation for a small Police guard. We would have wished to have joined the Police Lock-up and the place of confinement for prisoners under remand and under trial in one building, but this was not possible.

30. The Police Lock-up does not admit of enlargement, and the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry is not situated in a sufficiently central position in the town of Poonamallee to be suitable for a Police station.

31. It will be necessary to provide here a small hospital shed for sick prisoners (two males and one female) at the site indicated on plan G.

32. We have, before submitting these proposals, consulted the Magistrate of the District, who concurs in our recommendations.

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

(") R. S. ELLIS.

(") W. J. WILSON.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1043.

The Governor in Council approves of the several suggestions made in the foregoing letter for the improvement of the Subsidiary Jails, &c., in the Sydapet Taluq of the Madras District, and resolves that the necessary orders be issued on the subject in the Public Works Department.

2. Orders will also be issued in the Military Department for the transfer of the Jail building at Saint Thomas' Mount to the civil authorities, and for the removal of the cart shed and cattle pound referred to in paragraph 11 of the letter.

3. Arrangements will be made in the Public Works Department, either for the removal of the privy adverted to in paragraph 15, or for the correction of the ventilation described by the Committee in terms of condemnation.

(True Extract).

Signed R. S. Ellis
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.

" Military Department.

" Public Works Department.

" Magistrate of the Madras District.

" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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on Subsidiary Jails. to the Inspector
General of Jails and the Magistrate
of the Madras District.

2. The Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Magistrate of the Madras District.

*Ordering the transfer
of the Jail building
at St Thomas Mount
to the Civil Authorities.*

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