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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 130. From the Secretary to Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 20th November 1866, No. 287.

I am instructed by the Honorable R. S. Ellis, c. b., Sanitary Commissioner, at present on special duty in the outlying Taluqs of this Collectorate, to bring the following circumstances to your notice for the information of Government.

2. The Honorable Mr. Ellis recently visited the Police station, and the Police lock-up at this station. As is usual the lock-up is dark, small, and ill-ventilated. The chief ventilation it receives comes from an ill-kept cattle pound, and an adjoining privy, which was in a filthy condition.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner has suggested to the Magistrate, Mr. Pochin, the removal of the Police station and lock-up to a building on the opposite side of the road, which is an old Native Hall of audience. All that is required to convert this Hall into a good Police station is to divide it into three parts by railings running from front to rear. The two side portions to be barred enclosures for prisoners, while the centre one can be occupied by the Police guard. There is also a side verandah which, by barring the front, can be easily formed into a lock-up for female prisoners.

4. By the foregoing arrangements, which the Honorable Mr. Ellis has proposed to the Magistrate, ample accommodation will be provided for from 20 to 30 male prisoners and for about 5 females, which will probably be sufficient. The present lock-up can only contain 11 male and 3 female prisoners, which is insufficient, and the present lock-up has been frequently over-crowded to an extreme degree.

5. The Hall of audience, which it is proposed thus to alter, has hitherto been used as a Sub-Magistrate's Court. It, therefore, becomes necessary to make provision for this elsewhere. The present Police Office can, at a trifling expense, be adapted for this purpose.

All that is necessary is to remove the partitions dividing the Police office from the lock-up, and to pierce some windows to give more light and air to the whole building. The interior of it should be white-washed also.

6. The neighbouring pound for stray cattle should also be at once removed, and the whole surface ground in the neighbourhood should be thoroughly cleansed.

7. When these arrangements shall have been completed, ample provision will have been made both for the Police office and lock-up (now so faulty), and for the Court of the Sub-Magistrate.

8. The early sanction by Government of the proposed arrangements, and of the cost of them, which will not be considerable, is respectfully solicited.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th November 1866.

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th March 1867.*

No. 131. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 7th January 1867, No. 18.

General Department.

I have referred Dr. Montgomery's letter, dated 20th November 1866, No. 287, for report by the local Officers. In the meantime the sanction solicited should be accorded.

2. I beg, however, respectfully to suggest that the Government lay down a principle in respect to lock-ups in general. I observe that the Secretary to the Sanitary Commissioner somewhat confuses the subject of Police lock-ups with Magistrates' places of confinement. It is evident likewise, from the communications I frequently get, that some Magistrates and others still look on the matter of lock-up accommodation as a Police matter, and consider that this Department is bound to provide suitable accommodation for Magistrates' prisoners in transit at all places of trial.

3. A Police lock-up is a mere place for the safe custody, during at most 24 hours, of persons arrested without warrant. As a rule, not much accommodation is required, and this is being provided as funds are available.

4. The lock-ups requiring more special attention are Magistrates' lock-ups for their under-trial prisoners, and subsidiary wards with which the Police have nothing to do, save to prevent their inmates from escape.

5. I beg that Magistrates may be distinctly directed that they (and not the Police Department) are to provide, and to be responsible for suitable accommodation being available for their own prisoners at the different stages in the routes of transit and at the places of trial. For the prisoners on the march accommodation may be most suitably provided where there is no Magistrates' office by attaching good lock-ups to the Police stations on the routes at the cost of the Judicial Department at places of trial; where Magistrates' prisoners are likely to be long under confinement the lock-up should be attached to the Magistrates' office.

The Sanitary Commissioner is requested to explain, with reference to his Secretary's letter of the 20th November last, whether the lock-up therein referred to is the Police lock-up properly so called, or whether it includes the Subsidiary Jail in which short-sentenced prisoners and prisoners under trial by the Magistracy are confined.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th February 1867.

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

No. 132. From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 27th February 1867, No. 551.

I have the honor to report that the lock-up to which my Secretary's letter, No. 287, dated 20th November 1866, referred was a Police lock-up and not a Subsidiary Jail, as supposed by the Inspector General of Police.

Enclosure 1.
1 Original letter from the Inspector General of Police, No. 13, dated 7th January 1867, returned.

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2. Where the Jails are greatly over-crowded, it is possible that at a central station, such as Kurnool, irregularities may occur, and that prisoners under trial before a Sub-Magistrate are detained in Police lock-ups until sentenced.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1867, No. 396.

The Government sanction the arrangements proposed with reference to the Police Station and lock-up, and the Sub-Magistrate's Court. The Inspector General of Police will submit the necessary estimate for fitting the Native Hall of audience in the manner suggested, and the Acting Magistrate will forward to the Public Works Department an estimate of the cost of adapting the building now occupied as a Police Station-house to a Sub-Magistrate's Court.

2. Referring to Mr. Robinson's remarks respecting lock-ups in general, there seems no reason why there should be any misconception on the subject. All Police lock-ups must be provided, as at present, by the Police Department, whilst the requisite accommodation for short-sentenced prisoners and those under trial must be provided by the Magistrates.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Magistrate of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Sanitary Commissioner Core under 20th Nov. 1866 No. 287.
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To the Sanitary Comm^{rs} }
— Insp^r Genl of Police }
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— Magistrate of Criminal }
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