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No. 30. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 11th February 1808, No. 83.

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29. Plan A shows the compound; Plan B shows the Cutcherry building. There is no accommodation whatever for prisoners. All are confined in a Police Station, Plan marked C, about 150 yards off. The two wards of this building will not hold three persons.

58. The Tahsildar's accommodation is most insufficient. He has only one room, 12 x 10½ feet, totally inadequate to his requirements.

59. As the accommodation is insufficient for so large a Magisterial staff as is located at Chittoor, and as a new Jail must be built, we would recommend that the larger ward with the store room in the Cutcherry be converted into a Court for the Sub-Magistrate, by removing the doors and walls and substituting either posts or pillars to support the roof. The second and smaller ward in the Cutcherry will be available for a store room. The wards in the detached building will be given over to the Police Guard and the Post Office. We have shown in Plan A, in yellow, the alterations we propose to be made in the existing building.

60. Plan B shows the compound of the Collector's Cutcherry, in which is indicated, in yellow, the Jail we propose with the usual out-buildings. Accommodation is provided, with the requisite classification for twenty-four males and nine females in seven wards. This is the accommodation which is absolutely required at this station. Owing to its proximity to the Zillah Jail, a hospital-shed will be unnecessary.

61. The existing well should be deepened.

62. Plan C shows the Police Station in the town. This building is an old Cutwal Choultry, to which two wretched rooms, or rather dens, have been added at the back, which will only hold two prisoners in each. It is distant about 1½ mile from the Collector's Cutcherry, and will be available for night cases. The arrangements for conservancy, as shown in the plan, are most objectionable. The urinals should be removed, and the ventilation improved, as shown in yellow in Plan C.

63. PALMANATH.—This is the station of the Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) of the Taluq, and is 27 miles from Chittoor. The Cutcherry, which includes the Subsidiary Jail, is old and low, but substantial and well ventilated.

64. The Jail consists of four wards, capable of holding eight persons in all. We propose, as shown in Plan A, to alter the entrance to the Cutcherry, and to build two additional wards on the right hand of the present entrance. This will be closed, and a new entrance made on the eastern side. We have also indicated on the plan the necessary out-buildings and their position. Provision is made for ten males in two wards, and six females in three wards.

65. PUNGANOR.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate in Magisterial charge of the Punganor Zemindary, and is about 42 miles from Chittoor.

66. The Cutcherry consists of one room with a record-room, a Police Station, and three wards for prisoners. The building is new and clean and in good order, but the Jail accommodation is insufficient.

67. Plan A shows the existing building, and Plan B shows our proposals, the new part being colored yellow. These consist in removing the present privies and reversing the entrance to the Jail, giving the Police the largest Jail ward, and building three additional rooms for males, on the standard plan, in rear of the Cutcherry, connected by a covered passage. Provision is thus made for eighteen males in three wards, and four females in two wards. These with the necessary out-buildings are shown on Plan B.

68. COOPUR.—This is the station of the Sub-Magistrate in the Kangoondy Zemindary, and is distant from Chittoor about 67 miles. The building is an old confined Choultry totally unadapted for its purpose. A new Cutcherry has been sanctioned here, and Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 should be adopted.

69. Plan A shows the existing building. Temporary sheds should be erected to the south of the present Jail ward, until the new Cutcherry can be built.

70. Plan B shows the site selected. On this we have indicated the position of the Cutcherry, Jail, and subsidiary buildings. Accommodation is provided for twelve males and six females in four wards.

71. The Cutcherry at this station is urgently needed, and should have prior attention to other parts of this Division.

72. WANDEWASH.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq, and is distant sixty-four miles from Chittoor. The Cutcherry stands in the town, and is on the old plan (a square with a court-yard in the centre), clean, and in good order. The eastern end has been walled up to give an additional room, in which the records are kept.

73. There is no separate Police Station.

74. The Subsidiary Jail consists of one good ward in the south-east corner of the Cutcherry; no separation of different classes of prisoners or sexes is, therefore, at present possible.

75. We would propose a new allotment of the Cutcherry as follows:—The eastern side for the Tahsildar's Court; the southern side, including the present Jail room, for the records; the present eastern wall of the record room to be removed and pillars substituted for the wall making a verandah; and the addition of a new jail on the eastern side with a covered passage of twenty feet in length to join it to the Cutcherry.

76. Accommodation is necessary for eighteen male prisoners in three wards, and for six females in two wards.

77. A cook-house, latrine, hospital-shed, and ryots' shed should be erected on the north east.

78. A well is required. Good water is said to be at the depth of about 20 feet.

79. Two plans are enclosed: A showing the Cutcherry itself; B showing the compound. On the former the alterations of allotment which we propose are indicated in yellow; on the latter will be seen the new Jail and subsidiary buildings.

80. POLOOR.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq, and is about 50 miles from Chittoor. The Cutcherry is an old and small building situated in an out-of-the-way corner of the town, and is in need of repair.

81. There is no separate Police Station. The Jail consists of one dark room in the north-east corner of the building, unfit for the confinement of prisoners, and admitting of no classification of prisoners or separation of sexes.

82. Plan A shows the building. On the north of the compound is a cattle pound.

83. The wall surrounding is unnecessarily high, and stops free perfilation of air. It should be reduced to three feet.

84. We consider a new Taluq Cutcherry necessary at this station on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1. Plan B shows the site we propose. This is for sale for about 150 or 200 Rupees, standing in the centre of the town. It is ample in extent, lies high, and is airy.

85. Accommodation is required for twelve males and six females in 4 wards. We have indicated, in yellow, on Plan *B* the position of the new combined Office and Jail with the usual out-buildings.

86. ARNEE.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate in Magisterial charge of the Jaghire of Arnee, and is distant from Chittoor 45 miles.

87. The Cutcherry is a bomb-proof house in the Fort (a portion of the former European Barracks at this station) in excellent order, consisting of a portico, a hall with a Jail ward on either side, a Sub-Magistrate's Court, two record rooms, and a long verandah for clerks.

88. Here are confined all persons sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 15 days by the Officers mentioned in the margin,* and those sentenced to periods of simple imprisonment up to a month by the last named Officer. With the arrangements already detailed in the preceding paragraphs, it will no longer be necessary to march prisoners from one place to another to undergo their sentences.

89. Plan *A* shows the existing Cutcherry and Jail building. We propose to give this up entirely to the Jail, and to fit up the adjoining house, shown also in the plan in yellow, as a Sub Magistrate's office only.

90. Accommodation is provided for eighteen prisoners in four wards, two of which will hold five each, and two four each. The alterations and additions are shown in yellow. A cook-house and well exist. A latrine is necessary. We have indicated the boundary that should be made by running a wall, marked in our plan in yellow.

91. The expense of these alterations will be reduced to a minimum, as there is material, including iron barred gratings, available in the Fort buildings, which are now being dismantled.

92. Plan *B* shows the Police Station in the town. This lies at right angles to the main bazaars. It contains three wards for the accommodation of prisoners, which will hold five in all.

93. These wards are well ventilated, and suitable in every respect.

94. We recommend that the floors of all existing and proposed wards should be asphalted.

95. From the foregoing report it will be seen that the arrangements we propose are as follows:—

- I. *New Taluk Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails*
(Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1.)
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Arcot.
Poloor.
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Tritany.
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* Sub-Magistrate of Poloor, miles 17.
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III. *New Subsidiary Jails.*

Vellore (new wards for females).
Wallajahpettah.
Chendragherry.
Tripatty.
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Chittoor.
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IV. *Alterations and Improvements.*

Vellore Police Station.
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ABSTRACT

I.—Three new Taluk Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails (Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1).

	RS.	RS.
Gudiattum...	18,000	
Arcot ...	16,000	
Poloor ...	16,000	
		50,000

II.—Three new Taluk Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails (Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2).

	RS.	RS.
Tritany...	7,000	
Calastry...	7,000	
Coopum...	7,000	
		21,000

III.—Nine new Subsidiary Jails.

	RS.	RS.
Vellore...	2,500	
Wallajahpettah...	4,500	
Chendragherry...	4,500	
Tripatty...	5,000	
Maderpauk...	4,000	
Chittoor...	7,000	
Palmanair...	3,500	
Punganoor...	4,500	
Wandewash...	4,500	
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IV.—Five Alterations and Improvements.

	RS.	RS.
Vellore Police Station...	300	
Gudiattum Police Station...	50	
Tripatty Police Station...	500	
Chittoor Police Station...	70	
Arnee Sub-Magistrate's Court...	1,000	
		1,920

V.—Raneepett or elsewhere...

Naggery...	6,000	
Narainavanum...	6,000	
Venkatagherrycota...	5,000	
		31,000

Grand Total Rupees... 1,43,920

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1868, No. 357.

In the report above recorded, the Subsidiary Jail Committee describe very fully the requirements of the North Arcot District in respect of the accommodation needed for prisoners sentenced by the Magistracy of that district to periods not exceeding thirty days.

2. The Committee have also reported on the Taluqs of this district, in which new Cutcheries are required with a view to buildings on the standard plans prepared by Mr. Chisholm, and approved by Government, and which provide both Office and Jail accommodation, being sanctioned.

3. Existing buildings, which can be improved so as to serve as Jails or Police stations, are described in the report. These are few in number, the buildings hitherto used in this, as in many other districts, both for Taluq Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails, being ill-constructed, deficient in space, light, and ventilation, and altogether unsuited for the purposes to which they have been applied. This is especially the case as regards the Subsidiary Jails.

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Poloor.

That 2nd Class Taluq Cutcheries and Jails (Mr. Chisholm's Standard Plan No. 2) be built at

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That entirely new Subsidiary Jails be built at

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Vellore,
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and at the Sub-Magistrate's office at Arnee.

7. The estimated cost involved in the proposals submitted by the Subsidiary Jail Committee, is Rupees 1,43,920.

8. The Governor in Council approves of the suggestions made by the Committee, to meet the requirements of the North Arcot District, both for offices and for Subsidiary Jails, and directs that the report and plans be referred to the Public Works Department, with a view to the detailed estimates being prepared for sanction, and for report as to whether the necessary funds can be provided during the ensuing year 1868-69, for the works in question. Should funds not be available, the amount required, Rupees 1,43,920, will be included in the application to be made to the Government of India for a special grant for the Jail requirements of this Presidency.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Subsidiary Jail Committee.
Public Works Department, with plans.
Revenue Department.
Military do.
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30. A new Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail (Mr. Chisholm's Standard Plan No. 1), with accommodation for not less than eighteen male prisoners and six female prisoners in five wards, must be built.

31. It will be seen from Plan A that the compound contains a pound and two buildings, also part of the Nawab's old palace. The pound should be removed, and the latter buildings are in ruins. What remains of them should be dismantled, and their materials, and that of the existing Cutcherry, especially the wood and stone, will, no doubt, be of use in the construction of the new building. This should be rapidly built, and a house should be rented while the new Cutcherry and Jail are in course of construction.

32. WALLAJANPETTAH.—Here is located the Tahsildar of the Taluq. The distance to Chittoor is about 30 miles. Plan A shows the Cutcherry, which has no Jail. Plan B shows the Police Station in which prisoners are confined. Plan C shows the site. On this we have indicated in yellow the Jail we propose, with its requisite out-buildings, giving accommodation to eighteen male and six females prisoners, with the usual classification and separation.

33. The Cutcherry requires additional ventilation. This is shown on Plan A, as well as the re-arrangement in the allotment of the rooms which we consider necessary.

34. It will be perceived that we propose to take up two back-yards, marked X X. This land may be acquired by purchase, or exchanged for an equivalent, marked F Y.

35. The usual provision of latrine, cook-house, and hospital-shed has been made, and is exhibited on the plan.

36. The present Police Station might then be made over to the municipal authorities, and would be sufficient for the accommodation of prisoners in Police custody before being put up before the Magistrate. Until the new Jail can be built, we recommend that a suitable house be hired for the detention of prisoners.

37. CALASTRY.—At this station, which is about 70 miles from Chittoor, there is a Sub-Magistrate. He has no Cutcherry. A stone Muntapum has been placed at his disposal by the Zemindar until a Cutcherry can be built.

38. The Jail is in the Police Station; Plan A. This building will not accommodate more than two persons, and, from its position on porous ground below the level of a tank some 100 yards above it, is unfitted for the safe housing of prisoners.

39. Plan B is the site selected for the new Cutcherry, and on it we have roughly indicated the position of that building and the usual adjuncts. Accommo-

dation is provided for eighteen males and six females. The Zemindar of Calastry has promised to give the land selected.

40. CHENDRAGHERRY.—Here is located the Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) in charge of the Taluq. The distance is about 28 miles from Chittoor.

41. Plan A shows the existing Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail; Plan B, the surrounding land. On the former we have indicated the alterations in allotment which we propose, and in the latter is shown the Subsidiary Jail, which, with the usual out-buildings, is necessary at this station.

42. The number of prisoners provided for is twenty-four (namely, males eighteen, and females six) with the usual classification and separation.

43. TRIPATTY.—This is the station of the Deputy Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) and is distant from Chittoor about 35 miles.

44. Plan A shows the Cutcherry; and the additional room we propose to be added is colored yellow. Plan B shows the compound with the Jail that should be erected in rear of the Cutcherry, with a latrine, cook-house, and hospital-shed, with a well. Provision should here be made for eighteen males and six females.

45. Plan C shows the Police Station in the town, which, from the importance of Tripatty as a place of pilgrimage, will, no doubt, be retained. The privy attached to this lock-up is of a most objectionable description. It should be closed, and a suitable latrine be built.

46. TRITANY.—A new combined office and Jail has been sanctioned at this station. The distance from Chittoor is 34 miles. Plan A shows the existing building; Plan B, the site selected. On this we have indicated in yellow the position of the buildings. Accommodation is provided for eighteen males and six females, in five wards admitting the required classification and separation.

47. At this station a house should be rented, the new Jail being at once commenced.

48. MADERPAUK.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate, and is, like Calastry, situated in the Zemindary of that name. The Officer located here has no revenue jurisdiction. It is about 80 miles from Chittoor.

49. The Cutcherry and Police Station are in one very small oblong building. The Jail consists of one room, 16½ feet by 6½ feet, only capable of accommodating two persons.

50. Plan A shows the existing building, which will not admit of any alteration such as would provide for the required Jail accommodation. We would, therefore, propose the erection, on the western side, of a block on the standard plan, consisting of two wards for six men each, and two wards each for three women.

51. The existing room marked and used as a Jail should, with the slight alterations noted in Plan B, be converted into a record-room. The present Police Station will be added to the existing insufficient accommodation allotted to the Sub-Magistrate. The present record-room will be given to the Police. To facilitate observation, a narrow verandah should be added on the western side.

52. Plan B shows these changes in the existing building, as well as the new Jail, with latrine, cook-house, hospital shed, and well.

53. CHITTOOR.—This is the station of the Magistrate of the District, and also of an Assistant Magistrate and a Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate).

54. With the alterations proposed for this District, all persons sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding one month will be confined at their places of sentence.

55. The Subsidiary Jail consists of two rooms in the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and of two rooms in a detached building on the left of the entrance to the Cutcherry.

56. The latter building was erected in 1864, and has two wards capable of holding in all seven persons. It is furnished with ridge ventilation. The rooms in the Cutcherry will hold in all eight persons; the smaller room, however, is at present occupied by the Post Office.

57. In the rear of these rooms, as well as in the rear of the rooms in the detached building, there are built up latrines of most objectionable construction. These should at once be removed.

58. The Tahsildar's accommodation is most insufficient. He has only one room, 12 x 10½ feet, totally inadequate to his requirements.

59. As the accommodation is insufficient for so large a Magisterial staff as is located at Chittoor, and as a new Jail must be built, we would recommend that the larger ward with the store room in the Cutcherry be converted into a Court for the Sub-Magistrate, by removing the doors and walls and substituting either posts or pillars to support the roof. The second and smaller ward in the Cutcherry will be available for a store room. The wards in the detached building will be given over to the Police Guard and the Post Office. We have shown in Plan A, in yellow, the alterations we propose to be made in the existing building.

60. Plan B shows the compound of the Collector's Cutcherry, in which is indicated, in yellow, the Jail we propose with the usual out-buildings. Accommodation is provided, with the requisite classification for twenty-four males and nine females in seven wards. This is the accommodation which is absolutely required at this station. Owing to its proximity to the Zillah Jail, a hospital-shed will be unnecessary.

61. The existing well should be deepened.

62. Plan C shows the Police Station in the town. This building is an old Cutwal Choultry, to which two wretched rooms, or rather dens, have been added at the back, which will only hold two prisoners in each. It is distant about 1½ mile from the Collector's Cutcherry, and will be available for night cases. The arrangements for conservancy, as shown in the plan, are most objectionable. The urinals should be removed, and the ventilation improved, as shown in yellow in Plan C.

63. PALMANAIR.—This is the station of the Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) of the Taluq, and is 27 miles from Chittoor. The Cutcherry, which includes the Subsidiary Jail, is old and low, but substantial and well ventilated.

64. The Jail consists of four wards, capable of holding eight persons in all. We propose, as shown in Plan A, to alter the entrance to the Cutcherry, and to build two additional wards on the right hand of the present entrance. This will be closed, and a new entrance made on the eastern side. We have also indicated on the plan the necessary out-buildings and their position. Provision is made for ten males in two wards, and six females in three wards.

65. PUNGANOR.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate in Magisterial charge of the Punganor Zemindary, and is about 42 miles from Chittoor.

66. The Cutcherry consists of one room with a record-room, a Police Station, and three wards for prisoners. The building is new and clean and in good order, but the Jail accommodation is insufficient.

67. Plan A shows the existing building, and Plan B shows our proposals, the new part being colored yellow. These consist in removing the present privies and reversing the entrance to the Jail, giving the Police the largest Jail ward, and building three additional rooms for males, on the standard plan, in rear of the Cutcherry, connected by a covered passage. Provision is thus made for eighteen

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males in three wards, and four females in two wards. These with the necessary out-buildings are shown on Plan B.

68. COORUX.—This is the station of the Sub-Magistrate in the Kangoondy Zemindary, and is distant from Chittoor about 67 miles. The building is an old confined Choultry totally unadapted for its purpose. A new Cutcherry has been sanctioned here, and Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 should be adopted.

69. Plan A shows the existing building. Temporary sheds should be erected to the south of the present Jail ward, until the new Cutcherry can be built.

70. Plan B shows the site selected. On this we have indicated the position of the Cutcherry, Jail, and subsidiary buildings. Accommodation is provided for twelve males and six females in four wards.

71. The Cutcherry at this station is urgently needed, and should have prior attention to other parts of this Division.

72. WANDEWASH.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq, and is distant sixty-four miles from Chittoor. The Cutcherry stands in the town, and is on the old plan (a square with a court-yard in the centre), clean, and in good order. The eastern end has been walled up to give an additional room, in which the records are kept.

73. There is no separate Police Station.

74. The Subsidiary Jail consists of one good ward in the south-east corner of the Cutcherry; no separation of different classes of prisoners or sexes is, therefore, at present possible.

75. We would propose a new allotment of the Cutcherry as follows:—The eastern side for the Tahsildar's Court; the southern side, including the present Jail room, for the records; the present eastern wall of the record room to be removed and pillars substituted for the wall making a verandah; and the addition of a new jail on the eastern side with a covered passage of twenty feet in length to join it to the Cutcherry.

76. Accommodation is necessary for eighteen male prisoners in three wards, and for six females in two wards.

77. A cook-house, latrine, hospital-shed, and ryots' shed should be erected on the north east.

78. A well is required. Good water is said to be at the depth of about 20 feet.

79. Two plans are enclosed: A showing the Cutcherry itself; B showing the compound. On the former the alterations of allotment which we propose are indicated in yellow; on the latter will be seen the new Jail and subsidiary buildings.

80. POLOOR.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq, and is about 50 miles from Chittoor. The Cutcherry is an old and small building situated in an out-of-the-way corner of the town, and is in need of repair.

81. There is no separate Police Station. The Jail consists of one dark room in the north-east corner of the building, unfit for the confinement of prisoners, and admitting of no classification of prisoners or separation of sexes.

82. Plan A shows the building. On the north of the compound is a cattle pound.

83. The wall surrounding is unnecessarily high, and stops free perfilation of air. It should be reduced to three feet.

84. We consider a new Taluq Cutcherry necessary at this station on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1. Plan B shows the site we propose. This is for sale for

about 150 or 200 Rupees, standing in the centre of the town. It is ample in extent, lies high, and is airy.

85. Accommodation is required for twelve males and six females in 4 wards. We have indicated, in yellow, on Plan *B* the position of the new combined Office and Jail with the usual out-buildings.

86. ARNEE.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate in Magisterial charge of the Jaghire of Arnee, and is distant from Chittoor 45 miles.

87. The Cutcherry is a bomb-proof house in the Fort (a portion of the former European Barracks at this station) in excellent order, consisting of a portico, a hall with a Jail ward on either side, a Sub-Magistrate's Court, two record rooms, and a long verandah for clerks.

88. Here are confined all persons sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 15 days by the Officers mentioned in the margin,* and those sentenced to periods of simple imprisonment up to a month by the last named Officer. With the arrangements already detailed in the preceding paragraphs, it will no longer be necessary to march prisoners from one place to another to undergo their sentences.

* Sub-Magistrate of Poloor, miles 17.
Sub-Magistrate of Wandewash, miles 25.
Sub-Magistrate of Arnee.

89. Plan *A* shows the existing Cutcherry and Jail building. We propose to give this up entirely to the Jail, and to fit up the adjoining house, shown also in the plan in yellow, as a Sub Magistrate's office only.

90. Accommodation is provided for eighteen prisoners in four wards, two of which will hold five each, and two four each. The alterations and additions are shown in yellow. A cook-house and well exist. A latrine is necessary. We have indicated the boundary that should be made by running a wall, marked in our plan in yellow.

91. The expense of these alterations will be reduced to a minimum, as there is material, including iron barred gratings, available in the Fort buildings, which are now being dismantled.

92. Plan *B* shows the Police Station in the town. This lies at right angles to the main bazaars. It contains three wards for the accommodation of prisoners, which will hold five in all.

93. These wards are well ventilated, and suitable in every respect.

94. We recommend that the floors of all existing and proposed wards should be asphalted.

95. From the foregoing report it will be seen that the arrangements we propose are as follows :—

I. *New Taluk Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails*
(Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1.)

Gudiattum. ✓
Arcot. ✓
Poloor. ✓

II. *New Taluk Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails*
(Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2.)

Tritany. ✓
Calastry. ✓
Coopum. ✓

III. *New Subsidiary Jails.*

Vellore (new wards for females). ✓
Wallajahpettah. ✓
Chendragherry. ✓
Tripatty. ✓
Maderpauk. ✓
Chittoor. ✓
Palmanair. ✓
Punganoor. ✓
Wandewash. ✓

IV. *Alterations and Improvements.*

Vellore Police Station.
Gudiattum Police Station.
Tripatty Police Station.
Chittoor Police Station.
Arnee Sub-Magistrate's Court.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

N. S. M. S.
for Subsidiary Jail Committee.

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I.—Three new Taluq Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails (Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1).

	Rs.	Rs.
Gudiatum...	18,000	
Arcoot ...	16,000	
Poloor... ..	16,000	
		50,000

II.—Three new Taluq Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails (Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2).

	Rs.	Rs.
Tritany...	7,000	
Calastry...	7,000	
Coopum...	7,000	
		21,000

III.—Nine new Subsidiary Jails.

	Rs.	Rs.
Vellore...	2,500	
Wallajahpettah...	4,500	
Chendragherry...	4,500	
Tripatty...	5,000	
Maderpauk...	4,000	
Chittoor...	7,000	
Palmanair...	3,500	
Punganoor...	4,500	
Wandewash...	4,500	
		40,000

IV.—Five Alterations and Improvements.

	Rs.	Rs.
Vellore Police Station...	300	
Gudiatum Police Station...	50	
Tripatty Police Station...	500	
Chittoor Police Station...	70	
Arnee Sub-Magistrate's Court	1,000	
		1,920

V.—Raneopett or elsewhere...

	20,000	
Naggery...	6,000	
Narrainavanum...	6,000	
Venkatagherryota...	5,000	
		31,000

Grand Total Rupees... 1,43,920

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Subsidiary Jail Committee.
(Hence dated 11th February 1868. N. 83.)

Order hereon. 4 March/68 N: 35.

In the Report above
recorded the Subsidiary Jail
Committee describe very fully
the requirements of the North
Arcot District in respect of the
accommodation needed for
prisoners sentenced by the
Magistrate of that District
to periods not exceeding
30 days.

2. The Committee have
also reported on the Taluqs
of this District
in which new Lutcheries
are required, and the District
with a view to building
the standard plans for
by Mr Chisholm and
by Government and
proposed to be built

Report on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the
District of North Arcot.

From
The Subsidiary Jail Committee,
To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.
Dated February 11th, 1868.
No. 83.
[With 1 Map and 37 Plans.]

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functioned.

3. Existing buildings which can be improved so as to serve as Jails or Police Stations are described in the report. These are few in number, the buildings hitherto used in this as in many other Districts, both for Taluk Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails being illconstructed, deficient in space light and ventilation, and altogether unsuited for the purposes to which they have been applied. This is especially the case as regards the Subsidiary Jails.

4. The Committee recommend that 1st Class Taluk Cutcheries and Jails (all? Chicholui's Standard Plan N^o 1) be built at Kudiatum

Arcoot
and Poloor
that 2nd Class Taluk Cutcheries and Jails (all? Chicholui's Standard Plan N^o 2) be built at

Subramany
Palurthy
Cochin
that entirely new Subsidiary

Jails be built at

Wallaipattak
Chendragherry
Tripally
Maderpauk
Chittoon
Palmanan
Punganoor
Wanduwash

and that new wards for females be added to the existing Subsidiary Jail at Vellore.

5. To provide the necessary site for this addition to the Vellore Jail it will be necessary to remove two military solitary cells. Application will be made to H.E. the Commandant in Chief for permission to remove these cells.

6. The Committee suggest alterations and improvements required at the Police Station of Vellore.

Kudiatum
Tripally
and Chittoon
and at the Sub-District Office at Arcoot.

7. The estimated cost involved in the proposals submitted by the Subsidiary Jail Committee is Rs. 10,000.

8. The Government Council approved of the suggestions

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Subsidary Sails
N. A. District

made by the Committee, to
meet the requirements of the
N. A. District, both for office
and for Subsidary Sails,
and directs that the report
and plans be referred to the
Public Works Department with
a view to the detailed estimate
being prepared for sanction,
and for report as to whether
the necessary funds can be
provided during the ensuing
year 1888-89, for the works in
question. Should funds
not be available, the amount
required (Rs 143,920) will be
included in the application
to be made to the Government
of India for a special grant
for the sail requirements
of this Presidency.

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Dated 4th Decr 1888

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The Subsidary Sail Committee
Public Works Department
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Sail and Sails
Department of Sails