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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd March 1860, No. 359 :—

Calling on the Chief Engineer to state what has been done in respect to the preparation of a Plan and Estimate for a new Jail at Madura, called for by Order of Government Judicial Department No. 1,263, 16th September 1858. } (Vide Judicial Proceedings from 21st to 31st March 1860, Nos. 15-16.)

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1860, No. 714.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance with reference to paragraph 4 of the Order in the Judicial Department above recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Department.

(Here enter 16th March 1860, No. 381.)

ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1860, No. 359.

In the above Proceedings, certain paragraphs of the Minutes recorded by the Honorable the Governor, in connection with his recent official tour in the South of India, have been referred to this Department for disposal.

2. MINUTE, 18TH JANUARY 1860.—Paragraphs 9, and 14 @ 18 will be communicated to the Sadr and Faujdári Adálat, and likewise to the Inspector General of Jails for information. The Judges will at the same time be informed that the proposal submitted in their letter of the 17th January last, No. 3, for the establishment of a Zila Court at Negapatam, is under consideration. In reference to paragraph 17 of the Minute, it will be remarked, that, any Central Jail that may hereafter be erected for the Tanjore and the adjacent Southern Zilas, will be at Trichinopoly, as being the station of an European Regiment, and that all criminals, whose sentences are of any considerable duration, will be forwarded thither. The Jail at Tanjore will be for prisoners under examination or under short sentences.

3. Copy of paragraphs 25 and 26, and Appendix C, will be forwarded to the Inspector General of Police for information.

MINUTE, 28TH JANUARY.—Paragraph 14 of the Minute of the 28th January will likewise be furnished to that Officer.

4. MINUTE, 8TH FEBRUARY.—Paragraphs 2, 6, and 8 of this Minute will be communicated to the Inspector General of Police. Paragraphs 7 and 8 will be communicated to the Sadr Adálat. The Judges are requested to report on the appointment temporarily of a Principal Sadr Amín to the Madura Court. Copy of paragraph 8 will also be furnished to the Inspector General of Jails. The Chief Engineer will likewise be directed, through the Department of Public Works, to state, what has been done in respect to the preparation of a plan and estimate for a New Jail at Madura, called for by Order of Government, Judicial Department, No. 1269, 16th September 1858. The standard plan submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Bell, with his letter of 23rd May last, No. 818, refers, it is observed, to Central Jails—whereas that at Madura, is not to be a Central Prison.

5. MINUTE, 23RD FEBRUARY.—The Inspector General of Jails will be furnished with copy of paragraph 20. Government have already decided on erecting the General European prison on the site indicated.

6. MINUTE, 29TH FEBRUARY.—The proposal to vest the two Deputy Magistrates in Wainád, the one now at Manantoddy, and the other presently to be appointed to Naliálam, with the powers of a District Munsiff (which in the opinion of Government will be sufficient jurisdiction for the purpose required) and to transfer the present District Munsiff at Manantoddy elsewhere, will be referred to the Sadr Adálat, who will be furnished with copy of paragraphs 12 and 13.

7. MINUTE, 6TH MARCH.—Paragraphs 3 and 6 of this Minute, will be communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, and paragraphs 8 and 9, to the Faujdári Adálat. Government will take an early opportunity of appointing a Deputy Magistrate to the Shévaroy, and of making him a District Munsiff with power to dispose of cases under the Breach of Contract Act XIII, 1859.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

„ Sadr and Faujdári Adálat.
„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Inspector General of Police.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

*EXTRACT from a MINUTE by the HONORABLE the PRESIDENT,
Dated 18th January 1860.*

Para. 9. The Taluq Kacheri and Munsiff's Court, which are now two miles off, near what was once the Collector's Kacheri, should be removed to a convenient situation in the town.

14. At Kumbhakónam I conferred with the Judicial and Revenue Officers on the Courts and Offices.

15. The business of this rich and populous district has so increased, that one Civil and Sessions Judge is quite unequal to it. A second should be stationed at Nagapatam with one of the two principal Sadr Amins, and the Maritime side of the district should constitute his jurisdiction. This may be done without any increase of expense by making corresponding reductions elsewhere.

16. The building two miles from Negapatam which is still known as the Collector's Kacheri, might be assigned to the new Civil and Sessions Judge; but I think it would be better to sell the whole of the valuable property, including the Assistant's, Tahsildar's and Munsiff's Kacheris, the Dispensary and the Military Lines, and to build new Offices at Negapatam. The public inconvenience at a busy place, from every body having to go a considerable distance to the Court and Offices, is very great.

17. The Collector's Kacheri was originally at Negapatam. After the cession of Tranquebar, the Records and Treasury were removed to that place; but since the Collector was appointed Resident at Tanjore in 1842, he has chiefly resided in the neighbourhood of that city. Much delay and obstruction to the transaction of business is caused by the separation of the Collector from his Records, Account Department and Treasury. There are Jails at Negapatam, Tranquebar, Mayávaram and Kumbhakónam. There is a general concurrence of opinion that all the Kacheris and Jails attached to the office of Collector and Chief Magistrate, should be concentrated at Tanjore, which is the principal place of the district, and will soon be connected with Negapatam by the Railroad. The Kacheri, Treasury and dependent offices can be securely and conveniently accommodated in the empty buildings in the Fort; and there are two large substantial houses, with ample adjoining space, just outside the gate leading from the Fort to the City and fully commanding it, in which the District Head Quarters of the new Police, and the Jail, may be placed. It may be advisable to have a Branch Treasury under the Head Assistant at Negapatam to meet the Mercantile bills drawn by the Accountant General upon the Collector. They are even now of large amount, and are likely to increase.

18. The Munsiff's Court at Kumbhakónam is at present held in a Temple, and the offices of the Tahsildár, the Police Amin and the Deputy Postmaster are crowded into a single mean building. There is an ancient structure, called the Old Palace, situated in a large garden in the centre of Kumbhakónam. It is proposed that a range of public-offices should be constructed out of the materials of this building for

1st.—The station of the new Police.

2nd.—The Munsiff's Court.

3rd.—The Tahsildár's Kacheri.

4th.—The Post Office, and

5th.—The Dispensary and Hospital; and that the remainder of the premises should be converted into a public garden, which in such a situation would much contribute to the health of the place.

*EXTRACT from a MINUTE by the HONORABLE the PRESIDENT,
Dated 8th February 1860.*

Para. 7. There is an arrear of Civil Suits at Madura similar to that at Kumbhakónam. It is unjust and unreasonable to levy taxes and maintain armies, and to stop just short of that for which the whole machinery of Government exists. Such chronic delay in the administration of justice exercises an extremely baneful influence in encouraging litigation, and enabling persons

possessed of long purses to keep others out of their rights. In this case the temporary appointment of an additional Principal Sadr Amin would probably reduce the suits on the Judge's file to a number which would enable him afterwards to keep them down.

8. The Civil Courts are held in the old Palace, which not only unsuited to the purpose, but is positively in a dangerous state—so much so, that the part occupied by the Sub Judge lately fell in, and he had to remove to another part where he is still in jeopardy. The Jail, which is also formed out of an old Palace, is in the heart of the Town. A Plan and Estimate should be framed for a new set of Courts, with a Jail and Constabulary quarters annexed, and they should be erected by degrees in a suitable situation, as the respective buildings are felt to be necessary and as funds are forthcoming. Meanwhile, the Barrack at present occupied by the Military Detachment will be available for the Constabulary.

*EXTRACT from a MINUTE by the HONORABLE the PRESIDENT,
Dated 29th February 1860.*

Para. 12. The coffee planters of Wainád are suffering, in common with all employers, from a scarcity of labor. This is sufficiently accounted for by the three Railroads which are being constructed in the South of India; by the demands of the Burmese Provinces, Ceylon, the Mauritius, the West Indies, and of the Anglo-Indian coffee planters themselves; and by the unexampled increase of ordinary cultivation consequent on the reduction of the Assessment and the high prices of agricultural produce. The Wainád planters are more favorably circumstanced than most others, owing to the proximity of the abundant labor market of Mysore, where they have lately established an agency for the purpose of engaging coolies. They are sensible of the impossibility of a Labor Ordinance in the old West Indian sense, but they have a right to cheap and speedy justice. It has been arranged that the newly appointed Magistrate, who has his principal station at Manantoddy, shall visit Víttri, near the head of the Tamberchéry pass, at a fixed period of each month. This will provide for two sets of planters; but the third who reside on the line of the Kárkúr pass, in the South-west, are so distant, that to require them to take their cases to the existing single Magistrate, would be equivalent to a denial of justice. A second Magistrate ought certainly to be appointed, who should be stationed at Naliálam in South-eastern Wainád.

13. As all contracts of service not cognizable under Act XIII of 1839, are still determinable by Civil action, it would be convenient to vest the two Wainád Magistrates with the powers of Principal Sadr Amins and Munsiffs, as has been done in the case of the Magistrate of Cochin; and the separate Munsiff at Manantoddy might then be transferred to some other post. It is very important to the satisfactory growth of this interesting district, that the European settlers, whose number is annually increasing, should not have reason to complain of a difficulty in obtaining legal redress.

*EXTRACT from a MINUTE by the HONORABLE the PRESIDENT,
Dated 6th March 1860.*

Para. 8. I was unable to visit the Shivaroy Hills, owing to the necessity of my early return to Madras; but I received an Address at Salem from the Coffee Planters, gratefully acknowledging the benefit they had derived from the extension to their Hills of Fee-simple tenure, and of the Act for the "Summary Remedy for Petty Breaches of Contract;" and requesting that a Resident Magistrate might be appointed to enforce the Act, and that the Shivaroy might be connected by a cart-road with the Malíapúram station of the Madras Railway.

9. There can be no advantage in passing a law if means are not provided for enforcing it; and the same reasons exist for giving every necessary facility for legal redress to the Planters on the Shivaroy as to those in Wainád. I recommend that a Magistrate be appointed to the Shivaroy Hills, who should also be vested with the powers of a Principal Sadr Amin and District Munsiff, as proposed for Wainád.

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