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No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Sanctioning the arrangement suggested by the Joint Magistrate of Dindigul of locating the Police station in the branch Jail to be established at that place, and constructing new Police lines in the immediate neighbourhood of the Jail, &c. } (Here enter 28th April 1864, No. 614.)

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1864, No. 1,361.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with sketch.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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Police Office
16th June 1861

From

The Superintendent of Police
Madras

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
Southern Range
Madras

Sir,

The Barracks below the Fort and Pudiyeru having been selected for the accommodation of 100 Convicts to be employed thereabouts, I have the honor to submit the following arrangements with regard to their guarding by a Party of Constables.

Enclosed a rough Sketch of the proposed Jail.

a Main Entrance
b Police guard room
c Female Prisoners
d Male do under trial
e Hospital
f Dressing room
g Convicts
h Inner yard.
i Barred Windows

The number of Police required to guard the Convicts will be 20, or an average of 1 Policeman to 5 Convicts. 14 men will be detailed daily for guard duty and 6 for Jail

duty

duty.

The Barracks are situated at a distance of about ¼ of a mile W of the Town.

To facilitate the guarding of the Convicts, the Joint Magistrate proposes that the Station House in which Police are at present located should be sold, and the Police be all removed to the Jail. I approve of this arrangement, it will materially assist the Jail Police in guarding the Convicts efficiently and will save me men.

The Station House is situated in the middle of the Bazaar. Previous to the Establishment of Police it was designed, it was used as a Cutwalls Choultry: it is now in a dilapidated condition, but from its convenient site, the Sub Dictar informs me that it can be sold for 400 Rupees. If the this amount, I shall be able to build a good Station House and Huts for Police in the open plain in front of the Fort.

The Huts built by the Department of Public Works, opposite the Sub Magistrates Cutcherry, Part of the Town Wall have been much damaged by the rains and their repair will entail an yearly expenditure of more than 50 Rupees. I think that they should be relinquished altogether, and the tiles used for the roofs of new huts opposite the Fort: new Huts could be built at a moderate rate: materials such

such as stones, &c is close to the spot, and convict labour would be cheap.

The Joint Magistrate has urged strongly that the Cutcherry of the Sub Magistrate should be transferred to that of the District Moonsiff near the Fort and vice versâ. A most beneficial arrangement, as the Cutcherry, Huts, Jail, &c would then all be within a few yards of each other.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servants

Lt Superintendent of Police

I fully agree with the proposals made by the Ag Supt: and from personal inspection consider that the relocation of the present huts would be a saving in the end

Lt Governor
Ag Dy Com Genl

Camp at
Shevaganga
19th December
1854

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 28th April 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 315. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th April 1864, No. 704.

General Department.

Government Order, No. 462, dated 5th April 1864, Judicial Department.

During my recent tour in Madura, I conferred with the Magistrate and local officers on the subject of forming a Convict Jail at Dindigul.

2. There cannot be a doubt as to the expediency of the measure and of its urgency.

3. The measures advocated in paragraphs 5 and 7 of the Joint Magistrate's letter are equally expedient.

4. The present Station-house is small, and most inconvenient and inadequate as a Police office. However, being situated in the heart of the town, the site is a very eligible one for shop office. However, being situated in the heart of the town, the site is a very eligible one for shop buildings, and will sell so well as to cover most of the expense of removing the Police station lines, &c.

5. The lines were built by the Department Public Works, but are not substantial. The change will involve but a slight loss, and good huts will be substituted, and be built in part by the convicts now to be removed.

6. The joint Magistrate is resident at Dindigul.

P. S.—I beg to submit the communication on the subject received from the Acting Deputy Inspector General and Acting Superintendent of Police. I did not trouble Government before with the matter as the report of the Inspector General seemed necessary before any further action could be taken in my Department.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Madras Police.

From Lieutenant H. E. CONINGHAM, Acting Superintendent of Police, Madura; to the Acting Deputy Inspector General of Madras Police, Southern Range, Madura, dated 16th March 1864, No. 77.

The Barracks below the Fort at Dindigul having been selected for the accommodation of 100 convicts to be sent there shortly, I have the honor to submit the following arrangements with regard to their guarding, &c., by a party of Constabulary.

2. I enclose a rough sketch of the proposed Jail.

a Main entrance.
b Police guard room.
c Female prisoners.
d Male do. under trial.
e Hospital.
f Dresser's room.
g Convicts.
h Inner yard.
i Barred windows.

3. The number of Police required to guard the convicts will be 20, or an average of 1 Policeman to 5 convicts. 14 men will be detailed daily for gang duty and 6 for Jail duty.

4. The Barracks are situated at a distance of about quarter of a mile west of the town.

5. To facilitate the guarding of the convicts, the Joint Magistrate proposes that the Station-house in which Police are at present located should be sold, and the Police be all removed to the Jail. I approve of this arrangement, it will materially assist the Jail Police in guarding the convicts efficiently and will save us men.

6. The Station-house is situated in the middle of the bazaar. Previous to the establishment of Police in Dindigul, it was used as a Cutwall's Choultry : it is now in a dilapidated condition, but from its convenient site, the Tahsildar informs me that it can be sold for 400 Rupees; with this amount, I shall be able to build a good Station-house and huts for Police in the open plain in front of the Fort.

7. The huts built by the Department of Public Works, opposite the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, east of the town, have been much damaged by the rains and their repair will entail an yearly expenditure of more than 50 Rupees. I think that they should be relinquished altogether, and the tiles used for the roofs of new huts opposite the Fort. New huts could be built at a moderate rate, material ; such as stones, &c., is close to the spot, and convict labor would be cheap.

8. The Joint Magistrate has urged strongly that the Cutcherry of the Sub-Magistrate should be transferred to that of the District Moonsiff near the Fort and *vice versâ*, a most beneficial arrangement, as the Cutcherry, Huts, Jail, &c., would then all be within a few yards of each other.

I fully agree with the proposals made by the Acting Superintendent, and from personal inspection consider that the evacuation of the present huts would be a saving in the end.

CAMP AT SHEEVAGUNGA,
19th March 1864.

(Signed) W. O. SWANSTON,
Acting Dy. Inspector General.

No. 316. From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Madura ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 2nd April 1864, No. 75.

In reply to your Memorandum, bearing date the 24th ultimo, No. 153, I beg to report that the proposed Jail at Dindigul can, during the absence of the Joint Magistrate, be put in charge of the Sub-Magistrate at that station who is vested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the 1st class, as there are no European officers whose services are available.

No. 317. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1864, No. 614.

Under the opinion expressed by the Inspector General of Police, the Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement, suggested by the Joint Magistrate of Dindigul, of locating the Police station in the Branch Jail to be established at that place, and constructing new Police lines in the immediate neighbourhood of the Jail. The present Station-house, with its site, and the materials of the Police huts, on their being abandoned, may accordingly be sold.

2. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the Order of the 5th April, No. 462, the Magistrate is requested to report on the proposal that the Tahsildar and District Moonsiff should interchange Cutcherries for the convenience of bringing the Sub-Magistrate closer to the Jail and Police.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
„ Magistrate of Madura.
„ Civil and Sessions Judge of Madura, with No. 462 of 1864.
„ Public Works Department, with a letter and sketch.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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