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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th May 1864.

No. 586. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Requesting to be furnished with a Plan and Estimate for a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station house combined, with separate male and female wards for prisoners in custody and under short sentence, at Poothoor, North Arcot District. } (Here enter 16th May 1864, No. 707.)

No. 587. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1864, No. 1,531.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 16th May 1864.

Read the following papers :—

No. 135. From Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th March 1864, No. 5729.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1722, dated 30th June 1863, I have the honor to submit for sanction plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 1370, for constructing a Subsidiary Jail at Tirupatti in the North Arcot District, for short-sentenced prisoners.

Enclosures.
1 Plan.
1 Estimate.

2. The plan has been approved of by Mr. Fraser, late Acting Collector; and I recommend that it may be sanctioned for execution early next year from the Reserve Fund.

3. In the orders of Government above quoted estimates are called for on account of Subsidiary Jails at the following Stations :—

Vellore, Arnee, Chittoor, Tirupatti, Palmanair.

Those for the required buildings at the first and third stations were submitted* in December last, but only that for the latter has as yet been sanctioned.

* In letters Nos. 4177 and 4178, dated 22nd December 1863. Proceedings of Government, No. 85, dated 11th January 1864.

4. As respects the second station on the above list, a plan and estimate are now with the Collector for approval, and those for the fifth station will be shortly submitted.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

2. It is observed that the estimate for a Jail at Vellore, referred to in paragraph 3, was forwarded to the above Department on the 4th January 1864.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

CHEPAUK, 18*th March* 1864.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for his opinion.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th April 1864.

No. 136. From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 2nd May 1864, No. 19.

I have the honor to submit, for the re-consideration of Government, the enclosed papers which have found their way into my hands through the Deputy Inspector General, to whom I presume they have been referred for report.

2. There are to my mind serious objections to the proposition of constructing a Subsidiary Jail at Tirupatti for short-sentenced prisoners.

3. When Mr. Fraser recommended Tirupatti as the site of one of the five Subsidiary Jails required for this District, the project of locating a Covenanted European officer at Poothoor on the North-West Line of Railway, and of providing the necessary office accommodation at that point was in its infancy. That project has since been fully adopted by Government, and building operations will commence as soon as the necessary preliminaries are complete, and funds have been set apart to meet the outlay.

4. A glance at the Map will satisfy Government that Poothoor is the proper site for the Subsidiary Jail of the North-Eastern tracts, as Railway facilities north and south make it the natural Depôt for short-sentenced prisoners from the four Zemindari Sub-divisions of Kalastri, Maderpak, Narnavanum, and Trittany; as also for the Tirupatti or Eastern Division of the Chendragerry Taluq.

5. The office accommodation, required at Poothoor will be a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry with Police station and Subsidiary Jail attached, and under one roof; and a Cutcherry for the European Covenanted officer, who will under the new arrangement have charge of the Zemindari tracts. A building might probably be planned which would combine the whole required accommodation under a single roof, by the addition of an upper story in which would be the European Assistant's office and Record-rooms for both establishments. I make the suggestion, but think it would be better that the Assistant's office should be detached from the other clump of buildings.

6. Besides a Subsidiary Jail for short-sentenced prisoners with compartments for both sexes, we should likewise require two "locks-up" for males and females under trial and remand. These locks-up should be attached to the Sub-Magistrate's office and not to the Police station, and the whole should be ventilated from the roof.

7. The appended rough sketch will give an idea of the building I now propose should be provided.

8. I may observe as respects the original proposition of locating the Subsidiary Jail at Tirupatti, that the orders of Government requiring that, as far as possible, accommodation of this nature should form part of, or be an addition to, the Sub-Magistrate's office, could not be carried out there as the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Tirupatti is outside the town, and is singularly ill-placed as well for its own purposes, as for those for which these additions are now required.

9. In conclusion, I beg to add that these views have the full concurrence of both Captain Hearn, and Captain Gompertz.

10. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Superintending Engineer of the Division.

No. 137.

ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1864, No. 707.

Under the circumstances brought to notice in the foregoing letter, the project of establishing a Subsidiary Jail at Tirupatti must be abandoned. The Superintending Engineer of the Division will be requested in the Public Works Department to furnish a plan and estimate for a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station house combined, with separate male and female wards for prisoners in custody and under short sentence at Poothoor, according to the sketch submitted by the Magistrate.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.
„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Public Works Department, with the sketch and other papers.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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