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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th April 1864.*

No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Sanctioning the erection of Subsidiary Jails and Locks-up
at certain stations in the South Arcot District at an
estimated cost of Rupees 7,200, and requesting that
orders may be issued as to the source whence the requi-
site funds shall be provided. } (Here enter 30th March 1864, No. 427.)

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1864, No. 942.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, with a request that he will at once place at the disposal of the Collector of South Arcot such funds as that Officer may be able to expend during the current month, reporting *without delay* the amount transferred, with a view to its reimbursement from the *Reserve*.

2. Application should be made after the 1st May next for a special grant to admit of the prosecution of the works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

- „ Accountant General.
- „ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Judicial Department.
- „ Collector of South Arcot.

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30th March 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 276. From C. W. READE, Esq., Magistrate of South Arcot; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Trikalore, 29th February 1864, No. 13.

In April 1862, I received through the late Sudder Court the Proceedings of Government with their orders thereon, dated 26th March, No. 503, and in obedience to the call upon me by the Court, I submitted a Report dated the 7th April, No. 135, suggesting the localities whereat in this District I proposed the establishment of Subsidiary Jails.

2. Since the above Report up to the present date, I have received no further instructions on the subject in approval or disapproval of my proposals.

3. In their Proceedings of the 22nd September 1862, No. 1539, Government expressed their desire that the Magistracy and Police should accommodate each other, and additional expense was prohibited as well as sanction for any additional Establishment in connection with Subsidiary Jails; and again in their subsequent orders of the 23rd December of the same year, No. 2111, it is distinctly directed that Magistrates must consider themselves restricted to three or four Locks-up or Subsidiary Jails for their whole District.

4. After the receipt of the last orders quoted, I personally visited several places where I had proposed the Subsidiary Jails, and Estimates were made at my instance to adapt the old Taluq Cutcheries at two of the places for the purpose; but these Estimates to my surprise so far exceeded what I had contemplated and what I well knew Government were prepared to sanction, that nothing further was done and I had hoped that we should be able to arrange matters so as, if possible, to avoid any expense to the State; meanwhile I thought it not improbable that I might receive some definite orders anent my proposals made so far back, through the late Sudder Court, as April 1862.

5. The subject has now again been revived by the Acting Superintendent of Police in my District, and I fully recognize with him the necessity for some immediate action in the matter of these Locks-up and Subsidiary Jails. The inconvenience of having no fit and separate place or Locks-up for prisoners under trial and who until disposed of are in the charge of the Police, and as well no Subsidiary Jails for those persons who are convicted and sentenced to short periods under a month, is undoubtedly, very great and I quite think with the Superintendent that these Locks-up and Subsidiary Jails should at once be provided.

6. The proposal made in my letter of April 1862, met with the approval of the then Superintendent of Police, Captain Swanston; but subsequent experience leads me to suggest some alteration which I do with the concurrence of the present Head of the District Police, and I beg to submit a separate Statement A, showing distinctly the places where I consider Subsidiary Jails are really required, and in this Statement will be found the distances of the several Sub-Magistrate's Stations from which prisoners will be sent to the said Subsidiary Jails to undergo their sentences.

7. From the peculiar position of Trinomallay and the great distance from all other parts, of the frontier Station of Chengum, it is impossible to avoid having a Jail at Trinomallay, and considering the importance of this latter place and the great annual feast held there, when offences for the time are numerous, a Subsidiary Jail is on all accounts very desirable, and I trust the Government will sanction the arrangement.

8. But besides these Jails, with each of which as will be seen in the Statement A, I have included a Lock-up, the Superintendent insists on the necessity of separate Locks-up at every other Station where a Sub-Magistrate is located. I cannot dispute this necessity as I think it is almost obvious where there exists no accommodation for Prisoners under trial, and I can only support the proposal either to have separate buildings constructed or the required accommodation provided in the Magistrate's Cutcherry or the Station House where this can be done. The places where these Locks-up are needed distinct from the Subsidiary Jails as shown in Statement A, will be found particularised in Statement B appended to this letter.

9. The all-important question remains for consideration, namely, the cost of these various buildings. I presume Government will sanction no other course than the ordinary one and that it will be necessary that the work be done by the Department of Public Works. In this event I fear there will be greater delay and greater expense than would otherwise be if the construction

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of these buildings were left in my hands to be completed under contract or in any other way I might find to be most economical.

10. I feel satisfied that if the Government accorded their permission, I could manage to get the Subsidiary Jails and the locks-up erected at the cost I have noted opposite to each place in the appended Statements. Of course I speak on a somewhat rough Estimate; but the Government will be aware how fully occupied with the ordinary works in every District is the Engineer's Department—works which require incessant care and supervision—and experience has shown that the limited Establishment under the existing system is barely adequate to meet the duties required of it, so that if this additional labour be thrown on the Department it can only be by withdrawing their services from other and possibly more important works, while the delay in making Estimates, &c., would be wholly avoided if as a special case Government permit me to do what is required. I think I may safely promise that the required buildings both Subsidiary Jails and Locks-up will be completed within six months from the date of the Government sanction, and I also anticipate that the work will be done not only more expeditiously but very far more economically than by the Department of Public Works.

11. The total estimated cost is Rupees 7,200, but it may be less. I will at all events guarantee that it is not more, and the accounts of contracts or of any other mode by which the money is expended shall be duly submitted for the information of Government.

12. I hardly anticipate that Government will give their sanction to my proposition, and in this case I have only earnestly to recommend that they will at all events authorise the immediate execution of what is needed to be done in the ordinary course and through the ordinary channel, as the necessity for these Jail buildings admits I think of no question.

A.
Statement shewing the places where Subsidiary Jails are proposed to be established and the distance from them of the Stations subordinate.

Subsidiary Jails combining Locks-up.	Distance from the under-mentioned subordinate Stations.	Estimated cost of Buildings.	Remarks.
	Miles.	Rs.	
1 Yelavemsoor ...	Culcoorchy..... 15 Teroocoviloor..... 16 Virthachellum..... 16 Tittagoody..... 32	1,000	At this proposed station for a subsidiary Jail, there is no space whatever available for the purpose in the Talook Cutcherry. The building is already far too small for its immediate objects and a subsidiary Jail including a Lock-up under the same roof is absolutely required and may be built at the cost noted.
2 Tindivanam ...	Chengy..... 18 Vanoor..... 18 Mercanum..... 22	1,000	
3 Teroonamalay	Chengum..... 25	1,000	At Tindivanam the same remark as above applies to the Talook Cutcherry and a separate building for the combined purpose of a Jail and Lock-up is indispensable.
4 Chelumberum ...	Munnargoody..... 14 Porto Novo..... 7	1,000	The same remark applies to this Station.
5 Teroovady ...	Old Town Cuddalore. 18 New Town Cuddalore. 14 Villapoorum..... 15	400	In Chelumberum the Talook is wholly inadequate for its purposes as a District Office, and there is no space really available for Prisoners.
Total...		4,400	At Teroovady the old Talook Cutcherry is occupied by the Sub-Magistrate who is now stationed there, and his limited Establishment will admit of part of the building being readily converted for the use of a subsidiary Jail and a Lock-up.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Magistrate.

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B.

Statement shewing the Stations where it is proposed to construct new Buildings or repair old ones to be used as Locks-up.

No.	Stations of Subordinate Magistrates.	Estimated Cost.	Remarks.
		Rupees.	
1	New Town Cuddalore*.....	300	It is estimated that the sums here mentioned will cover the cost of a good Lock-up at each Station to contain two wards, one for male and the other for female Prisoners under trial, with the necessary accommodation for the Police Guard. The Stations marked with an asterisk are the Cusbah Stations of the Talooks of those names, and if possible, the Locks-up will be incorporated with the Talook Cutcherry when the cost may fall below the amount stated.
2	Villapuram*.....	300	
3	Cullacoorchy*.....	300	
4	Chengee.....	300	
5	Chengum.....	300	
6	Tittagoody.....	300	
7	Vanoor.....	300	
8	Merkanum.....	300	
9	Virdachellum*.....		* There is already accommodation provided. There are old public Buildings available at each of these places, a part of which with a few necessary alterations and repairs can be readily converted into excellent Locks-up at the cost set opposite to each place. I may mention that the Estimate by the Public Works Department for converting the old Cutcherry at Trecoviloor now occupied by the Subordinate Magistrate for use as a Subsidiary Jail alone, was Rupees 2,550, whereas the sum I propose to expend for an entirely new Subsidiary Jail at Yellavanasur including a Lock-up and also a Lock-up at Trecoviloor which will be a subordinate Station of Yellavanasur, is only Rupees 1,100.
10	Porto Novo.....	100	
11	Munnargoody.....	100	
12	Trecoviloor.....	100	
13	Old Town Cuddalore.....	100	
	Total...	2,800	

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Magistrate.

No. 116.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 277.

In reply to a Memorandum from the Chief Secretary, under date the 19th instant, No. 141, the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, has the honor to state that he is not aware of the demands upon the time of the officers of the Department of Public Works in South Arcot being at present so exceptionally heavy as to render it expedient to transfer the executive charge of the works, referred to in Mr. Reade's letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 13, to the Revenue officers. The Secretary, Department Public Works, sees no objection, however, to the transfer, if the Revenue officers are desirous of assuming charge of the works in question, and it be understood that the accounts of expenditure must be submitted in due course to the Superintending Engineer for incorporation with his own and submission to the Controller and Auditor.

2. The works are of the petty and common description that may be expected to be carried out with economy, if with no other advantage, under the Collector's supervision.

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

CHEPAUX,
21st March 1864.
To the Chief Secretary to Government, with one letter.

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30th March 1861.

No. 278.

ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1861, No. 427.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the erection of Subsidiary Jails and Locks-up at the stations specified in the foregoing letter at an estimated cost of Rupees (7200) seven thousand two hundred.

2. The buildings will be erected under the orders and supervision of the Collector and his Assistants, accounts of the expenditure being furnished in due course to the Superintending Engineer for incorporation with his own accounts and submission to the Controller and Auditor. The Collector will submit plans of the proposed buildings for the approval of Government.

3. Orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works as to the source from which the requisite funds shall be provided.

(True Extract.)

H. J. Tulloch
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector and Magistrate of South Arcot.
" Department Public Works, with a Map returned.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer & Co. with a request that he will at once place at the disposal of the Collector of South Arcot such funds as that Officer may be able to expend during the current month reporting without delay the amount transferred, with a view to its reimbursement from the.

Reserve.

2. Applications should be made after the 1st May next for a special grant to admit of the prosecution of the works.

To The Sup. & Engr. & Co. Recd. 14th April:
" Account General
" Controller & Auditor of Public Works
" Judicial Department
" Collector of South Arcot.
4th April/61
Wm. an Order

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-up at certain stations in the
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With an Order

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