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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th July 1867.*

No. 656. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the report of the Subsidiary Jail
Committee on the accommodation required in the
Subsidiary Jails in four of the talooks of the
Madras District. } (Here enter 20th July 1867, No. 1,155.)

No. 657. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1867, No. 2,267.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 93.

1. Communicated to the Acting
Superintending Engineer of the 4th
Division, who will submit without delay

the plans and estimates required in paragraph 12, and the explanations called for
in paragraph 15.

2 Colonel Bean's special attention is called to the instructions contained in
paragraph 16.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23th July 1867.

No. 223. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Nungumbaukum, Madras, 15th July 1867, No. 9.

We have the honor to report on the Subsidiary Jail accommodation required at the following stations in the Madras District:—

Enclosure.
1 Eoll, containing 15 Plans.

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| 1. Chingleput | } Chingleput Taluq. |
| 2. Tripooroor | |
| 3. Madrantakum | } Madrantakum do. |
| 4. Ootramalloor | |
| 5. Conjeveram | } Conjeveram do. |
| 6. Strceperumattoor | |
| 7. Trivelloor | } Trivelloor do. |
| 8. Satiaveid | |

2. *Chingleput*.—This is the station of the Joint Magistrate and also of the Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate).

3. There is a Police station-house (plan A) in the town. This building, with the slight improvements indicated in yellow in plan A, will accommodate 5 prisoners. There are no means of adding to this building, so as to convert it into a Subsidiary Jail and Lock-up combined, and the existing Subsidiary Jail is a far superior building. We propose, therefore, to leave the Lock-up for Police purposes, for which a building is no doubt required in a town like Chingleput.

4. The Subsidiary Jail is within the Fort, and the existing wards form the lower story of a building, the upper part of which is occupied by a portion of the Tahsildar's office and by the Police Inspector, who is also Court and Deputy Jail Inspector—vide plan B.

5. It is well situated, raised, and ventilated, but the walls are very low (8 feet), and the accommodation is insufficient, being enough only for 5 males and 2 females, owing to the inadequate cubical contents of the building, which, however, is compensated for by additional superficial area.

MALE WARD.
27×12 = 324 Superficial.
27×12×8 = 2592 Cubical.
FEMALE WARD.
10×12 = 120 Superficial.
10×12×8 = 960 Cubical.

6. We consider that accommodation is requisite for (in all) 13 males and 4 females.

7. We propose to provide for this number by adding, at the south end of the present building, 2 wards, each for 4 males, and 1 ward for 2 females. The dimensions of these wards are indicated in plan C.

8. At the extreme southern end of plan B will be seen a roofless building, marked "cook-room and privy." It is said to have been built by a former Police Inspector, Mr. Brown, who has removed the roof, and is willing to sell the rest of the building. We are not aware of the conditions under which Mr. Brown was allowed to build on what seems a Government site; but the building will be required as a cook-room for the Subsidiary Jail, and should be roofed in.

9. The portion marked as a privy cannot, for obvious reasons, be so used. A new privy for the accommodation of males and females separately must be provided

at a convenient distance (not less than 50 yards), and in such a position as not to be a source of nuisance to the Jail and the neighbouring buildings.

10. We have not thought it necessary to provide any hospital accommodation, as the District Jail Hospital is close at hand.

11. *Tripooroor*.—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) subordinate to the Chingleput Tahsildar.

12. Plan A represents the Sub-Magistrate's Office, Jail, and Lock-up—all under the same roof. This building was erected in 1861, is very badly ventilated, and is reported to be leaky.

13. The rooms appropriated for prisoners will accommodate 4 males and 2 females. This accommodation is much less than the returns show to be necessary. No distinction of prisoners, except as regards sex, has hitherto been made. No privy accommodation exists.

14. Under present arrangements, while the space allotted for prisoners is insufficient, that assigned to the Sub-Magistrate is represented to be also wholly inadequate.

15. It would be extremely difficult to convert any portion of the present building into properly ventilated, suitable wards for prisoners. We propose, therefore, to construct 3 wards (2 for males and 1 for females) south of the existing building, where alone there is sufficient space.

Plan B.

16. The wards for males will accommodate six prisoners under trial or in custody of the Police, and six convicts. The ward for females, which will be divided by an iron railing, will accommodate three under trial or in custody of the Police, and three under sentence. We consider this sufficient provision for the station.

17. We propose to retain the existing cook-room for the use of the prisoners (to which purpose it can easily be adapted); to give the Police the present ward for males (in lieu of their present quarters); and to give up all the rest of the building to the Sub Magistrate.

A privy for the Cutcherry is said to be much required—this should be provided in some situation quite removed from the neighbourhood of the Jail.

18. We have indicated in the plan B the provision made for privies and for a hospital shed.

19. *Madrantakum*.—This is the station of the Tahsildar (Sub Magistrate). One large building (plan A) comprises the Tahsildar's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail under the same roof, and was built last year, according to the standard plan. The whole southern side of the building is used as a Jail, and the ventilation of the wards is good; the rest of the building is said to be very hot and close. There is a well in the court-yard, in accordance with the plan, but the water is not drinkable. There are two latrines—one for the prisoners, without a roof; and the other for the Cutcherry. The former is 16½ feet from the south-east corner of the Jail; the latter is 7½ feet from the Sheristadar's room at the north-west corner of the building, and is, in fact, a part (walled in) of the shed for the accommodation of ryots and others attending the Cutcherry. Both latrines should have been constructed at a greater distance; but neither are used, as there is no toty on the establishment.

20. There is no separate Police Lock-up at this station.

21. The existing Jail accommodation is insufficient for this station, the vicinity of which to several salt pans frequently leads to a considerable number of both males and females being confined in the Jail. The plan of the building precludes any addition being made to it. We propose, therefore, to alter the existing distribution of the rooms as follows (vide plan B):—

(a).—The Police guard-room to be converted into a ward.

(b).—The Cashier's room to be thrown into the Constable's room, and the whole used as the Police guard room.

(c).—The Cashier to have the present Post Office room.

(d).—The Post Office writer to be accommodated in the Goomastah's room, which is 52 feet long.

22. The ventilation of the prison wards and of the rest of the building should be improved, as shown in plan B, so far as is compatible with the safety of the building.

23. A cooking shed is required. We recommend that the hitherto unused prisoners' latrine, which is too near for use as a latrine, be roofed in and converted into a cooking place, and that a new latrine be constructed at the south-east angle of the compound, with separate accommodation for males and females. A toty should be added to the establishment.

24. The latrine for the Cutcherry should be dismantled and thrown into the ryots' shed, another being constructed at a proper distance from the office.

25. A hospital shed should be constructed as far possible from the building at the north-east angle of the compound.

26. *Ootramalloor*.—This is the station of the Deputy Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) of the Madrantakum Taluq. The building (plan A), comprises accommodation for the Sub-Magistrate and the Jail under the same roof. The former portion is in tolerable order; the latter is almost ruinous, though we are informed that the whole was repaired in April last.

27. It is absolutely necessary to construct new wards, and we propose to pull down the present ruinous Jail buildings, and erect the new wards on their site (vide plan B), providing room for 12 males and 6 females in 4 wards. This we consider will be enough under all ordinary circumstances, though so many as 27 prisoners have been in confinement at this place at one time. We have provided also a good room for the Police. There is no separate Police Lock-up at this station.

28. We propose to have a privy, cooking place, and hospital shed constructed at the places shown in plan B. These are the only available sites, the compound being very circumscribed.

29. On the eastern side there is a strip of land, 64 feet long by 34 feet wide, which a Brahmin claims as his back yard. We are informed that he has besides a back-yard attached to his house, and it appears that he has no valid claim to the piece of ground required for the enlargement of the Jail. We suggest that, if this be the case, the land be attached to the Jail compound; if it be not, the land should be acquired by purchase, for sanitary reasons. The proposed cook-room and privy will occupy a part of it.

30. *Conjeveram*.—The Tahsildar (Sub-Magistrate) of the Taluq of Conjeveram is here stationed, and there is also a Town Sub-Magistrate.

It is proposed to erect three wards to accommodate six male prisoners under trial, and six convicted prisoners, and one ward for three female prisoners under trial and three convicted prisoners.

The Police will be located in the present ward for males, the rest of the building being given up to the use of the Sub Magistrate, the accommodation for that Officer's establishment being at present quite inadequate. A privy is also wanted, and a hospital shed, in addition to a privy for the Cutcherry.

5. At *Madrantakum*, which is the station of a Tashildar (Sub-Magistrate), the Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail are located in a building erected last year according to the standard plan. The whole of the south-eastern side of the building is used as a Jail; but the present accommodation is insufficient. The ventilation is said to be good, and the accommodation required can be provided by adopting the distribution of room specified in the 21st paragraph of the report.

It is proposed to turn one of the latrines now in use, which is too close to the main building, into a cook room: it will then be requisite to construct a new latrine at the south-east end of the compound. A Hospital shed is also required.

6. At *Ootramalloor*, the Deputy Tashildar's (Sub-Magistrate's) station, the Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail are located in the same building, which is reported to be in a ruinous condition. It will, therefore, be necessary to pull down the present Jail and erect four new wards, with accommodation for twelve male and six female prisoners. Provision is also to be made for a new room for the Police and for a hospital shed, cook-room, and privy, on a piece of land contiguous to the Cutcherry compound.

7. At *Conjeveram*, the station of the Tashildar (Sub-Magistrate) of the Taluq, and of the Town Sub-Magistrate, the Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail are located in a building, the upper story of which is used for the office of the Sub Magistrates. The Jail is represented as close, ill-ventilated, and insufficient. The Committee do not, however, recommend any alterations or additions to this building, as the District Moonsiff's Court-house, which is a large building in good order, will be available on the transfer of the Court to Trivelloor.

The Court-house will be utilized as a Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, when available, the additions and alterations specified by the Committee being then made.

8. At *Streeperumattoor*, the station of the Deputy Tashildar (Sub-Magistrate) of the Conjeveram Taluq, the Subsidiary Jail and Cutcherry occupy the same building. The Jail consists of two small rooms capable of holding three prisoners in each.

Two new wards, capable of containing four males in each, are to be erected; the present wards will then be available for female prisoners.

Additional ventilation is required, and will be provided by enlarging the windows, and inserting ridge-ventilators in the roof. A hospital-shed, cook-room, and privy are also required.

9. At *Trivelloor*, the station of the Tashildar (Sub-Magistrate), a new Cutcherry is about to be erected on the standard plan. The Committee desire, however, that the construction of this building be suspended, in order that they may bring to the notice of the Superintending Engineer certain serious defects in the plan.

10. At *Satiaveid*, the Subsidiary Jail is located in the same building with the Deputy Tashildar's (Sub-Magistrate's) Cutcherry, there being three wards, capable of containing five male and two female prisoners. In order to admit of the separation of prisoners, it is proposed to convert the present record-room into a Jail-ward; there will then be two wards for male prisoners, each containing three prisoners, and two wards each containing two female prisoners. It will then be necessary to build a new record-room on a piece of ground to be purchased for that purpose, and land must also be purchased for the erection of a cook-room and privy.

11. Lastly, the Committee recommend that the floors of all wards, both those existing and those to be erected, be asphalted.

12. The Government approve of the several recommendations made by the Committee and desire that plans and estimates may be furnished by the Department of Public Works, with as little delay as possible.

13. The Collector will ascertain the circumstances under which Mr. Brown, a former Police Inspector at Chingleput, was allowed to build on a Government site, and will state whether the Government ought to purchase or pay compensation for the building in question.

The Collector will also ascertain whether the Brahmin who claims a piece of ground required for the enlargement of the Ootramalloor Jail has any valid claim thereto. If he has, steps should be taken for purchasing the land.

14. The sites specified in the 45th paragraph of the report, as required for the erection of new buildings at Satiaveid, will be purchased by the Collector.

15. Information will be called for in the Department of Public Works, and the explanation forwarded to Government, with regard to the statements contained in paragraphs 12, 19, and 26, to the effect that the Subsidiary Jail and Cutcherry at Tripoor, which was erected in 1864, is very badly ventilated and reported to be leaky; that the Cutcherry at Madrantakum, built last year according to the standard plan, is very hot and close; and that the Jail at Ootramalloor, which is reported to have been repaired in April last, is almost ruinous.

16. The construction of the new Tashildar's Cutcherry at Trivelloor will be suspended, and the Superintending Engineer will be directed to place himself in communication with the Subsidiary Jail Committee, who will report, with as little delay as possible, on the amendments which they think necessary in the design for this building.

17. The acknowledgments of Government are due to Captain Beatty, the Superintendent of Police of the Madras District, for the assistance he has afforded to the Subsidiary Jail Committee.

(True Extract).

R. S. M.
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee on Subsidiary Jails, with 16 plans.

" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Do. of Jails.
" Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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