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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th December 1868.*

No. 259. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department :—

Passing orders on the Report of the Committee
regarding the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the Neilgherry Hills. (Here enter 27th November 1868, No. 1,802.)

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1868, No. 3,867.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, who will issue instructions for the alterations referred to in paragraph 4 being carried out without delay in anticipation of a specific allotment of funds hereafter.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Judicial Department.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

7th Division

Asst. Asst. Asst.

Date: December, 1868.

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G. O. 11th Dec. 1868 No. 357.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 250-260.

Subd. by J. Halsted, Esq. — Proceedings of the Jail Committee, Madras, 27th November 1868, No. 240. The Committee's orders on the Commission's report regarding the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the Neilgherry Hills, communicated to the Officer concerned with the instructions.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th November 1868.

No. 240. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 5th November 1868, No. 208.

With reference to our letter, No. 129, dated 27th May last, paragraphs 71 to 75 inclusive, we have the honor to forward two letters from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills and the Superintendent of Police, by which it will be seen that a proposal is made to utilize the Taluq Cutcherry, now vacant, as a Subsidiary Jail, in lieu of building, as proposed by us, a new Subsidiary Jail on the Native Jail Hill:—

“With reference to paragraphs 71 and 75 of letter from Subsidiary Jail Committee to the Chief Secretary, dated 27th May 1868, I have the honor to inform you that by Government Order, 16th

(Commissioner)

September 1868, No. 2402, the separate Taluq establishment was abolished.

2. The Taluq Cutcherry, of which I lately sent you a plan, is consequently available for a Subsidiary Jail, or for any other purpose that Government may consider desirable.

3. I am unable to concur with the Committee in thinking the Taluq Cutcherry “a very inferior building.” It is a roomy building; the rooms are, perhaps, somewhat lower than desirable, but with a few alterations inside it will afford excellent accommodation for short-sentenced prisoners.

4. The Taluq and Town Police of this place are now located in the same building, close to the Taluq Cutcherry and very much on the same level, and having heard that the Police were somewhat pressed for room, I requested Lieutenant Halsted, the late Assistant Superintendent of Police, to go and see if the Taluq Cutcherry would do for the Taluq Police, as well as Subsidiary Jail. I append his reply.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,

Commissioner.”

“I went to inspect the Taluq Cutcherry this morning. There is ample room for Lock-ups, Subsidiary Jails, and Taluq Police. I hope before any alterations in

(Superintendent of Police)

the building are made that I shall be permitted to see the plan, for we can only afford to give one sentry for prison wards and station, and it can be easily arranged so that one sentry will suffice for the duty.

I calculate that the following rooms would be required:—

A Subsidiary Jail for males, to hold six. A Subsidiary Jail for females, to hold

four.

A female Lock-up to hold four. A male Lock-up to hold six.

A small room for Inspector's Office. A Guard-room large enough to allow of fifteen Constables, cleaning arms, studying, &c., in it.

At the ends of the verandah of the present building there are small rooms, which would do very well for the safe custody of unclaimed property, &c.

I observe that the present building has a very good latrine attached to it.

(Signed) W. HALSTED,

Asst. Superintendent of Police.”

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2. It will be observed from Plan A, that the Taluq Cutcherry is a low ill-ventilated building, and must be dark, if not also damp. Its situation is certainly inferior to that of the Native Jail. We should very much prefer a new Jail on the Native Jail Hill; but as the Taluq Cutcherry is vacant, and can at a moderate expense be converted into a tolerable Jail, we do not feel justified, in the present difficulty for funds, in recommending the construction of a new Jail, as originally proposed by us.
3. Plan B shows the building converted into a Subsidiary Jail of four wards on one side, and two wards on the other, with a room for the Police Inspector, and a room for the Police.
4. It will be observed from Captain Halsted's letter that it is proposed to locate here not only the Jail guard, but a force of some fifteen Constables, who require space for "cleaning arms, studying, &c," in it.
5. It is obviously desirable that such a body of men should not have free access to the interior of the Jail. We have, therefore, given the Police a separate entrance and frontage, and we have walled off the prisoners' wards as much as possible.
6. The floors should be boarded, and a stone trough, in an asphalted corner, for night use, should be supplied for each ward. The dimensions of these are shown in Plan C.
7. It will be observed that the floor of the trough is raised four inches from the floor. This is to admit of a basket being put, into which to sweep the contents of the trough without soiling the floor. The dimensions are three feet in length, two feet in width, and the depth of the trough is one foot. The sides should slope internally, as sketched by us on the plan.
8. We understand that a good latrine is already at hand for day use. A cook-shed should be erected, as indicated by us on Plan A.
9. The central passage between the Jail wards should be well paved, so that water may not lodge there, and as the Jail is on the side of a hill, a drain should be cut so as to carry off rain.
10. The Commissioner should be authorized to provide cumblies and coir mats for the prisoners, and should funds be available no time should be lost in giving the requisite Jail accommodation for short-sentenced prisoners on the Neilgherry Hills.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1863, No. 1802.

The Committee on Subsidiary Jails submit with their Report above recorded plans showing the position of the Taluq Cutcherry at Ootacamund, and the manner in which they propose to alter and adapt it for a Subsidiary Jail and Police station.

2. The Committee remark that the Cutcherry is a low ill-ventilated building, and must be dark, if not also damp. Its situation is certainly inferior to that of the Native Jail. The Committee would prefer a new Jail on the Native Jail Hill, but as the Taluq Cutcherry is vacant, and can at a moderate expense be converted into a tolerable Jail, they do not feel justified, in opposition to the opinion of the local officers, in recommending the construction of a new Jail, as proposed in their letter, dated the 27th May last, No. 129.

3. The Committee recommend that the floors of the wards should be boarded, and that a stone trough should be provided for night use for each ward; that the

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central passage between the Jail wards should be well paved, and that cumblies and coir mats should be supplied to the prisoners.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the recommendations of the Committee for adapting the Taluq Cutcherry at Ootacamund into a Subsidiary Jail; and instructions will be issued in the Public Works Department for carrying out the requisite alterations with as little loss of time as possible.

5. The Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills is authorized to provide the prisoners with coir mats and cumblies, and to employ a sweeper toty.
(True Extract).

W. S. M.
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with plans.
" Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tallooh.

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Subsidiary Jail requirements
Pro: sub. Sept 1868 paper order on
the Committee's report regarding
the Subsidiary Jail requirements
of the Kilgherry Hills - and
to the Offr concerned with con-
-tain instructions.