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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
12th December 1868.*

No. 282. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Judicial Department :—

Passing orders on the Supplemental Report of  
the Subsidiary Jail Committee, regarding the  
requirements of certain Stations in the North Arcot District. (Here enter 27th November 1868, No. 1,801.)

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1868, No. 3,879.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 38.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will issue instructions for the commencement of the work referred to in paragraph 6, and report what sum can be expended during the current official year.

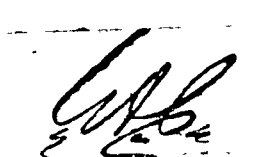
2. An estimate for the work should be submitted without delay.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with Plans.  
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts,  
.. Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.



Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Public Works

Madras

Dated December, 1868.

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G O, 12th December 1868, No. 3873.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 282-283

*Subsidiary Jail requirements.*—Proceedings Judicial Department passing orders on the Committee's report regarding the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the North Arcot District, communicated to the Officer concerned with certain instructions.

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

No. 238. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 2nd November 1868, No. 206.

With reference to our letter No. 83, dated 11th February last, we have the honor to forward a Report on the stations of the North Arcot District, marginally noted.

Arconum.  
Gudiattum.  
Naggery.

Narrainavanam.  
Venkataghorrykota.

2. The Government in their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, under date 8th July 1868, No. 1889, have sanctioned the location of the Head Assistant Magistrate at Arconum, and of the Deputy Magistrate at Gudiattum. At both of these stations it will be necessary to build offices for the Magistracy. At Arconum, a Jail of not less than four wards and the usual subsidiary buildings will be required on the standard plan in the compound of the Head Assistant Magistrate's Office: and at Gudiattum, two rooms will be required in the office for persons under trial before the Deputy Magistrate.

In the new Tahsil Cutcherry at this station, (paragraph 23 of our former Report), accommodation is provided for twenty-four males and six females in six wards.

We are of opinion that that number will suffice for all the short sentenced, prisoners at Gudiattum.

3. Until the new buildings can be provided at Arconum, it will be necessary to provide some additional accommodation at Ranepet, where the Head Assistant Magistrate is at present located.

4. There is a Police Lock-up, plan A, in which are confined all persons in the custody of the Police, and those under trial before the Head Assistant Magistrate, and those sentenced by that Officer previous to being sent to Chittoor.

5. There are four wards, two of which do not possess any ventilation whatever; nor can any be given, as the Station-house stands in a street flanked on three sides by houses. The remaining wards are but slightly better.

6. The building is an old Cutwal Choultry, the property of Government.

7. The accommodation available is only sufficient for three persons. the following table shows the dimensions and capacity of the wards:—

| Ward. | Length. | Breadth. | Height. | Superficial area. | Cubical contents. | No. at 40 square feet. | No. at 600 cubical feet. | Remarks. |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| A     | 9       | 9        | 8½      | 81                | 788½              | 2¼                     | 1⅓                       |          |
| B     | 9       | 9        | 8½      | 81                | 788½              | 2¼                     | 1⅓                       |          |
| C     | 16½     | 6½       | 7       | 101½              | 712½              | 2½                     | 1½                       |          |
| D     | 9       | 6½       | 7       | 55½               | 392               | 1½                     | None.                    |          |

8. As the Magisterial Officer is to be removed to Arconum, we do not feel justified in recommending an additional outlay in new buildings at Ranepet, and we suggested that the Magistrate should, in conjunction with the District Superin-

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tendent of Police, make such arrangements as he might consider best, either by occupying one of the vacant Government buildings which may be most accessible and convenient, or by hiring a suitable house for the purpose of a Police Lock-up and Subsidiary Jail for the time.

9. The Magistrate in his reply gives cover to a letter from the Head Assistant Magistrate as follows:—

"From the Head Assistant Magistrate, to the Acting Magistrate of North Arcot; dated Ranepet, 2nd October 1868, No. 60.

"With reference to the letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, dated 1st

\* Note by Committee, marked A 1.

"ultimo (herewith returned) and your

"docket thereon, I have the honor to

"submit a plan\* of the building at pre-

"sent occupied by the Post Office authorities at Ranepet, which would, in my opinion, with alterations to be enumerated below, form a suitable place of confine-

"ment for prisoners, both male and female.

"2. . . . . The building is apparently in good order.

"3. The Post Office people could revert to their old office in the event of the present building being taken for Police purposes, or one of the many vacant houses might be obtained for a small rent and handed over to them.

"4. There is only one other public building at all suitable for the custody of prisoners and for a Police Station, viz., the Military Dispensary, but there might be some difficulty in inducing the Military authorities to part with it for the above purpose.

"5. I may add that Captain Stuart, Deputy Inspector General of Police, inspected the building, above spoken of, with me, and thought it in all respects suitable both as Police Station and a Lock-up.

"No 132.

"Forwarded with reference to the Subsidiary Jail Committee's letter, No. 152, of 1st September.

"The accommodation is slightly under that indicated in paragraph 5 as desirable, but in other respects the building appears to be a suitable one." . . .

NORTH ARCOT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,  
Chittoor, 24th October 1868.

(Signed) G. VANS AGNEW,

Acting Collector.

10. We accept the Magistrate's proposal and submit it for sanction. We have indicated on plan A 1., the four rooms we consider necessary for Jail purposes, and the Police Guard-room. Our recommendations are all colored yellow.

11. NAGGERY.—The Police Lock-up at this station, plan A, contains one ward used for prisoners. As the Deputy Collector and Magistrate is to be removed from Naggery, it will be unnecessary to incur any expense here.

12. At NARRAINAVANUM is located a Sub-Magistrate. It is 12½ miles distant, from Chittoor.

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13. The Cutcherry, plan C, is an oblong building of three rooms. Within the compound wall that surrounds it, but detached, is a Jail, also shown in plan C, of two wards with the following particulars:—

| Ward. | Length. | Breadth. | Height. | Superfi-<br>cial area | Cubical<br>contents. | No at<br>40 square<br>feet. | No. at<br>600 cubi-<br>cal feet. | Remarks. |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| A     | 11½     | 8½       | 11½     | 100½                  | 1140½                | 2½                          | 1½                               |          |
| B     | 10½     | 8½       | 11½     | 94½                   | 1066½                | 2½                          | 1½                               |          |

14. There are no subsidiary buildings, nor does the compound, from its small size, admit of their erection. The accommodation is not sufficient, nor is any classification of prisoners possible. The buildings are in a central position in the town; and would no doubt sell to advantage.

15. We consider that a new Cutcherry and Jail of four wards, on Mr. Chisholm's plan No. 2, is necessary at this station. A good site can be obtained outside the town on the left of the road from Puttoor.

16. VENKATAGHERRYKOTA AND KISTNAPURAM are two villages, three miles apart, lying in the south-western extremity of the Palmanair Taluq. The local authorities seem still unable to decide at which station the Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate is to reside. Both are unhealthy, and "the Siberia of the District." At which ever station may be chosen ultimately, a new Cutcherry and Jail on the standard plan No. 2 must be built. The Sub-Magistrate is, we understand, at present at Venkatagherrykota.

17. Plan A shows the Police station at Venkatagherrykota. The Sub-Magistrate has no Office. The Station-house is in the town, and consists of a centre hall with two rooms behind.

18. Plan B exhibits a mud hut at Kistnapuram with a thatched roof. This is situated outside the village, and lies in an airy and high situation.

19. The floors of the existing and proposed Jail wards, and of the latrines should be asphalted, and the Magistrate should be authorized to employ a Sweeper Toty at each station where there is a Subsidiary Jail, and to procure the number of coir mats and cumblies that may tally with the number of prisoners for whom accommodation is provided.

20. We shall submit shortly plans of the Cutcheries which we propose for the Head Assistant Magistrate at Arconum, and for the Deputy Magistrate at Gudiatum.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1868, No. 1801.

The Committee on Subsidiary Jails describe in the foregoing Supplemental Report the requirements of six stations in the District of North Arcot, in respect of Subsidiary Jails for persons under trial and sentenced to imprisonment for periods not exceeding thirty days.

2. At Arconum the Committee propose that there should be a Jail of not less than four wards, with the usual subsidiary buildings, and at Gudiatum, two wards in the Office of the Deputy Magistrate for persons under trial.

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3. Until the new buildings required at Arcot are completed, the Committee consider it necessary that some additional accommodation should be provided at Ranepet; and as the Head Assistant Magistrate stationed there will be removed to Arcot, the Committee do not feel justified in recommending any additional outlay on new buildings.

Under these circumstances they accept the Magistrate's proposal that the building at present occupied by the Post Office should be fitted up as a Subsidiary Jail, as indicated in plan A1, and that the Post Office should revert to the building formerly occupied for the purpose, or that a vacant house be rented instead.

4. The Committee consider it unnecessary to incur any expense at Naggery, as the Deputy Collector and Magistrate's Office is to be removed.

5. At Narrainavanam and Venkatagerrykotta the Committee recommend the construction of new Cutcheries and Jails on Mr. Chisholm's plan No. 2. They also recommend that the floors of the existing and proposed Jail wards, and of the latrines should be asphalted.

6. His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the recommendations of the Committee, and directs that a copy of their Report, together with the plans received with it, be furnished to the Public Works Department, in order that instructions may be issued for carrying out the works, as far as the funds available will admit of.

7. The Magistrate of North Arcot is authorized to obtain the site described in paragraph 15 of the Committee's Report, for a new Cutcherry at Narrainavanam. He is also authorized to employ a Sweeper Toty at each Subsidiary Jail, and to provide the requisite number of cumbies and coir mats for the prisoners.

8. The Postmaster General's attention will be drawn to the Committee's proposal regarding the building occupied by the Post Office at Ranepet, and he will be requested to have the building vacated as soon as possible.

(True Extract).

*M. S. S.*  
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with six plans.  
" Committee on Subsidiary Jails.  
" Revenue Department.  
" Magistrate of North Arcot.  
" Inspector General of Police.  
" Postmaster General.  
" Accountant General.

Ex. W. Cranston.

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Public Works Department.  
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.  
Under date the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1868  
Read the following

*6/23*  
No. 1801 dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 1868  
(Here enter No. 1801 dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 1868)  
*2.1/12*

Communicated  
to the Superintending  
Engineer of the L<sup>th</sup> Div.,  
who will issue instructions  
for the commencement  
of the work referred to  
in para 6, and report  
what sum can be  
expended during the  
current Official year.  
An estimate for  
the work should be sub-  
mitted without delay.

*9 L. Div. 4<sup>th</sup> Div. 11<sup>th</sup> Div. 2.*  
*4 Cumbies*  
*11 Incl. Dec 10*

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To The Superintending Engineer  
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Subsidiary rail requirements

Pro. Encl. depd. paper notes  
on the Committee's report re-  
-funding the Subsidiary rail  
requirements of the South  
West Ry. Encl. 11<sup>th</sup> Encl.  
-lined with certain instruc-  
-tions.