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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th February 1869.*

No. 373. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Sanctioning certain alterations and additions to } (Here enter 28th January 1869, No. 147.)
the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Dindigul.

No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1869, No. 482.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 49.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 8th Division for
information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with accompaniments.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

8th Division.

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No. 373-371

The Madras Cutcherry at Dindigul. — Proceedings of the Judicial Department, sanctioning certain alterations and additions to the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Dindigul, Madura District, commencing with the 1st of January 1868.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th January 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 262. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Palamcottah, 26th December 1868, No. 2185.

With reference to G. O., No. 2214, of the 10th July 1868, I have the honor to submit, for sanction, a plan and estimate of Rupees 4600 for alterations and additions to the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Dindigul, in the Madura District, so as to provide a Subsidiary Jail, in accordance with the recommendations of the Subsidiary Jail Committee.

- 1 Abstract Estimate.
- 1 Trace Plan.
- 1 Specification report.
- 1 Another plan.
- 1 Copy of letter from Acting Sub-Collector.

Two small lock-up rooms are thrown into the Police Station-house, in lieu of a portion of the latter, to be converted into a ward for four females; the auxiliary Jail becomes another ward for four females; and three new wards are added on to the same line of building, each to hold six male prisoners.

2. In furnishing the estimate, however, the Range Officer proposed a further addition in throwing out a new wing at the southern end of the Cutcherry, to give a new room for the Tahsildar, and for records, with a crosswall in the main long room, to make a separate Court-room. The Range Officer has sent in a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, who considers a record room and Tahsildar's room, of the same size as those in the standard plan, ought to be put in hand at the same time as the new wards; "as the work must be done sooner or later."

Mr. Bliss is of opinion, also, that the space given to the Police is too small, and urges that, instead of making a female ward within the present station, the whole of the station room should be left as it is, and the small ward be added on outside.

3. The accommodation for the Police, up to this time, is 486 square feet in one room; as altered by the Committee, there will be 234 square feet in one room, where there have been two small lock-up rooms, and 283½ square feet in the adjoining room, or a total of 517½ square feet. Mr. Bliss, however, thinks that the room containing 234 square feet, will, as an Inspector's room, not be available for the Constables to assemble in, and that the second room measuring 283½ feet, superficial, is not sufficient to serve as an instruction room.

4. The plan and estimate, as received from the Range Office, have been altered by me, so as to represent the design of the Committee; but I also forward for inspection the Range Officer's plan exhibiting the additional southern wing. I do not myself perceive the necessity of this addition; but allowing that more accommodation is required, there is ample time for the explanation of the necessity being submitted to Government, and the new wards may be built independently, so as to afford the required Jail accommodation, in the manner pointed out by your Memorandum, No. 66, of the 28th October 1868.

As regards the space given to the Police, the question of sufficiency belongs to the Police Department. The total area allotted by the Committee is 517 square feet; or 31 square feet in excess of the area now in use. The Inspector General, Mr. Robinson, visited the place last year, and it is presumed he was satisfied, as he made no objection to the building. Hence, as far as this Department is concerned, I see no reason for departing from the plan arranged by the Committee; but as the alter-

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ation proposed by Mr. Bliss will, if approved, cause a slight change in the plan submitted, I will await orders, and not act on the authority conveyed in G. O., No. 3798, of the 5th December 1868, except in the preparation of materials.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of Madura, to the Assistant Engineer, 2nd Range; dated Dindigul, 10th October 1868, No. 215.

With reference to our late conversation, and the plan of the proposed improvements and alterations of the Dindigul Taluq Cutcherry, which you have been good enough to send me with your demi-official letter just received, I have the honor to offer the following remarks.

2. I agree with you that, while work is going on, it will be as well to make it complete, once for all. The erection of a proper record room and private room for the Tahsildar, as proposed by you, will complete the building for its present purpose, and make it as good a Taluq Cutcherry as possible under the circumstances. I note that you have provided for the record and Tahsildar's room being of the same size as those given in the standard plan. Both are certainly required, and I trust sanction may be obtained for their erection. The extra cost cannot be great, and as the work *must* be done sooner or later, I think there can be no doubt it will be better to get it put in hand at the same time as the new Subsidiary Jail wards are being built.

3. With regard to the erection of these new wards, I cannot say that I think the present the best plan that could have been adopted. The Police have now, in the portion of the building assigned them as a station, a total area of 648 square feet. Divide this number by 22, the number of men in the station, and even now they have less than 30 square feet a-piece, when all are in the station as they frequently are for instruction and other purposes. But this is putting the matter in too favorable a light, even as things are, for the above calculation allows the whole of the Inspector's room as available for the men to assemble in. Practically it is not so available. Deduct its area, therefore, and we have 486 square feet for 22 men, or 22 square feet only per man. Surely this is quite inadequate, and yet the Subsidiary Jail Committee propose to reduce this inadequate space to an area of 283 square feet only, or 13 square feet per man. In construction to the Police will be impossible in such a confined space. Even little children in school would, I should think, have a more liberal allowance: and the convicts, it would seem, are to have more than three times as much space as is accorded to the men who guard them. I cannot think this can have been intended, and therefore would request you to forward these remarks for consideration, with my suggestion that, instead of building the new female ward to the west of the present Police room, it be built on the east, and the male wards east of that again as now proposed. This could hardly cost 50 Rupees more I should fancy, and would reserve the Police their present amount of accommodation which is not more than they really require. I would also suggest that an extra window be put into the present north-west cell, which will hereafter be a part of the Police Inspector's room.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, dated 2nd July 1868, No. 1052.

4th January 1869.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

No. 263. From the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th January 1869, No. 244.

With reference to the letter of the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, (herewith returned with five enclosures,) we have the honor to state that the question of giving extra accommodation to the Tahsildar, as recommended by the Range Officer and Mr. Bliss, did not come before our notice, and as no representation reached us from the local Officers, we did not understand that any additional accommodation was required.

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2. There is no doubt that the alterations, suggested in the plan enclosed, will be a great improvement, and worthy of adoption, should funds be available; but we consider that the Jail portion, as recommended by us, should be put in hand without delay.

3. We beg to state, with reference to the remark of Mr. Bliss that the Police havenot enough room allotted to them, that, under our proposals, they obtain thirty-one square feet more than they have at present, and we take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government that, in all our recommendations regarding Subsidiary Jails, we have only provided room for the police guard within new Cutcheries an additional room for the Inspector. In no cases do we intend that the Police Force should be drilled or instructed, or that the purely police duties, such as preliminary inquiries, &c., should be carried on in the Cutcherry or Jail. All work of that kind should be done in Police stations distinct and separated from the Cutcherry and Jail.

4. The guard which may be allotted to the Treasury and Jail should alone be allowed to be in the Cutcherry buildings.

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1869, No. 147.

Under the circumstances set forth in the foregoing letters, His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the alterations and additions, shown on the plan of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Dindigul, furnished by the Executive Engineer Mr. O'Ratigan, being carried out, as soon as funds are available for the purpose, preference being given, however, to the Jail requirements recommended by the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.

2. The principle enunciated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the letter from the Committee regarding the accommodation for the Police when on guard is correct.

(True Extract).

Bliss
Chief Secretary.

To the Subsidiary Jail Committee.
" Public Works Department, with plan, estimate, and report.
" Magistrate of Madura.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE COMMITTEE ON
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