

Public Works (1898.) Department.

G.O., No. 10458

DATED 26th April 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sub Jail at Hospet, Pro. Judicial Dept. of.
proving the proposals of the Inspr General of Prisons
for increasing the accommodation in the sub jail attached
to the Hospet Cutcherri building and requesting the P.W.D.
to issue the necessary instructions for carrying
out herein certain alterations indicated by the
Officer Commanding S.E. Div for submission of the necessary
estimate.

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Sub-jail at Hospet,

Approving the proposals of the Inspector-General of Prisons for increasing the accommodation in the sub-jail attached to the Hospet cutcherri buildings; and requesting the Public Works Department to issue the necessary instructions for carrying out therein certain alterations indicated by that officer.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 4244, dated 11th November 1897.

Read—letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 23rd October 1897, Ref. on C. R. No. 4361.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4244, dated 11th November 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In the letter read above, the Collector of Bellary reports that the sub-jail at Hospet which contains six rooms is only large enough to accommodate fourteen prisoners, and that the number of inmates in the jail frequently exceeds twenty. It also appears from the Head Assistant Magistrate's remarks that, after the permanent removal of his own office from Bellary to Hospet, the number of prisoners, for whom separate accommodation for prisoners under police custody is also a disadvantage. The Collector accordingly proposes that four rooms capable of accommodating fourteen prisoners may be added to the sub-jail building.

3. As compared with the accommodation provided for sub-jail prisoners in the revised type design for a Tahsildar's office that available in the present sub-jail at Hospet is clearly insufficient. The Board therefore recommends that orders may be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary plan and estimate for the proposed extension of the sub-jail building.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Collector of Bellary.

Endt. Mis. No. 1309.

Transferred to the Judicial Department for disposal.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th March 1898.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

From A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Inspector-General of Prisons, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Bellary), dated Hospet, 25th January 1898, No. C. 222.

In returning the papers received under Mr. Knapp's endorsement, No. 2634, Judicial, dated 2nd December 1897, I have the honour to state that, as Hospet is a station on the Southern Mahratta Railway, only three hours' journey from Bellary (third-class fare As. 6-9), there would be no difficulty in having all convicts convicted at Hospet committed to the District Jail at Bellary, if this would obviate the necessity for extending the sub-jail. The statement which is attached to the Hospet Sub-Magistrate's No. 87, dated 11th May, shows, however, that the sub-jail population is so largely made up of remanded prisoners that, even if all convicts were sent to Bellary, the existing accommodation would still be insufficient. In these circumstances, there appears to be no alternative but to increase the available accommodation.

2. This can be done either by adding the four small wards proposed by the District Magistrate or by removing the police station and lock-up to separate premises.

3. After inspecting the sub-jail, I have come to the conclusion that the latter is the better plan for the following reasons:—

(1) The location of the police station and inspector's room in the sub-jail yard of the taluk cutcherri is inconvenient.

(2) As pointed out by the police inspector in his letter, dated 11th February, the mixing up of sub-jail prisoners, police prisoners and persons resorting to the police station in the small yard of the sub-jail is objectionable and liable to lead to escapes.

(3) The four small wards proposed to be built will cost fully Rs. 1,500 and will then be out of line with the cook-house.

(4) It will probably be a long time before the funds to build them are available, whereas an early remedy for overcrowding is needed.

4. I enclose a rough plan of the existing buildings including the cutcherri as well as the sub-jail and would, accordingly, propose that the rooms F and G, which are now used for a police station and for the police inspector, be given up for use as sub-jail wards. This will give increased accommodation for six prisoners. There is also a large room marked O, which has hitherto been used as a property room by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate. This Magistrate has now been provided with new and spacious offices and he no longer requires this room, which would supply accommodation for another six prisoners, thus raising the total sub-jail accommodation to 26, which is what was proposed to be obtained by the building of the four additional wards.

5. Police station and police inspector, I would propose, should be located in two rooms marked Q and P in the outer square of the taluk cutcherri, which were until lately occupied by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate and which have been vacated since the correspondence leading up to Mr. Stuart's letter of the 23rd October was written.

6. The cost of converting the three rooms F, G and O mentioned in paragraph 4 into sub-jail wards would be about Rs. 100. Two iron-barred doors would be required at Rs. 30 each; a door-way would have to be opened at the point marked T and another bricked up; and a few minor alterations would be requisite.

7. The police inspector was present at my visit, and agreed that the removal of the police station, &c., from the sub-jail square would be advantageous, and that the rooms Q and P proposed for their further location would suffice.

8. The Head Assistant Magistrate also met me at the sub-jail and in view of the need of an early increase of the sub-jail accommodation, he also considered that the arrangements I have suggested would meet present necessities.

9. There can be no doubt that these arrangements would meet all the needs of the jail and police department very satisfactorily and at trifling cost. The only drawback lies in the fact that it was proposed to utilize one or both of the rooms, which I have proposed (in paragraph 4) to assign to the police, as record rooms of the

Tahsildar's office. The recent removal of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate to his new office has left four rooms vacant, viz., P, Q, R, S—two large and two small—and it was proposed to use all four for records. If two of these four rooms Q and P, viz., one large one and one small one are utilized for the police station and police inspector's room, respectively, there would still remain one large room and one small one (R and S) to be used as record-rooms in addition to those hitherto in use. I understand that the Head Assistant Magistrate and Collector to think that this would suffice.

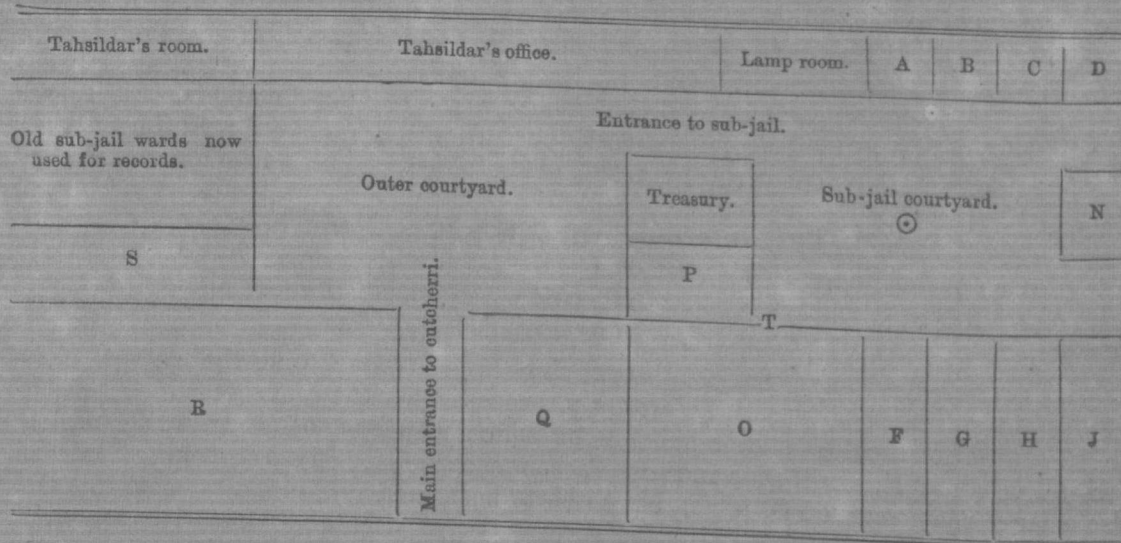
10. I return the papers received with your endorsement under reply, and forward this letter through the Collector, so that he may remark on the proposals I have made.

11. If those proposals are not accepted, the construction of the four additional wards proposed by Mr. Stuart is necessary and should be carried out.

ENCLOSURE.

Rough plan of the Hospet Cutcherry Buildings.

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Ref. on C. No. 98, dated 3rd March 1898.

Forwarded.

2. The arrangement proposed by the Inspector-General will meet the requirements for the present.

(Signed) E. A. ELWIN,
Ag. Collector and District Magistrate.

ORDER—No. 478, Judicial, dated 18th March 1898.

The Inspector-General's proposals in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his letter are approved, and the Public Works Department will be requested to issue the necessary instructions for carrying out the alterations indicated in paragraph 6.

(True Extract.)

Adhikari
for Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Prisons.
" District Magistrate, Bellary.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. Shaik Karim.