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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th January 1864.

No. 223. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Granting authority for the Regimental Hospital at Russelcondah, at present occupied by the Tahsildar's Cutcherry and the District Moonsiff's Court, being converted into a Jail for Khonds and other hill prisoners. } (Here enter 11th January 1864, No. 32.)

No. 224. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1864, No. 116.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 32.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Sooradah, 9th December 1863, No. 417.

Adverting to an application which received the sanction of Government in July last, for converting the Barracks of the late Orissa Sebundy Corps into a Khond prison, I have the honor to submit an original letter* from my Assistant, Captain Marshall, from which it will be seen that when the plan came to be carried out, several serious objections have become apparent. What Captain Marshall now suggests is to appropriate as a prison a building which is certainly far better suited to the purpose, and which is now used as a Taluq Cutcherry, and in part and temporarily, since the location of a Moonsiff at Russelcondah, as a Court to the great inconvenience of all parties.

* No. 223, dated 5th December 1863.

2. The Orissa Barracks would be more easily converted into a Court than into a prison, and I quite concur with Captain Marshall in recommending that a new Tahsildar's Cutcherry should be built at once, so as to enable us to provide really wholesome accommodation for Hill prisoners.

3. The 20 other prisoners, lately removed there by Captain Stuart, will be at once sent to Itchapore.

From Captain R. C. A. MARSHALL, Acting Junior Assistant Agent; to G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Ganjam District, dated Russelcondah, 5th December 1863, No. 223.

I have the honor to inform you that Captain Stuart, Superintendent of Police, when he came here the other day took all the sentenced prisoners, about 20 in number, that were in the Subsidiary Jail and put them in the new Hill Jail at this place, as prisoners under trial and those already sentenced cannot be confined together.

Captain Stuart says, that prisoners sentenced by the Sub-Magistrates of Aska, and Sooradah to one month and under cannot be confined in the prisoners' rooms attached to the Cutcherries of these two subordinates, as they are his lock-ups; and also because he has not a sufficient number of Constables to guard the prisoners. I have to request, therefore, you will be good enough to allow me to send not only all prisoners already, but those that may be hereafter, sentenced to one month and under by myself, the Sub-Magistrates of Goomsoor, Sooradah and Aska, to Itchapore where, Captain Stuart says, they can be accommodated and guarded. The new Jail at this place cannot accommodate more than 35 men, and from being thus over-crowded three men have died.

While on the subject of this Jail, I may as well add that Sub-Conductor Lever has estimated for a compound wall, eight feet high, all round the building. On the east side of the Jail is a Government Taluq School-house to which the east wall of the Jail will almost be contiguous, and will entirely deprive the school of air and light; in fact, the Schoolmaster says, none of the Natives will send their children to the school after the wall is raised. The Superintendent of Police is desirous of having this said School-house enclosed within the Jail walls, and converted into an Hospital for the sick prisoners. The idea is good, but will Government approve. I doubt not, should this scheme be carried out, a great additional outlay will be required as the east and south Jail compound walls have the foundations already laid, which must be taken up to take in the School-room. I would suggest that, as the foundations of the compound wall have been laid on three sides, they be completed, but only raised to four feet high, and the Jail converted into an office for the District Moonsiff, Mr. Bartley. A wall of this height (four feet) would not interfere in the least with the School-room, as air and light would have free scope to enter. The Cutcherry, at present used by the Tahsildar and District Moonsiff, is a fine large, well ventilated and commodious building, capable of holding from 150 to 200 prisoners, formerly the Regimental Hospital. I would make this the Jail, and immediately to the west and rear of the Cutcherry, and on the north side of the road leading to Aska, where the Government cattle pound stands, I would build a Cutcherry for the Tahsildar. The guards of the Police Station-house, Jail, and Tahsildar's Cutcherry would then be concentrated, and so close to each other that any attempt of an outbreak on the part of prisoners would be utterly futile. I believe the total amount of estimates submitted, or

about to be submitted by Sub-Conductor Lever, for converting the Orissa Barracks into a Jail, is about Rupees 2660; whereas if my suggestions are carried out, not only would an exceedingly good Cutcherry for the Tahsildar be built, but an office supplied for the District Moonsiff, *which is absolutely necessary*, and a fine commodious Jail obtained for that sum of money.

The Orissa Barracks cannot, in my opinion, be ever converted into a good Jail; and should the Educational Department agree to their Taluq School-house being enclosed in the Jail compound, it will doubtless demand its price, Rupees 400.

I would also point out that the District Moonsiff and Tahsildar have frequently reported to me that their respective office rooms, being under the same roof and only a wooden door between them, causes the greatest confusion, and that the noise is almost unbearable, and that in consequence their work is greatly retarded.

ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1864, No. 32.

In modification of the Order of the 8th August last, No. 1282, and with the concurrence of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the Regimental Hospital at Russelcondah, at present occupied by the Tahsildar's Cutcherry and the District Moonsiff's Court, being converted into a Jail for Khonds and other Hill prisoners.

2. The District Moonsiff's Court will be removed into the old Sebundy Barracks; and a Cutcherry for the Tahsildar will be built on the site indicated in Captain Marshall's letter. As the proposed Jail buildings appear to be commodious enough to include the Police Station-house with lock-ups, and the Subsidiary Jail, the new Talook Cutcherry will comprise accommodation merely for the Tahsildar's office, his records, and treasury.

3. Pending the completion of the arrangements now sanctioned, the Agent is requested to make such temporary arrangements as may be necessary. He will also see that no further expenditure is incurred under the estimate sanctioned for converting the Sebundy Barracks into a Jail. The height of the wall around it should not exceed four feet, and the iron gratings to the windows, if unsuited for a Court House, should be made use of in the alteration of the Regimental Hospital.

(True Extract.)

By ~~Chief~~ Secretary.

To the Agent in Ganjam.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Drawing and Memdm
for the Regimental Hospital
at Royapettah at present
occupied by the Salaried Assist
Collector, and the District
Dwarandar's Court being converted
into a Jail for H.M. Troops &
other Public Prisoners.

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Fort St. George
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