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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th June 1868.*

No. 247. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the Report relating to the }
Subsidiary Jail requirements of the district of } (Here enter 2nd June 1868, No. 891.)
South Arcot.

No. 248. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1868, No. 1,625.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 891.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd June 1868.

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 9th May 1868, No. 121.

We have the honor to report on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the district of South Arcot.

2. This district, lying on the Eastern Coast of this Presidency, is bounded on the east by the sea, on the north by the districts of Chingleput and North Arcot, on the west by the district of Salem, and on the south by Trichinopoly and Tanjore. The extent of this district is 4779 square miles, and its revenue from all sources in 1867-68 was 37,49,116.

3. The location of the Magisterial Officers of this district, with their respective charges, is as follows:—

Officers.	Officers' Head Quarters.	Taluqs.	Tahsildars' Head Quarters.	Deputy Tahsildars' Stations.	Remarks.
Magistrate...	Cuddalore....	{ Cuddalore. ... Villapuram.... Virdachellum.	Cuddalore... .. Villapuram... .. Virdachellum...	Trivady. Vanoor. Trittagudy.	
Joint Magistrate.	Virdachellum ...	{ Chellumbrum.	Chellumbrum...	{ Porto Novo. Bowanagiri. Manargudi.	
Head Assistant Magistrate....	Tindevanum....	{ Tindevanum...	Tindevanum... ..	{ Merkanum. Gingee.	
		{ Trinomally. ...	Trinomally... ..	Chengum.	
Dy. Magistrate..	Trikalore	{ Ellavanasore.. Cullacoorchy..	Ellavanasore... .. Cullacoorchy....	Trikalore.	

4. At the stations marginally noted central subsidiary buildings have been built. We have already pointed out our objections to this system in our report on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the district of Salem, and have nothing to add here, but that the Jails are too small for the number of persons that it would be necessary to accommodate in a Central Subsidiary Jail. We, therefore, propose in each case, where such a building is completed, to use it for the confinement of those prisoners alone who are sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days by the Magistracy of the station at which it is located.

Trivady.
Virdachellum.
Tindevanum.

Trinomally.
Ellavanasore.

MAGISTRATE'S DIVISION.

5. *Cuddalore*.—Here an entirely new Jail will be required, but we are still in communication with the local Officer as to the best site for this building, and we propose sending in a supplementary report on this subject.

6. *Trivady*.—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of Cuddalore, and is distant from it 14 miles.

7. Plan A. shows the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail. On it we have indicated in yellow the proposals we recommend. These are, the division of the large ward on the eastern side of the building into two, and the making of a passage between the wards marked *b.* and *c.* on the plan. Accommodation is thus pro-

vided for twelve males and seven females in four wards, which, judging from the Returns, is ample. The ventilation requires improvement, as shown in yellow in the Plan A.

8. Plan B. shows the site. On this we have indicated the position of the necessary adjuncts of latrine, cook-house, and hospital shed. A well already exists at this station.

9. *Villapurum*.—This is the station of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name, and is 30 miles from Cuddalore.

10. The accommodation for prisoners at this station is wholly insufficient. There are two small wards only capable of holding five persons in all. One of these we propose to make over to the Post Office, and one to the records, and to build a new Jail of four wards on our standard plan to accommodate twelve male and six female prisoners in the rear of the present Cutcherry.

11. Plan A. shows the existing building, and on that will be seen in yellow at x the opening we propose to make, in order to join the Jail to the Cutcherry by a covered passage.

12. Plan B. shows the site. On this we have shown the position of the Jail and subsidiary buildings. It will be observed that the land we propose to occupy is private property. The extent marked by us should be acquired either by purchase or exchange for the Government land that adjoins it.

13. *Vanoor*.—At this station, which is 21 miles from Villapurum, and 22 from Cuddalore, a new Cutcherry for the Sub-Magistrate has been proposed. We recommend the erection of a Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, with accommodation for twelve males and six females on the Standard Plan No. 2, on the Site Plan A., which accompanies. On that we have indicated the position of the various buildings.

14. The Police station, Plan B., will then be no longer required for the confinement of prisoners.

JOINT MAGISTRATE'S DIVISION.

15.—*Virdachellum*.—Here are located the Joint Magistrate and the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq, and its distance from Cuddalore is 28 miles.

16. The Subsidiary Jail, Plan A., is a detached building, 246 yards from the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and about three-quarters of a mile from the Joint Magistrate's Office. We regret that it is impossible to provide the requisite accommodation in or nearer to the Tahsildar's Office, but there is no space at our disposal.

17. We propose, therefore, to keep the existing Jail with the following alterations and additions, all of which are shown in Plan A. in yellow. These are, increased ventilation in all the wards, the division of the eastern ward into two, and the addition of a new room on the north. Accommodation is thus provided for sixteen males in three wards, and four females in two wards. This will meet the requirements of this station.

18. Plan B. shows the site and the subsidiary buildings. The well should be cleaned, deepened, and repaired.

19. *Trittagudi*.—This is the station of the Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of Virdachellum, and is distant from that station 20 miles, and from Cuddalore 58 miles.

20. The Cutcherry at this station is very small. Plan A. shows the building, Plan B. the site. On the former we have indicated in yellow the additions we propose. These are, the erection of two wards, A. and B., 12 x 14, and increased ventilation in the other wards, C. and D. On the latter will be seen the subsidiary buildings with a well. Accommodation is provided for twelve prisoners in all, which will meet the requirements of this station.

21. *Chellumbrum*.—This is the station of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name, and is distant from Virdachellum 22 miles, and from Cuddalore 28 miles.

22. We are unable to provide the accommodation required in the existing building. We, therefore, propose to give up the southern side to the Tahsildar, with the existing prisoners' room for his private room, and giving the Police part of the northern side of the Cutcherry to build a Jail in rear, joined to the guard-room by a covered passage 40 feet in length. Accommodation is required and provided for eighteen males in three wards, and six females in two wards.

23. Plan A. shows the existing building. On Plan B., which exhibits the site we have indicated, the position of the Jail, its subsidiary buildings, and a well, all of which we consider necessary.

24. *Porto Novo*.—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar in the Taluq of Chellumbrum, and is 9 miles distant from that place, and 19 miles from Cuddalore.

25. The accommodation required at this station is about twelve males and four females; Plan A. shows the proposals we recommend. These are, the building of one additional ward for six males, and enlarging the present ward marked x. The room at present used for "prisoners under trial" should be made into two; and accommodation will then be available for eleven male and four female prisoners. This will, we think, be found sufficient. These alterations, as well as those in ventilation which we consider necessary, are exhibited in yellow on the plan. We have also indicated the position of the usual adjuncts of latrine, cook-house, and hospital shed. A well already exists.

26. The wall should be lowered to three feet.

27. *Bowanagiri*.—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Chellumbrum Taluq, and is distant from Cuddalore 29 miles.

28. A re-allotment of the rooms in the Cutcherry building will give accommodation for twelve males and seven females. This will suffice. These alterations are shown in Plan A. in yellow.

29. Plan B. exhibits the usual subsidiary buildings, and a well.

30. *Manargudi*.—This is the station of another Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Chellumbrum Taluq, and is distant from Chellumbrum 16 miles, and from Cuddalore 44 miles.

31. Judging from the Returns that have reached us, the number of prisoners in confinement at this station is exceedingly small. We, therefore, propose, as shown in Plan A., to convert the northern end of the Cutcherry into a Jail, and we are of opinion that the accommodation thus provided of four wards, capable of holding seven males and six females, will suffice for this station.

32. On Plan B. we have indicated the position of the subsidiary buildings. Although there is a channel at the end of the compound, still as it is dry in the hot weather, we think it better that a well should be sunk, as marked on Plan B.

HEAD ASSISTANT MAGISTRATE'S DIVISION.

33. *Tindevanum*.—Here are located the Head Assistant and the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of Tindevanum. The distance from Cuddalore is 45 miles.

34. The Subsidiary Jail, Plan A., is a detached building of late construction, and, with the alterations shown in yellow on the plan, will accommodate nine males and six females. Although the number of females is not so large as six, their wards will no doubt often be available for male prisoners.

35. The alterations consist in the division into two of the larger ward, and the improvement of the ventilation. The doors should all be wholly, not partially, barred with iron, and the windows increased to the dimensions of 4 by 2 feet.

36. Plan B. shows the position of the subsidiary buildings, which we consider necessary. A well of good water is already on the spot.

37. The Jail is distant from the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, Plan C., about 100 feet.

38. *Merkanum*.—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in Tindevanum Taluq, and is distant from Tindevanum 21 miles, and from Cuddalore 43 miles.

39. The Cutcherry, Plan A., is a small building containing two rooms as a Jail, each of which will accommodate two females. These we propose to continue for that purpose, with the substitution of wholly for partially iron barred doors. For males we recommend the addition of two wards, as shown in Plan A. in yellow, each to accommodate six persons. This will meet the requirements of this station.

40. Plan B. shows the site, and on that we have indicated the position of the necessary subsidiary buildings. A well is also provided.

41. *Gingee*.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate, and is distant from Tindevanum 17 miles, and from Cuddalore 62 miles.

42. The Cutcherry, Plan A., is too small to afford the required space for prisoners. We, therefore, propose to re-allot the building by giving the present Jail wards for records, and the present record room to the Police, and by building a Jail of four wards, with accommodation for twelve males and six females on the south side of the Cutcherry joined to it by a covered passage.

43. Plan B. exhibits the new Jail, subsidiary buildings, and well, all of which we consider necessary.

44. *Trinomally*.—This is the station of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the station of the same name, and is 24 miles from Tindevanum, and 67 from Cuddalore.

45. The Subsidiary Jail, Plan A., a building adjoining the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and with the alterations shown in yellow on the plan will suffice for ten males and four females. We have divided the larger ward into two, and increased the ventilation. The windows should be made of the size marked by us, and all the doors should be wholly barred.

46. Plan B. shows the site. We recommend that the whole space, 101 feet by 113 feet, marked "ground available," should be taken up and enclosed. The subsidiary buildings are indicated in yellow in Plan B. A well of good water is already shown to exist.

47. *Chengum*.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate, and is 19 miles from Trinomally.

48. We are unable to provide accommodation for prisoners in the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, which, Plan A., is a small building. We, therefore, propose to give the record room to the Police, and the Jails to the records, and build in rear, on the west, a Jail, consisting of four wards, to accommodate twelve males and six females. The Jail will be joined to the Cutcherry by a covered passage 40 feet in length.

49. Plan B. shows the Jail, subsidiary buildings, and well, all of which are needed.

50. The Police station, Plan C., will no longer be required as a place of confinement.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR'S DIVISION.

51. *Ellavanasore*.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq of the same name, and is distant from Cuddalore 36 miles.

52. The Jail here, which is in a detached building, is reported to be "in a dangerous state, the roof leaky, and a sagging has taken place in the principal beams supporting the roof, from their being but up the wrong way."

53. Plan A. shows this building, its distance from the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry is 80 yards.

54. As it appears to us necessary to pull down the existing Jail and re-build it, as well as to make an addition to accommodate the number of prisoners which the District Returns show to be necessary, we are of opinion that it would be better to build a new Subsidiary Jail in the compound of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, as shown in Plan B. Accommodation is provided for twelve males and six females in four wards, with the necessary out-buildings, a well, and guard-room for the Police.

55. *Trikalore*.—This is the station of the Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Ellavanasore Taluq, and is distant from the head quarters of the Taluq 20½ miles, and from Cuddalore 43 miles.

56. Plan A. shows the Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, which are in one block. The Cutcherry is large, and we propose, as shown in yellow in the plan, to provide accommodation for six males and six females in the following manner:—The whole of the western side to be converted into a Jail of four wards, with a passage at × to allow of the prisoners passing out to the subsidiary buildings without going through the Cutcherry. The existing Jail ward on the southern side to be converted into a record room.

57. The subsidiary buildings are also indicated on the plan in yellow.

58. *Cullacoorch*.—This is the station of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name, and is distant 51½ miles from Cuddalore.

59. The Cutcherry is a spacious building, to which two rooms have been added on the north for the Police. The existing Jail, two wards in the building, we propose to devote to the imprisonment of females, and with the increased ventilation shown in yellow in Plan A. they will accommodate two in each. We propose further to add on a verandah westwards in continuation of the Police guard-room,

and to build two wards, each 16 x 15, to hold six males in each. This is the approximate number that require accommodation at this station.

60. The subsidiary buildings are also shown in yellow on the plan. The well in the compound should be deepened and repaired.

61. We recommend that the floorings of all existing and proposed Jail wards and latrines should be asphalted.

62. When these recommendations are carried out, it will no longer be necessary to march prisoners from one place to another to undergo their confinement. We consider it desirable that prisoners should always be confined at their place of sentence. It may, however, be necessary on extraordinary occasions to relieve an over-crowded Jail. In that case, those persons who have the longest part of their sentences to run, and are in good health, should be selected.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1868, No. 891.

In the Report above recorded, the Committee on Subsidiary Jails describe the requirements of the District of South Arcot in respect of the accommodation necessary for prisoners sentenced by the Magistracy to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

2. The Committee state that Central Subsidiary Jails have been built at—

Trivady,	Trinomally, and
Virdachellum,	Ellavanasore,
Tindevanum,	

but that they are not large enough for the number of prisoners that it would be necessary to accommodate in them. The Committee propose, therefore, where a Central Subsidiary Jail has been completed, to use it as an ordinary Subsidiary Jail, provision being made in each of the other Taluqs for the short-sentenced prisoners.

3. The Committee note the requirements of each Jail in each Sub-Division of the District, and they recommend that a new Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail should be built at Vanoor.

New Jails at—

Villapurum,	Gingee,
Chellumbrum,	Chengum, and
Porto Novo,	Ellavanasore.

Additional wards at—

Trittagudy,	Cullacoorchy.
Merkanum,	

Alterations and improvements at—

Trivady,	Tindevanum,
Virdachellum,	Trinomally, and
Bowanagiri,	Trikalore,
Manargudi,	

and that the floorings of all wards be asphalted.

4. The Governor in Council approves of the several suggestions made by the Committee, and directs that the report and plans be referred to the Public Works Department, with a view to estimates being prepared for sanction.

5. The Governor in Council concurs in the views expressed by the Committee in the closing paragraph of their report, and directs that the attention of the Magistrate of South Arcot be drawn to them.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with the Map and Plans.

"	Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
"	Magistrate of South Arcot.
"	Inspector General of Police.
"	Revenue Department.

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