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No. 125. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Passing orders on the report of the Subsidiary Jail Committee on the requirements of the district of Nellore. } (Here enter 3rd July 1868, No. 1,059.)

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1868, No. 1,887.

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. 1,059.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 29. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 27th May 1868, No. 131.

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

2. The district comprises an area of 4546 square miles divided into nine Taluqs, and its revenue in 1867-68 amounted to Rupees 36,31,355 from all sources.

3. The administrative staff of the district consists of a Magistrate, a Joint Magistrate, a Head Assistant Magistrate, a Deputy Collector and Magistrate, nine Tahsildar Sub-Magistrates, and nine Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrates, with one or more Covenanted Assistants according to circumstances.

4. A considerable portion of the district is held on Zemindary tenure, the chief proprietor being the Zemindar of Venkatagherry.

5. The district is allotted among the Controlling Officers in the following manner :—

Head Quarters.

Collector.....Nellore.
Sub-Collector.....Ramapatam.
Head Assistant.....Nellore.
Deputy Collector.....Naidoopett.

6. NELLORE.—This is the station of the Magistrate, of the Tahsildar of the Taluq, of a Town Sub-Magistrate, of the Magistrate's Junior Assistant, and at present of the Head Assistant Magistrate also. The location of the latter Officer in his Taluqs is now under the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

7. There is no Subsidiary Jail here. The Acting Magistrate states that under-trial prisoners are kept in the Police Station-house and sentenced prisoners are "sent in every case, however short the sentence may be, to the Zillah Jail." This ararrangement is opposed to the Jail rules, but there is no alternative.

8. We consider that accommodation should be provided at Nellore for eighteen males and six females in five wards of our standard dimensions, and we suggested to the Acting Magistrate, Mr. Boswell, that these should be constructed close to the Treasury in the compound of his office, so that the same guard might protect the Jail and Treasury. Mr. Boswell, however, now informs us that the Superintending Engineer has condemned the entire Cutcherry and has proposed the construction of a new one on some other site. Under these circumstances the building of a Subsidiary Jail must be deferred until the site of the new Cutcherry is determined, when the Subsidiary Jail and Police guard-house might be first commenced as the most necessary portion of the entire block of buildings.

9. Meanwhile, we recommend that the ventilation of the wards in the Police Lock-up be improved, and that the floors of two of the wards, which will alone be required when the Jail is built, be asphalted. We shall address you again as soon as possible regarding a new office with Jail attached for the Collector and Magistrate.

10. ALLUR.—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in the Nellore Taluq. The office is a quadrangular building. We propose allotting one side of it for Jail purposes and dividing the space into four wards, as shown in plan *A*. These alterations

will afford sufficient accommodation, and the expense of making them is estimated by the Superintending Engineer at Rupees 850. The floors of the wards are to be asphalted, and ridge ventilation is to be afforded. The dimensions of each ward are given in the margin. Numbers 1 and 2 are intended each for three females. Number 3 for three males, and Number 4 for four males.

No. 1. 16×9×11.
No. 2. 16×9×11.
No. 3. 18×9×11.
No. 4. 20·9×9×11.

11. We forward also an estimate of Rupees 250 for repairs to the Cutcherry.

12. The subsidiary buildings required are to be placed on a piece of Government land adjacent to the Cutcherry on the north side. They will consist of a latrine, cooking-shed, and hospital-shed of the standard description. Plan *B* shows their location.

13. Goodoor.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Goodoor Taluq. The Cutcherry is shown in Plan *A*. It has only one ward, 15' 3" by 9'. The Station house is a separate building and has one ward 17' by 12' 8".

14. We propose, as the best arrangement practicable, to convert the southern half of the building into four wards, to erect a Court-room for the Sub-Magistrate on the northern side, and to erect a long record-room on the eastern side. These arrangements are shown in Plan *B*; and Plan *C* shows the position of the necessary subsidiary buildings.

15. Naidoopet.—This is the Station of a Deputy Magistrate. This Officer's Cutcherry is incommodious and in a ruinous condition. There are no wards for prisoners. In the Police Station there is one ward 19' 9" by 7', in which prisoners under trial are confined. Sentenced prisoners are sent 42 miles to Nellore.

16. A new office and Jail in a better situation are absolutely necessary.

17. We understand that the expediency of retaining the Deputy Magistrate at this station is under consideration, and must defer making our recommendations until this question is settled.

18. Ongole.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Ongole Taluq.

19. The Cutcherry is on the standard quadrangular plan, and affords Jail accommodation for twenty-one prisoners in five cells. This seems quite sufficient.

20. A hospital and cooking-shed are required, and the wards should be asphalted. Plan *A* shows the building and Plan *B* the site. On the latter we have indicated the position of the buildings.

21. Podile.—This is the Sub-Magistrate's station in the Podile Division of the Venkatagherry Zemindary.

22. The building shown in Plan *A* exhibits the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station. This is a small building, and the requisite accommodation cannot be provided in it. We propose, therefore, to build two wards, each for six males, on the south side of the building, and to convert the eastern verandah into two wards for females. Accommodation is thus provided for twelve males and four females.

23. Plan *B* exhibits the site.

24. Darisi.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate, and is distant from Ongole 35 miles.

25. The present Lock-up may be given up to the Sub-Magistrate. He appears now to be allowed only a corner of the verandah, 9 square feet. We propose to enclose the verandah of the existing building and to divide it into two parts, each giving accommodation for two females, and to build two wards, each for six males, in the compound.

26. Plan *A* shows our proposals in yellow. Plan *B* shows the site. On both we have indicated the new buildings we propose.

27. Sooloorpett.—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate.

28. There is no office or Jail here. The Sub-Magistrate holds his office in a rented house. Convicted prisoners are sent to Nellore, 59 miles distant, and those under trial are detained in the Police Station-house, which is a shed of mud walls and thatched roof, without doors or divisions. The place is 21 feet by 12. 9 feet, of which one-third only is available for prisoners; the remainder being required for the guard and records.

29. The construction of a Cutcherry and Jail with four wards on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 is absolutely necessary, and should be commenced without delay.

Two for six males each.
Two for three females each.

30. Plan *A* shows the site selected, and on it we have indicated the position of the new buildings.

31. We have requested Mr. Boswell to rent a house for the temporary accommodation of prisoners, and, if this be impracticable, to suggest the most economical means of otherwise providing such accommodation, until the new Jail is built.

32. Kavali.—Station of Tahsildar, 35 miles from Nellore.

33. We propose to convert the northern side of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry into two wards, each for three females, and build two wards for males, joined by a covered passage to the building.

34. Plan *A* shows the building and the alterations that we recommend in it. Plan *B* exhibits the compound, and on it we have indicated the new wards and the necessary subsidiary buildings.

35. A well already exists at this station.

36. Streeharicottah.—A Deputy Tahsildar, who is also a Sub-Magistrate, is stationed at this place. It is within the limits of the Goodoor Taluq from the Cutcherry of which it is distant 49 miles.

37. The Sub-Magistrate's office, Police station, and Jail are all in one small building (Plan *A*), of which, small as it is, one room is occupied as a store-room for the jungle produce gathered by the Yanadies, and the grain issued to them in payment for the same.

38. The number of prisoners here is usually small, but the returns we have received show that, from the 24th January to the 5th April 1865, there were daily from fourteen to sixteen prisoners under trial, while the single ward in the building can only hold four persons, giving each about the approved superficial and cubical space. This was owing to exceptional circumstances.

39. We recommend that the room mentioned above as being used for a store room be at once converted into a ward: there will then be two wards, each capable

of containing four persons. The addition of a similar ward at each end, with a verandah in front, will sufficiently meet all requirements. The present ward and store-room open into the Sub-Magistrate's office; these doors should be closed, and new entrances opened from the verandah. The ventilators at the back of these wards should be 6 feet long by 2 feet high, to make up for the loss of the side ventilators. These alterations are shown in Plan *A* in yellow.

40. We recommend that the space *A*, *B*, *C*, *D*, shown in Plan *B*, be enclosed as the compound of the office and Jail, and that in suitable positions on it be built a cooking-shed, latrine, and hospital-shed. The land, we believe, belongs to Government, but some compensation will have to be made for the removal of a few huts within its boundaries.

41. It will be necessary to construct a new store-room in lieu of the one we propose to convert into a ward.

42. Mogullur.—The Tahsildar of the Kanigherry Taluq is at present stationed here, but his office is to be removed to Kanigherry.

43. As a temporary measure, the Acting Magistrate proposes to construct two wards at the back of the Cutcherry, and, if no house can be rented near it, we think this will be the best plan. We would, however, deprecate any expense in enlarging the present building if the new Cutcherry can be put in hand at once. In this case, the Jail should be the part of the building first commenced.

44. At present there is only one ward for prisoners of all descriptions, and the Plan *A* shows that the Cutcherry is far too small to admit of any more accommodation being made available.

45. A new Cutcherry on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1, with four wards, must be built at Kanigherry.

46. Plan *B* shows the site selected by the Acting Magistrate and the position of the different buildings.

47. Kandukur.—The Tahsilder of the Kandukur Taluq is stationed here.

48. His office is shown in Plan *A*. There are only two small wards in it, and it is impossible to devote any more of the building to the accommodation of prisoners without greatly inconveniencing the Tahsildar.

49. We propose constructing a range of four* wards on the southern side of the Cutcherry, connecting them with the building by a covered passage 40 feet long.

* Two for males, each 16′ × 15′ × 15′, for six each.
Two for females, each 8′ × 15′ × 15′, for three each.

50. The Subsidiary buildings will be in rear of the wards as shown in Plan *B*. The necessary land for these can, the Magistrate informs us, be easily acquired.

51. Addanki.—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate.

52. The Cutcherry Plan *A* is on the old quadrangular plan, and sufficient accommodation for prisoners can be provided within the building. These alterations are shown in Plan *B*, and (exclusive of asphalte floors, which we consider essential) are estimated to cost Rupees 920.

53. The subsidiary buildings will be constructed in rear of the wards. Plan *C* shows the site.

54. We have selected the western side in this Cutcherry in order that the wards may be, as far as possible, from the public entrance.

55. Venkatagherry.—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate.

56. Plan *A* shows the existing Cutcherry and Police Station, which are both in the same building. There is only one small ward for prisoners, and the building is otherwise incommodious and unsuitable.

57. A new office on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 with four wards is necessary here. A fresh site must be selected for the new building, as the compound of the present one is too confined and is surrounded by houses.

58. Pending the construction of the new Cutcherry, the Zemindar of Venkatagherry has very liberally offered to place at the disposal of Government, rent free, a house belonging to him, half a mile distant from the Cutcherry. We recommend that the offer be accepted and the Zemindar's courtesy duly acknowledged.

59. Oodiagherry.—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq.

60. Plan *A* shows the existing Cutcherry, formerly a Mahomedan house. It is quite unsuited for the purposes of a Tahsildar's Office and Jail. There is only one ward in it, 12½ feet by 10½ feet and 8 feet in height.

61. The Acting Magistrate originally proposed to build another ward, but has since* rented a house for the accommodation of the prisoners, and we conclude that this will suffice for the present, until a new building is constructed, which is an urgent necessity.

* G. O., 12th February 1868, No. 229.

62. We recommend that a Cutcherry and Jail, according to Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1 (with accommodation for twelve male and six female prisoners), be built here as soon as possible. We shall submit a site plan hereafter.

63. Devaroyapally.—This is at present the Cusbah of the Atmakoor Taluq, but the head-quarters are to be removed to Atmakoor as soon as the new Cutcherry, already sanctioned, is built.

64. It is only necessary, therefore, to make such temporary arrangements at Devaroyapally as are essentially requisite.

65. Plan *A* shows the existing building.

66. We propose to convert the room now used for the reception of unclaimed property into two wards (in each of which two persons may be confined), and the record-room next the lock-up into a ward for four prisoners. Including the existing lock-up, there will thus be accommodation for ten prisoners, with the means of separating the sexes and classes.

67. It will be necessary to make an addition to the record-room, which is estimated to cost Rupees 500. As these alterations are of a very temporary nature, it is unnecessary to incur any avoidable expense, and it is probable that this sum may be made to meet all the improvements we have suggested.

68. At Atmakoor, the future head-quarters of the Taluq, a Cutcherry and Jail, on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1, should be constructed as soon as possible. We will in due course forward a site plan showing the position of the requisite buildings.

69. The floors of all the Jail wards, both existing and proposed, and of the latrines, should be asphalted.

70. A sweeper will be required for each Subsidiary Jail, and the Magistrate should be instructed to procure as many mats and cumblies as may be the number of prisoners for whom accommodation is provided. The night troughs in the wards should be of the pattern recommended by the Inspector General of Jails.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1868, No. 1059.

In the report above recorded, the Committee on Subsidiary Jails describe the wants of the District of Nellore in respect of accommodation for prisoners sentenced by the Magistracy to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

2. The Committee state that at Nellore there is no Subsidiary Jail, and that the prisoners sentenced to short terms of imprisonment are sent to the Zillah Jail. The Committee consider that accommodation should be provided for eighteen males and six females, but as the site of the present Taluq Cutcherry has been condemned, it is suggested that the construction of a Subsidiary Jail should be deferred until a new site is determined on.

3. At Naidoopett a new Office and Jail are stated to be absolutely necessary, but as the expediency of retaining the Deputy Magistrate's Cutcherry at that station is under consideration, the Committee defer making their recommendations as to what should be done.

4. At Mo[illegible]allur the Magistrate proposes to construct, as a temporary measure, two wards at the back of the Cutcherry. The Committee, however, deprecate any expense in enlarging the Cutcherry in the new Cutcherry at Kanigherry be put in hand at once.

5. With these exceptions, the Committee recommend that new Cutcherries and Jails on the standard plans Nos. 1 and 2, with the requisite out-houses, should be constructed at—

Sooloorpett,	Oodiagherry, and
Venkatagherry,	Atmakoor;

and that alterations and additions should be made at—

Nellore,	Kavali,
Allur,	Streeharicottah,
Goodoor,	Kandukur,
Ongole,	Addanki,
Podile,	Devaroyapally.
Darisi,	

6. The floors of all the Jail wards to be asphalted, and the night troughs in the wards to be of the pattern recommended by the Inspector General of Jails.

7. The Governor in Council approves of the recommendations made by the Subsidiary Jail Committee, and directs that the report and plans submitted by the Committee be forwarded to the Public Works Department, in order that plans and estimates may be prepared for the several works for the sanction of Government.

8. The Governor in Council authorizes the Magistrate of Nellore to employ a sweeper for each Subsidiary Jail, and to provide as many mats and cumblies as are necessary for the prisoners.

9. The Magistrate will inform the Zemindar of Venkatagherry that the Government highly appreciate his liberality in placing at their disposal, to be used as a Subsidiary Jail, a house belonging to him, and that they accept his offer.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with plans.
" Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Magistrate of Nellore.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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