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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 127. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Report by the Subsidiary Jail Committee on the } (Here enter 2nd July 1868, No. 1,051.)
requirements of the district of Cuddapah.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1868, No. 1,888.

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. 1,051.

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

No. 16. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 25th June 1868, No. 141.

We have the honor to report on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the District of Cuddapah.

2. This District comprises an area of 9,177 square miles, and its revenue from all sources in 1867-68 was Rupees 22,55,920.

Jamalmadgoo.
Prodatur.
Budwail.
Pallivendla.
Sidhout.
Kadiri.

Royachoti.
Madanapully.
Cuddapah.
Pallampet.
Voilpaul.

3. It is divided into 11 Taluqs, marginally noted, in the three last of which there are the Sub-Magistrates' stations of Camlapoor, Chitwel, and Pelair, as well as the Tahsil stations of Cuddapah, Pallampet, and Voilpaul.

We understand that Chitwel is to be abolished as a Magisterial Station.

4. The location of the Magisterial Staff is as follows:—

The Magistrate of the District and at present the Head Assistant Magistrate are at Cuddapah; the Joint Magistrate is at Madanapully, and the Deputy Magistrate at Jamalmadgoo.

We understand that it is under consideration to locate the Head Assistant Magistrate at Wontimitta in the Sidhout Taluq.

5. The Taluq Offices and Subsidiary Jails in this District are of a most inferior description, many being native houses; and we have found it impossible to attempt any alterations in the existing buildings, as we are assured that money so spent would be only money thrown away; and as we are convinced that the most economical method in the end will be found in the erection of entirely new buildings generally on different sites to those on which the existing offices stand. These sites, in most cases, are in a cramped locality, in the centre of towns of considerable importance.

6. Until all our recommendations can be carried out, which must necessarily be spread over some time, we beg to call the particular attention of the Government to the actual condition of the Subsidiary Jail accommodation of this District, and to the absolute necessity of immediate action being taken by the Magistracy of the District to give effect to the intentions of the Government, as contained in their Order of the 18th May 1866, No. 766. Should the sum therein sanctioned, 200 Rupees, be insufficient, the orders of Government should be at once obtained for such further expenditure as may be necessary to prevent for the future the over-crowding of short sentenced prisoners, which we fear has been usual in this District.

7. We beg to forward the plans of the existing buildings in this District, and shall, in due course, submit site plans for the location of the new buildings we propose, with their positions indicated on them.

8. It will be seen that the arrangements we propose are as follows:—

CUDDAPAH.—New Huzoor Cutcherry.

New Taluq Cutcherry.

Subsidiary Jail with accommodation for 24 males and 9 females.

CAMLAPPOOR.—New Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and Jail for 12 males and 6 females.

SIDHOUT.—Uncertain.

WONTIMITTA.—Uncertain.

MADANAPULLY.—New Tahsil Cutcherry, and Jail for 24 males and 6 females.

PRODATUR, JAMALMADGOO, VOILPAUD.—New Tahsil Cutcheries, with 5 Jail wards for 18 male and 6 female prisoners.

PELAIR OR ELSEWHERE.—New Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and Jail for 12 males and 6 females.

KADIRI, PULLIVENDLA, BUDWAIL, ROYACHOTI.—New Tahsil Cutcheries, and Jails for 12 males and 6 females.

PALLAMPET.—New Jail for 12 male and female prisoners.

SUBSIDIARY BUILDINGS, *i. e.*, latrines, cook houses, and hospital sheds, with wells, at all stations. We have as yet made no provision for the Head Assistant, as we are not aware that the location of his office has been finally established.

9. We have made a rough calculation of the probable expense of our proposals, and we estimate it at Rupees 2,50,000.

10. We will now proceed to notice in detail the existing imperfect Subsidiary Jail accommodation at each Magisterial station, and the remedial measures which we would recommend for adoption.

11. CUDDAPAH.—Here are located the head-quarters of the District, as well as the Cusbah of the Cuddapah Taluq, and also a Town Sub-Magistracy.

12. The Taluq Cutcherry contains two cells, capable of holding in all five persons, in which are confined all persons sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding one month, by the Magistrate of the District, his Assistant, the Head Assistant Magistrate, the Taluq Sub-Magistrate, the Town Sub-Magistrate, and often persons committed for trial by the Session Court, who arrive too late to be received into the Zillah Jail.

13. This is obviously opposed to the intentions of Government, and we, therefore, proposed to the Magistrate to erect a Jail in his Cutcherry compound. He now informs us that his Cutcherry has no compound properly so-called, but that his office is in a detached building, and that the other parts which make up the Collector's office are scattered at various distances from one another over a large area of ground, and that there is no space available near any of them for a new Subsidiary Jail.

14. It appears to us necessary to build a new office for the Magistrate of the District, and also a new Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail.

15. The Jail we propose should be of seven wards, to accommodate 24 male and 9 female prisoners. This is the minimum number for whom room has to be found.

16. We recommend that this building be erected forthwith on a site which should be of sufficiently ample dimensions to take in the new office for the Collector and Magistrate, which we consider necessary.

17. So pressing is the emergency at this station, that we would urge immediate action being taken to provide temporary accommodation for 24 males and 9 females. It seems doubtful from the plan of the Taluq Cutcherry whether there is sufficient space for hutting the prisoners; but, should the space be insufficient, the Magistrate should be directed to lose no time in selecting a suitable site and commencing the hutting.

18. CAMLAPOOR.—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in the Cuddapah Taluq and is distant from Cuddapah 15 miles.

19. The Cutcherry and Jail are a small building in the heart of the town, and very deficient in ventilation. The Jail consists of two wards, each of which will hold three persons, which is insufficient even under the present arrangement, by which all convicted persons are sent at once to Cuddapah.

20. There is no room for the extension we consider necessary, and we therefore propose to build a new Office and Jail on the standard plan No. 2, with accommodation for 12 males and 6 females, in four wards of the usual dimensions and capacity.

21. SIDHOUT.—This is the Tahsildar's station of the Taluq of the same name, and is 12 miles distant from Cuddapah.

22. We are still in communication with the Magistrate regarding this station, and shall forward a supplementary report hereafter.

23. PRODATUR.—This is the Tahsil station of the Prodatur Taluq, and is 28 miles from Cuddapah.

24. "The Taluq Cutcherry is an old native house, which should be replaced "as early as possible. It stands in a most unhealthy position in a densely crowded "town, devoid of ventilation and of water fit to drink."

25. The Jail accommodation consists of one poor room, capable of holding three persons. We find that, on the 28th and 29th of February last, the numbers in confinement were 33; this, however, is owing to exceptional circumstances, but numbers from 12 to 14 are frequent.

26. We recommend the erection of a new Tahsil Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail on the standard plan No. 1, with accommodation for 18 males and 6 females.

27. The Magistrate should lose no time in making, as proposed by him, temporary arrangements to prevent the over-crowding of this Subsidiary Jail.

28. PULLIVENDLA.—This is the station of a Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name, and is 39 miles from Cuddapah.

29. "This," the Magistrate informs us, "is the worst of the Subsidiary Jails in the District." There is only one ward capable of containing two persons. In January we find that 14 prisoners required accommodation for two days, and 13 prisoners for three days.

30. The Executive Engineer adds that "it would be a waste of money to do "anything to the present building. A plan is now being prepared for a Cutcherry "on the new plan."

31. We consider a new Cutcherry to be absolutely necessary, and we have requested the Magistrate to select a site in a suitable and airy situation, instead of the present one, which is in the town closely surrounded by houses.

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32. Nothing would seem to have been done to afford temporary accommodation for the prisoners. The Magistrate now proposes to supply this defect, which should have received notice long ago.

33. Accommodation will be required for 12 male and 6 female prisoners.

34. BUDWAIL.—This is the Tahsil station of the Budwail Taluq, and is distant from Cuddapah 34 miles.

35. The Cutcherry "is an old native house almost in a ruined state," and we are unable to provide the required accommodation for prisoners. The existing Jail wards, two in number, will barely hold seven persons in all. This is not sufficient.

36. We therefore propose to build a new Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, with accommodation for 12 males and 6 females on the standard plan No. 1.

37. In the meantime recourse must be had to temporary hutting.

38. PALLAMPET.—Here is located the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Pallampet Taluq, and the distance is 38 miles from Cuddapah.

39. The Cutcherry and Jail are shown in Plan A. This consists of two wards on the western side of the Cutcherry, marked C and D on the plan. They will hold six and four persons respectively. This is not sufficient, nor does it admit of the necessary separation and classification of prisoners.

40. Our recommendations are shown in yellow in Plan A. They consist in giving the Jail wards to the Tahsildar, in addition to his present accommodation, and building a new Jail, on the standard plan, of four wards on the northern side of the Cutcherry, and joined to it by a covered way 40 feet in length.

41. The Magistrate will select suitable sites for a latrine, cook-house, and hospital shed, which are all required, and for which ample space is stated to be available.

42. CHITWEL.—This is a station of a Sub-Magistrate in the Pallampet Taluq, and is distant from Pallampet 12 miles and from Cuddapah 50 miles.

43. The Cutcherry and Jail are among the ruins of the Rajah's old palace. The latter is capable of accommodating three persons.

44. The Magistrate informs us that it is proposed to abolish this station, as there is not sufficient work for two Magistrates in the Pallampet Taluq. We have, therefore, no recommendations to offer regarding this station.

45. JAMALMADGOO is the station of a Deputy Collector and also of the Tahsildar of the Taluq of the same name, and is distant from Cuddapah 41 miles.

46. The Cutcherry and Jail are an old native house, which should be re-placed by a more substantial building as soon as possible. The Jail wards are two in number, and will only accommodate five persons in all.

47. This accommodation is not sufficient, nor can we provide the requisite number of wards on the existing site. Owing to the Deputy Collector and Magistrate being stationed here, the numbers are often large and frequently exceed twenty.

48. The wall surrounding the Cutcherry is reported to be 14 feet high and to impede ventilation. Convicted prisoners might be available to reduce this. As a temporary measure, and until the new Jail wards can be built, recourse must be had to hutting.

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49. We recommend the erection, on the standard plan No. 1, of a new Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, with accommodation for 18 males and 6 females. This is the minimum number that should be provided for at this station.

50. MADANAPULLY.—This is the station of the Joint Magistrate and also of a Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name. It is distant from Cuddapah 76 miles.

51. A new Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail has been proposed at this station, and of its necessity there can be no doubt. The Jail accommodation is wholly insufficient, consisting of two wards, one of which is nothing more than a part of the verandah enclosed, and capable of containing in all 7 prisoners.

52. It is evident that steps should have been taken long since to provide temporary accommodation for prisoners, and this should be done with the least possible delay.

53. We recommend the erection of a Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, with accommodation for 24 male and 6 female prisoners, in six wards, on the standard plan No. 1, with the necessary buildings.

54. KADIRI.—This is the station of a Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Kadiri Taluq, and is distant from Madanapully 50 miles, and from Cuddapah 70 miles.

55. Here there is only one ward for prisoners, without any ventilation; the room is quite dark.

56. As the Cutcherry here is a stout building and terraced, we recommended to the Magistrate to give up the southern side for a Jail, and to build above part of the eastern side two rooms for the Tahsildar, and asked him where he proposed to locate the subsidiary buildings, as the Cutcherry is closely surrounded on all sides by streets and houses. He has now informed us that the foundations and walls are not sufficiently strong to stand the weight of an upper story.

57. We, therefore, recommend the erection of a new Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail on the Plan No. 1, with accommodation for 12 male and 6 female prisoners in four wards.

58. On this being built, the Magistrate should be instructed to dispose of the present building, which, he has reason to believe, will fetch a good price.

59. Pending the erection of the new Cutcherry, temporary accommodation for prisoners is very necessary.

60. VOILPAUD.—This is the Tahsildar's station of the Voilpaud Taluq, and is distant from Madanapully 13 miles, and from Cuddapah about 70 miles.

61. The Cutcherry and Jail here is in a most dilapidated condition, and a new building has been proposed and is urgently required.

62. The new standard plan No. 1 should be adopted, and contain five wards for 18 male and 6 female prisoners.

63. PELAIR.—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in the Voilpaud Taluq, and is distant from Voilpaud 20 miles. Prisoners sentenced here, whose periods of imprisonment exceed a few days, are sent to Voilpaud. Accommodation is provided at Pelair for one person in the Police Lock-up.

64. We are informed that the location of a Sub-Magistrate at Pelair is to be abandoned on account of the unhealthiness of the situation, and that some other place is to be chosen for a Sub-Magistrate's station.

65. We would point out that, until a new Cutcherry at a new site can be completed, it is necessary that something should be done to provide temporary accommodation for prisoners, and the Magistrate should be required to lose no time in doing what is necessary.

66. Wherever the new station may be, it will be necessary to provide a new Cutcherry and Jail on the standard plan No. 2, with accommodation for 12 males and 6 females in four wards.

67. ROYACHOTI is the station of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name, and lies nearly half way between Madanapully and Cuddapah, the distances being 43 and 33 miles, respectively.

68. The Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail here (which consists of one ward capable of holding two persons) "has its walls and roof on three sides of mud; "part of the building is already in ruins, and the whole is dark, ill-constructed, "and not adapted to the purposes of a Cutcherry in any way."

69. We proposed to the Magistrate to re-build part of the Cutcherry and convert it into a Jail. He informs us, however, that any outlay of money on the present building would only be wasted, as the whole Cutcherry ought to be condemned.

70. Under these circumstances, we recommend a new Tahsildar's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail on the standard plan No. 1, with accommodation for 12 male and 6 female prisoners.

71. A sweeper should be entertained at every station where there is a Subsidiary Jail, and that number of coir mats and cumbles which may agree with the number of prisoners for whom accommodation is provided at each station should be supplied.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1868, No. 1051.

In the foregoing report, the Committee on Subsidiary Jails describe in detail the existing imperfect Jail accommodation in the Cuddapah District for prisoners sentenced by the Magistracy to periods not exceeding thirty days, and the remedial measures which they would recommend for adoption.

2. The Committee also state (paragraphs 13 and 14) the necessity for the erection of a new Huzoor Cutcherry for the Collector of the District.

3. The arrangements proposed and recommended by the Committee are to erect at

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Subsidiary buildings, *i. e.*, latrines, cook-houses, and hospital sheds, with wells, to be erected at all stations.

4. The Committee have made no provision for the Head Assistant's station, as they are not aware that the location of his office has been finally established. But they roughly calculate the cost of their proposals at Rupees 2,50,000.

5. The report of the Committee, together with the plans, will be referred to the Public Works Department, with a view to the requisite plans and estimates being called for, for the buildings proposed by the Committee.

6. The Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah is authorized to employ a sweeper at every station where there is a Subsidiary Jail, and to supply the required number of coir mats and cumbles for the prisoners.

7. The Government observe with much displeasure that nothing would appear to have been done in the Cuddapah District to give effect to their Order, No. 766, dated 18th May 1866, and that, after an interval of two years, the overcrowding of prisoners sentenced to short terms of imprisonment would appear to be greater in Cuddapah than in any other district which has come under the notice of the Subsidiary Jail Committee.

8. The Government are aware that Mr. Molony has only been a short time in the Cuddapah District, and that he is not responsible for the past neglect, but the subject should before this have attracted his attention, and steps should have been taken to provide at each of the stations described in the Committee's report temporary hutting accommodation for prisoners.

9. The Government desire that the Acting Magistrate will at once take steps for complying with the G. O., No. 766, dated 18th May 1866, and that he will furnish Government with a report when the temporary accommodation required in each Taluq is completed.

Should the amount, Rupees 200, sanctioned for providing temporary accommodation at each Subsidiary Jail, prove insufficient, the Government will be prepared to sanction an increase to this amount.

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10. Mr. Molony will report what European Officers have visited the Subsidiary Jails of the Cuddapah District during the past twelve months, and he will submit their reports for the information of Government.
 (True Extract).

W. M. M.
 Chief Secretary.

To the Subsidiary Jail Committee.
 „ Public Works Department, with plans.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Magistrate of Cuddapah.
 „ Inspector General of Police.
 „ Accountant General.

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