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No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Passing orders on the report of the Subsidiary Jail Committee on the jail requirements of the District of Madura. | (Here enter 2nd July 1868, No. 1,052.)

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1868, No. 1,914.

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. 1,052.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 18. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 27th May 1868, No. 130.

We have the honor to submit the following report on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the District of Madura.

1. The Madura District, lying on the south-east coast of Southern ndia, comprises an area of 8790 square miles, and its revenue for 1867-68 from all sources was 30,90,881 Rupees.

2. It contains the six Government Taluqs marginally noted,* besides the large Zemindaries of Shevagunga and Ramnad, with an extent of 3908 square miles.

* Madura. Meylur. Dindigul. Pulney. Pereacolum. Tiroomangalum.

3. The District is bounded on the north by Tanjore, Trichinopoly, and Coimbatore ; on the east by the sea; on the south by Tinnevelly; and on the west by the Mountain ranges of the Annamallays and Pulneys and by the State of Travancore.

4. The Magisterial Staff of the District consists of a Magistrate and his Assistant at Madura, of the Joint Magistrate at Dindigul, and of the Head Assistant Magistrate with a Deputy Magistrate at Ramnad.

ZEMINDARIES.

5. I.—SHEVAGUNGA.—In this Zemindary there are two stations of Sub-Magistrates at Shevagunga and at Tripatoor. In both cases it is necessary to build additional wards, to give accommodation for that number of prisoners for whom the district returns show that provision has to be made.

6. *Shevagunga.*—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in the Zemindary of the same name, and is 27 miles from Madura.

7. The Cutcherry, Plan *A*, is a small and incommodious building, to which two dark lock-ups have been added, to accommodate seven prisoners in all. This is not sufficient. We propose, therefore, as shown in Plan *A* in yellow, to divide the larger ward into two, each to accommodate two females, improving the ventilation considerably; and to build two wards, each to hold six males, on the site, and in lieu of the present smaller Jail and on the north side of the building.

8. The subsidiary buildings are also indicated in the compound which should be fenced in.

9. *Tripatoor* is a station of a Sub-Magistrate in the Shevagunga Zemindary and is distant from Shevagunga 21½ miles, and from Madura 38 miles.

10. The Cutcherry, Plan *A*, is a small building with two small wards, without any ventilation whatever in them.

11. It is absolutely necessary to build additional wards here. These are shown in yellow in Plan *A*. It will be seen that we utilize one ward in the existing building and improve its ventilation. Accommodation is thus provided for twelve males and five females. This will suffice.

12. On the "open space" on the north we have indicated the position of the subsidiary buildings and a well. It will be necessary to take up about twenty feet more ground in that direction. Plan *B* shows the site.

13. II.—RAMNAD.—This Zemindary, lying to the south-eastern extremity of the District, has five Magisterial stations—Ramnad, Tiruvadany, Mudukolatoor, Tiruchuly, and Paumben. At two of these stations new Cutcherries are required, and provision appears to have been made for them as far back as 1863. At the other three stations new Jails are required.

14. *Ramnad.*—This is the Magisterial Head Quarters of the Zemindary of the same name, and is distant from Madura about 60 miles. The Head Assistant Magistrate and a Deputy Magistrate are located here.

15. The existing Jail here was formerly a portion of the ramparts of the old Fort, and we agree with the Magistrate that a new Subsidiary Jail is necessary. The site is Government land and adjoins the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, which is 350 yards from the present Subsidiary Jail.

16. Plan *A* shows the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, Plan *B* the existing Jail, Plan *C* the site. On the last we have indicated the position of the new Jail and subsidiary buildings with a well. Accommodation is provided for twelve males and six females in four wards. Should this be found insufficient, a continuation of extra wards can be added to the Jail without any inconvenience.

17. *Tiruvadany.*—This is the station of a Sub-Magistrate in the Ramnad Zemindary. It is distant from Ramnad 31 miles and from Madura 59 miles.

18. The Subsidiary Jail at this station consists of two wards only, attached to the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, but not in the same block. The Jail was formerly a Muntapum, and is not suitable for the confinement of prisoners.

19. Plan *A* shows the building, and on that we have indicated in yellow the arrangements we propose. It will be observed that we recommend the erection of four new wards on our standard plan in the cattle pound to the south of the present building. Accommodation is thus provided for twelve males and six females, which will be sufficient. One of the existing Jail wards will, by removing the walled up end of the verandah, give a good guard-room for the Police. We have provided a latrine, cook-house, and a well in the compound, but, as that is very small, we would suggest that, if possible, part of the site on which "the shed for elephants" stands might be available for a hospital-shed; if not, the Magistrate should be instructed to select a suitable spot.

20. *Mudukolatoor.*—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in the Ramnad Zemindary, and is distant from Ramnad 24 miles.

21. The Cutcherry and Jail at this station are thatched huts, and a new combined Office and Subsidiary Jail have been proposed here. We consider the erection of a new building on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 to be absolutely necessary here.

22. Plan *A* shows the existing building, and Plan *B* the site. On the latter will be seen in yellow the new Office and Jail, with subsidiary buildings and a well. The land is the property of Government, and is partly the site of the existing building. The Magistrate should be instructed to hire a house for an office and Jail during the erection of the new buildings.

23. *Tiruchuly.*—This also is a station of a Sub-Magistrate in the Ramnad Zemindary; its distance from Ramnad being 49 miles and from Madura 28 miles.

24. A new Cutcherry and Jail on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 has been recommended and must be built.

25. Plan *A* shows the existing building, which is not adapted in any way for its purpose either as an Office or as a Jail. Plan *B* shows the site. The land is the property of the Ramnad Zemindary and will have to be purchased.

26. On Plan *B* will be seen in yellow the new Office and Jail, with accommodation for twelve males and six females in four wards, and also the subsidiary buildings which we consider to be necessary.

27. *Paumben.*—This is another Sub-Magistrate's station in the Ramnad Zemindary, and is distant from Ramnad 26 miles and from Madura 86 miles.

28. The Office here is also used as a Sea Custom House. It contains two Jail wards, and it is proposed to add another. We think, however, that it will be better to roof the three rooms on the southern side and convert them into a Jail.

29. Plan *A* shows our proposals in yellow. It will be observed that we have divided one ward into two for four females, two in each, and that we have added a verandah in front. The remaining wards will accommodate ten males six in the centre and four in the other ward. This number will suffice.

30. The present unused godowns should be removed, the present privy be converted into a hospital-shed, and the screen wall into a latrine. A well already exists at this station. A cook-room should be built in the situation shown by us on the plan.

MAGISTRATE'S DIVISION.

31. The Magistrate's Division comprises the Taluqs of Madura, Meylur, and Tiroomungalum, with the Sub-Magistrate's station of Oosalempatty.

32. At Madura, a new District Jail has been built, and part of the old Jail will probably be available for the confinement of prisoners sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. At Tiroomungalum and Oosalempatty it will be necessary to build additional wards: at the former place four in number, and at the latter two will suffice. At Meylur a re-allotment of the existing building will provide accommodation for prisoners; but we have been obliged to give two additional rooms, one for the Tahsildar's Court, and one for his clerks.

33. *Madura.*—This is the Station of the Magistrate of the District, an Assistant Magistrate, a Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate, and a Town Sub-Magistrate.

34. As a new District Jail has been built at this station, the Magistrate has suggested to us to utilize the old Zillah Jail. We are still in communication with him on this subject, and shall forward a supplementary report on this point.

35. *Meylur.*—This is the station of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Meylur Taluq and is distant 18 miles from Madura.

36. Plan *A* shows the Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, and on it will be seen in yellow the alterations we propose. These are the conversion of the present record room × × into two wards, each to hold six men; the division of the eastern side of the Cutcherry into three parts, two wards for females, and a Treasury room; and the building of two rooms, one on either side of the entrance, for the Tahsildar and his clerks.

37. We are still unable to provide for the necessary out buildings, but shall report on them separately on receipt of additional information called for from the Magistrate.

38. The Police Station, Plan *B*, can be made over to the Police, and will not be required for the confinement of prisoners.

39. *Tiroomungalum.*—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Taluq of the same name, and is 12 miles from Madura.

40. The Cutcherry is apparently a new building with two small wards in it for prisoners. These we propose to give up to the Sub-Magistrate, and to build a Jail, on our standard plan, of four wards for twelve males and six females, on the site of the old Cutcherry which adjoins the present building.

41. Plan *A* shows the arrangement we propose. It will be observed that we have joined the Jail to the Cutcherry by a covered way 35 feet in length.

42. The position of the subsidiary buildings is also indicated on the plan. A well already exists at this station.

43. *Oosalempatty.*—This is a Sub-Magistrate's station in the Tiroomungalum Taluq, and is distant from that place 19 miles and from Madura 23 miles.

44. The Jail consists of two wards, capable of holding four persons in all. This will not suffice for the number that the district returns show to be necessary. We therefore propose, as shown in Plan *A* in yellow, to give up the present Jail, that is, the front of the building, to the Sub-Magistrate; to divide the northern end of the building into three rooms, two for the imprisonment of females and one for a guard-room for the Police; and to build on the east two wards, 15 by 12, to accommodate four male prisoners in each. This will meet the requirements of this station.

45. Plan *B* shows the site. It will be necessary to erect the usual adjuncts of latrine, cook-house, hospital-shed, and well on the space marked "paddy fields" on the plan. This will have to be purchased.

JOINT MAGISTRATE'S DIVISION.

46. This comprises the Taluqs of Dindigul, Pulney, and Pereacolum, with the Sub-Magistrates' stations of Vadasundoo, Nellacottah, Vilputty, and Chinnamanoor.

47. The Sub-Magistrate on the Pulney Hills is to be located at Pambooray as by Proceedings of Board of Revenue, 20th January 1868, No. 441.

48. At Dindigul the erection of additional wards is necessary; at Nellacottah, Vadasundoo, Pambooray, and Chinnamanoor new Deputy Tahsildars' Cutcherries are urgently required; at Pereacolum certainly, and probably at Pulney, new Tahsil Cutcherries will be necessary. Regarding the latter place we shall again address you.

49. *Dindigul.*—This is the station of the Sub-Collector, Joint Magistrate of the District, and also of the Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Taluq of the same name. It is distant from Madura 43 miles.

50. The Tahsildar's Cutcherry is a rectangular building, containing three wards with accommodation for nine persons in all. This is not sufficient. Accommodation is required for eighteen male and about eight female prisoners.

51. It is provided as follows:—The present Police lock-ups to be handed over to the Police, in lieu of part of their station to be taken for a ward for four females; the present Auxiliary Jail to be used as a place of imprisonment for four females; three wards, 18 by 15, to be built on the eastern end, each to hold six males, and the verandah to be carried on in front.

52. It will be perceived that by this arrangement all the prisoners are in one line of building; this facilitates the requisite supervision.

53. Plan *A* shows the alterations and additions in yellow.

54. The cook-house and privy marked × on the plan should be made into a cook-house alone for males and females; the privy *Y* requires to be added to for the separation of sexes; the privy *Z* can be reserved for the Cutcherry servants.

55. The well should be deepened, cleaned, and repaired.

56. Plan *B* exhibits the site. On that will be seen indicated in yellow, in block, the additions we recommend.

57. *Nellacottah and Vadasundoo.*—Are both Sub-Magistrates' stations in the Dindigul Taluq, distant from Dindigul 16 and 12 miles respectively, and from Madura 27 and 55 miles.

58. At both of these stations the existing Sub-Magistrate's Office and Subsidiary Jail are only mud huts, and at both places it will be absolutely necessary to build new combined Offices and Jails on our standard plan No. 2. We are in communication with the Magistrate regarding the most suitable sites for the location of these offices.

59. *Pulney.*—This is the station of the Tahsildar of the Pulney Taluq, and is distant 35 miles from Dindigul, and about 70 miles from Madura.

60. We are still in communication with the Magistrate as regards this station, and also regarding Pambooray, which the Board of Revenue approve of as the Sub-Magistrate's station on the Pulney Hills.

61. *Pereacolum.*—This is the Cusbah of the Taluq of the same name, and is 47 miles from Madura.

62. The Cutcherry, Plan *A*, is an old quadrangular building with two small wards, and as "it is in a very bad state, and money spent in doing any repairs to it would be simply money thrown away," we propose to build a Tahsildar's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail on our standard plan No. 1, with four wards capable of containing twelve male and six female prisoners. This will meet the requirements of this station.

63. The Magistrate has been requested to select a suitable site.

64. *Chinnamanoor.*—This is the station of a Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Pereacolum Taluq, and is distant 23 miles from that place and about 70 miles from Madura.

65. There is no Cutcherry or Jail at this Station. The Station-house, Plan *A*, serves the purpose of both.

66. A new combined Office and Jail on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2 must be erected here. We are in communication with the Magistrate regarding the site.

67. We recommend that the whole of the existing and proposed Jail wards, as well as all the latrines, be asphalted.

68. We recommend that to each of the Subsidiary Jails of this District a toty should be permanently attached, as without this necessary menial it is impossible to secure cleanliness in the wards and privies attached to these buildings. Cumblies and mats, proportioned to the number of persons that the wards are capable of containing, should also invariably be provided.

69. It will be seen that our proposals regarding this District stand as follows:—

I. New Taluq Cutcherries with Subsidiary Jails on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 1.
Peracolum.
Pulney (*probably*).

II. New Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherries with Subsidiary Jails on Mr. Chisholm's Plan No. 2.

Mudukolatoor.	Vadasundoo.
Tiruchuly.	Pamboorny.
Nellacottah.	Chinnamanoor.

III. New Jails.

Ramnad	...	Four wards for twelve males and six females.
Tiruvadany	...	Do. do. do.
Shevagunga	...	Two wards for twelve males.
Tripatoor	...	Three wards for twelve males and three females.
Tirumungalum	...	Four wards for twelve males and six females.
Oosalempatty	...	Two wards for eight males.
Dindigul	...	Three wards for eighteen males.

IV. Alterations, &c.

Paumben	...	Roofing existing walls and adding verandah.
Madura	...	Utilizing old District Jail.
Meylur	...	Two additional rooms for the Tahsildar and his clerks.

V. Minor alterations in other Cutcherries to give accommodation for females.

VI. Latrines.
Cook-houses.
Hospital-sheds.
Wells.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1868, No. 1052.

In the above report the Committee on Subsidiary Jails describe very fully the requirements of the District of Madura for prisoners sentenced by the Magistracy to imprisonment for periods not exceeding 30 days.

2. In paragraphs 67, 68, and 69, the Committee summarize their several suggestions.

3. From this summary it appears that in this District there are required—
Two new Tahsil Cutcherries with Subsidiary Jails (Plan I).
Six Deputy Tahsildars' Cutcherries with Subsidiary Jails (Plan II).
Seven Subsidiary Jails.

Three existing buildings require considerable alterations and additions, while in some Cutcherries minor alterations only are necessary, and the provision of such subsidiary buildings as latrines, hospital-sheds, and wells.

4. The Governor in Council approves of the recommendations made by the Subsidiary Jail Committee. The report, and the plans received with it, will be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with a view to detailed plans and estimates being called for from the Superintending Engineer of the Division for

the several works specified in paragraph 69, and also for asphalting existing and proposed Jail wards.

5. The Governor in Council authorizes the Magistrate of Madura to employ a toty for each Subsidiary Jail, and to provide the necessary number of cumblies and mats required for the use of the prisoners.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Extd. J. H. Burns.

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