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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th December 1868.

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the Report of the Committee regarding the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the Neilgherry Hills. (Here enter 27th November 1868, No. 1,802.)

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1868, No. 3,051.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 1,802.

Exd. W. Cranston.

Govt. of India Building,

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 7th.

Read.

G. O., 7th December 1868, No. 3,051.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 83-84.

Subsidiary Jail on the Neilgherries.—Order on the Committee's report regarding its requirements, communicated to Revenue Board.

he Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th November 1868.

ollowing letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, r 1868, No. 208.

our letter, No. 129, dated 27th May last, paragraphs 71 to he honor to forward two letters from the Commissioner of nd the Superintendent of Police, by which it will be seen e to utilize the Taluq Cutcherry, now vacant, as a Subsidiary , as proposed by us, a new Subsidiary Jail on the Native Jail

to paragraphs 71 and 75 of letter from Subsidiary Jail Committee to the Chief Secretary, dated 27th May 1868, I have the honor to inform you that by Government Order, 16th 402, the separate Taluq establishment was abolished.

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utcherry, of which I lately sent you a plan, is consequently liary Jail, or for any other purpose that Government may

to concur with the Committee in thinking the Taluq Cutor building." It is a roomy building; the rooms are, perhaps, desirable, but with a few alterations inside it will afford ion for short-sentenced prisoners.

nd Town Police of this place are now located in the same Taluq Cutcherry and very much on the same level, and having were somewhat pressed for room, I requested Lieutenant sistant Superintendent of Police, to go and see if the Taluq or the Taluq Police, as well as Subsidiary Jail. I append his

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Commissioner."

ect the Taluq Cutcherry this morning. There is ample room-

t of Police.)

for Lock-ups, Subsidiary Jails, and Taluq Police. I hope before any alterations in e that I shall be permitted to see the plan, for we can only ıtry for prison wards and station, and it can be easily arranged ll suffice for the duty.

the following rooms would be required :—

il for males, to hold six. A Subsidiary Jail for females, to hold

ıp to hold four. A male Lock-up to hold six.

r Inspector's Office. A Guard-room large enough to allow of eaning arms, studying, &c., in it.

he verandah of the present building there are small rooms, which or the safe custody of unclaimed property, &c.

he present building has a very good latrine attached to it.

(Signed) W. HALSTED,
Asst. Superintendent of Police."

2. It will be observed from Plan *A*, that the Taluq Cutcherry is a low ill-ventilated building, and must be dark, if not also damp. Its situation is certainly inferior to that of the Native Jail. We should very much prefer a new Jail on the Native Jail Hill; but as the Taluq Cutcherry is vacant, and can at a moderate expense be converted into a tolerable Jail, we do not feel justified, in the present difficulty for funds, in recommending the construction of a new Jail, as originally proposed by us.

3. Plan *B* shows the building converted into a Subsidiary Jail of four wards on one side, and two wards on the other, with a room for the Police Inspector, and a room for the Police.

4. It will be observed from Captain Halsted's letter that it is proposed to locate here not only the Jail guard, but a force of some fifteen Constables, who require space for "cleaning arms, studying, &c.," in it.

5. It is obviously desirable that such a body of men should not have free access to the interior of the Jail. We have, therefore, given the Police a separate entrance and frontage, and we have walled off the prisoners' wards as much as possible.

6. The floors should be boarded, and a stone trough, in an asphalted corner, for night use, should be supplied for each ward. The dimensions of these are shown in Plan *C*.

7. It will be observed that the floor of the trough is raised four inches from the floor. This is to admit of a basket being put, into which to sweep the contents of the trough without soiling the floor. The dimensions are three feet in length, two feet in width, and the depth of the trough is one foot. The sides should slope internally, as sketched by us on the plan.

8. We understand that a good latrine is already at hand for day use. A cook-shed should be erected, as indicated by us on Plan *A*.

9. The central passage between the Jail wards should be well paved, so that water may not lodge there, and as the Jail is on the side of a hill, a drain should be cut so as to carry off rain.

10. The Commissioner should be authorized to provide cumblies and coir mats for the prisoners, and should funds be available no time should be lost in giving the requisite Jail accommodation for short-sentenced prisoners on the Neilgherry Hills.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1863, No. 1802.

The Committee on Subsidiary Jails submit with their Report above recorded plans showing the position of the Taluq Cutcherry at Ootacamund, and the manner in which they propose to alter and adapt it for a Subsidiary Jail and Police station.

2. The Committee remark that the Cutcherry is a low ill-ventilated building, and must be dark, if not also damp. Its situation is certainly inferior to that of the Native Jail. The Committee would prefer a new Jail on the Native Jail Hill, but as the Taluq Cutcherry is vacant, and can at a moderate expense be converted into a tolerable Jail, they do not feel justified, in opposition to the opinion of the local officers, in recommending the construction of a new Jail, as proposed in their letter, dated the 27th May last, No. 129.

3. The Committee recommend that the floors of the wards should be boarded, and that a stone trough should be provided for night use for each ward; that the

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th November 1863.

central passage between the Jail wards should be well paved, and that cumblies and coir mats should be supplied to the prisoners.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the recommendations of the Committee for adapting the Taluq Cutcherry at Ootacamund into a Subsidiary Jail; and instructions will be issued in the Public Works Department for carrying out the requisite alterations with as little loss of time as possible.

5. The Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills is authorized to provide the prisoners with coir mats and cumblies, and to employ a sweeper toty.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with plans.
" Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Revenue Department.

Lxd. J. Tulloch.

Revenue Dept.

Govt. of (1868) 20 Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 27th.

Rec'd. 4th December. *Encl.*

G. O., 27th November 1868, No. 1802.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 240-241.

Read 28 April 1869.

Passing orders on the Report of the Committee regarding the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the Neilgherry Hills.

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