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8th December 1868.

No. 103. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the report of the Subsidiary Jail Committee regarding the requirements of the Malabar District. (Here enter 27th November 1868, No. 1,800.)

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1868, No. 3,061.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings, Judicial Department, No. 1,800.

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DECEMBER.

Nos. 103-104.

Subsidiary Jails of Malabar District.—Order on the report of the Committee regarding their requirements, communicated to Revenue Board.

No. 236. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 31st October 1868, No. 205.

With reference to the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 18th April 1867, No. 613, we have the honor to report on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the district of Malabar.

2. This district comprises an area of 6,259 square miles, and its revenue in 1867-68, from all sources, was Rupees 34,24,214.

3. It lies on the western coast of this Presidency, and is bounded on the west by the sea; on the north by Canara and Coorg; on the east by Mysore and Coimbatore, and on the south by Cochin. It is divided into nine Taluqs, and has in all twenty-four Magisterial stations.

4. The Magistrate of the district resides at Calicut, and his Subordinate Officers are located at Tellicherry, Palghaut, and Manantody.

5. We now proceed to notice in detail the stations of this district, and the measures we would adopt to place the Subsidiary Jails in a satisfactory condition.

6. The Cutcherries in Malabar are almost all of a very inferior description, though substantially built and in good repair and order. The usual plan is a range of low rooms, with a small and low verandah, built round an open court about 18 feet square. The rooms are consequently dark, damp, ill ventilated, and there is seldom sufficient space for the Revenue and Magisterial Establishments, the Police, and the prisoners.

7. Mr. Ballard and the Sub-Collector strongly advocate the system of having a Central Subsidiary Jail in each Taluq, and from the circumstance of the Taluq Cutcherries being built a few miles out of the towns in which the divisional Offices are situated, the plan is more feasible in Malabar than in other districts. On the other hand, it must be remembered that the inclemency of the climate during some part of the year renders the transit of prisoners more hazardous than on the Eastern Coast.

8. In our recommendations we have kept these circumstances in view.

Magistrate's Division.

9. CALICUT.—This is the station of the Magistrate, and also the Cusbah of the Taluq, though the Tahsildar's Office is at Chevayur, four miles out of the town of Calicut. There is also a Town Sub-Magistrate here.

10. We should, as usual, have proposed the construction of a Jail for all three Officers in the Collector's Cutcherry compound, but we understand that there is not sufficient space there for the purpose.

11 The Magistrate proposes to leave the Tahsildar at Chevayur, and to build a new Office and a Central Subsidiary Jail for the Town Sub-Magistrate, whose present Office is totally unsuited for the purpose.

12. We concur with Mr. Ballard that this will be the best arrangement, and we recommend that a Cutcherry on Mr. Chisholm's plan No. 2 be sanctioned.

13. Considering the size and population of Calicut, we consider that the Jail should comprise three wards, each 16 × 15 feet, and three, each 8 × 15 feet, with cook-houses and latrines. A hospital shed is hardly necessary here.

14. We have requested the Magistrate to forward a plan of the site selected by him.

15. At Chevayur, which is four miles off, the proposed wards are insufficient. We would convert the room, marked No. 4, into an additional ward, and if the Police, require it, a room corresponding with No. 1 might be built for them at X.

Additional ventilation should be given as indicated by use in yellow on the plan.

16. A latrine will be necessary at A, but neither cook-house nor hospital shed, as prisoners will be kept here only while actually under trial.

17. MANJERI.—This is the Cusbah of the Ernad Taluq.

18. We concur with the Magistrate that a new Cutcherry is required here, and recommend that one on Mr. Chisholm's plan No. 1, with two wards, each 16 × 15 feet, and three, each 8 × 15 feet, with the usual subsidiary buildings, be erected here.

19. The proposal to build a new Office and Jail was sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, 24th March 1868, No. 748.

20. TIRURANGADI is the Sub-Magistrate's station in the Ernad Taluq, and is about eighteen miles from Manjeri.

21. The accommodation for prisoners is insufficient, and we propose to take up part of the present Police station and make a fourth ward.

22. Subsidiary buildings are also required. The Magistrate will select sites for these on the open ground which is available all round the Cutcherry.

23. ANGADIPURAM is the Cusbah of the Walawanad Taluq.

24. The present Subsidiary Jail consists of one ward in the Cutcherry. This is not sufficient, and we propose, as shown in yellow, to build four wards, of the standard dimensions, joined to the Police station by a covered way 30 feet in length.

25. Subsidiary buildings will be required, and should be located at suitable distances from the Jail.

26. CHERPELCHERRY is a Deputy Tahsildar's Sub-Magistrate's station, eleven miles from Angadipuram, the Cusbah of the Walawanad Taluq.

27. In the Cutcherry buildings, four suitable wards are provided marked A, B, C, D.

28. Subsidiary buildings are, however, required, and we have indicated their position in yellow on the plan.

Sub-Division.

29. The Tahsildar of the Cherical Taluq is to be removed to Cannanore, under orders of Government, 4th May 1868, in which sanction is given for converting the present Garrison Hospital into a Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail, at a cost of Rupees 680.

30. Plan A shows the Jail portion of four wards. The verandah should be opened as shown by us in yellow in the plan.

31. The Police station at Cannanore will be available for night cases. The ventilation should be increased as indicated by us in yellow in the plan.

32. TALIPERAMBA is a Deputy Tahsildar's station in the Cherical Taluq, and is twelve miles from Cannanore.

33. The Cutcherry is as usual a quadrangular building, constructed round a small court-yard 18 feet square.

34. The Magistrate proposes to divide the left hand side into four wards which he says will each hold three persons. As, however, the walls are only eight feet high, and the ventilation, owing to the form of the building, very unsatisfactory, they will not hold two each.

35. We propose to retain the two marked A and C for females, to convert the room marked B into a guard-room for the Police, and to build two new wards for males, of the standard dimensions, connecting them with B by a covered passage 30 feet in length.

36. There is said to be ample space in the compound for the usual subsidiary buildings. The Magistrate will select the sites for these. We need only remark that the latrine should not be nearer the wards than at least 150 feet, and the hospital shed still further off.

37. KADIRUR is the Cusbah of the Kotteyom Taluq; but the Head Quarters are to be removed to Tellicherry, under the Order of Government, Revenue Department, 18th January 1868, No. 144.

38. The Sub-Magistrate of Chavacherry is to be removed to Kadirur temporarily, pending a new Cutcherry being built at Kutiperamba. This we consider to be necessary, and the standard plan No. 2, and Jail of four wards, with the usual subsidiary buildings, should be provided.

39. The new Office and Jail at Tellicherry should be on the standard plan No. 1, with two wards 16×15, and three wards 8×15.

40. The present Subsidiary Jail if ventilated at back, as shown by us in the plan, will be available for night cases.

41. The building at Chavacherry will only be used as a Lock-up, and requires no alteration.

42. BADAGHARA is the Tahsil station of the taluq of Kurambranad.

43. The present accommodation is quite insufficient, consisting of only one room.

44. The Magistrate proposes, and we concur with him that a set of new wards should be built. We recommend two wards 16×15 feet, and three wards 8×15 feet, joined to the Cutcherry on the eastern side by a covered passage 30 feet long.

45. It will be observed that we have located the Police in the present Record room, and the records in the Police room. The subsidiary buildings which we consider necessary are shown on the site plan B.

46. QUILANDI is the Sub-Magistrate's station in the Kurumbranad Taluq, and is fourteen miles from Badaghara.

47. The Cutcherry is a good and substantial building, in which a re-allotment of rooms will give ample accommodation for prisoners.

48. We propose the following arrangements. The rooms A, B, C, for male prisoners. The room D, divided into two, for females; E, F, for the Police; G, for the records; and a new room H, for the Sub-Registrar, whose present office we have appropriated.

49. Subsidiary buildings are also required. We have indicated their position in the plan.

50. A well is unnecessary, as one of the boundaries of the Cutcherry compound is a tank.

51. ALLATUR.—Here is located the Deputy Tahsildar Sub-Magistrate of the Palghaut Taluq. It is distant fourteen miles from the Cusbah.

52. Four good wards are provided in the Cutcherry plan A. This number will suffice.

53. Subsidiary buildings are required, and we have indicated their position in yellow on the plan.

54. PONANY is the Cusbah of the Taluq of the same name.

55. The Subsidiary Jail here is part of the Taluq Cutcherry, plan A.

56. The Magistrate proposes to make over the rooms B and C as Police Lock-ups, and convert G and F into a Subsidiary Jail of four wards. Under our arrangements there is no such distinction made. Prisoners should be confined in each room, separating under trial from convicted, to the number that may be accommodated by the standard rules of space. In *detached* Police stations, wards have occasionally been provided, but they are only intended to accommodate those persons who may be apprehended at such hours, that they cannot be at once placed in the Subsidiary Jails.

57. We propose, therefore, to divide the wards G and F each into two, and to keep in addition the rooms B and C as Subsidiary Jail wards.

58. There is a cook-room in the enclosure, and the Magistrate proposes to build a latrine there also. As the space is so confined, we consider it desirable that the cook-house should be removed.

59. The Magistrate should acquire land, or hire a suitable house in the immediate vicinity, if possible, for use as subsidiary buildings.

60. CHOWGHAUT is the station of a Sub-Magistrate, fifteen miles from Ponany.

61. The numbers here are sometimes large, and sufficient accommodation cannot be provided in the Cutcherry plan A.

62. We propose, as shown in yellow in plan A, to give the room marked E to the Police, and to make a passage through its western wall and build a Jail of four wards, on the standard plan, joined by a covered passage 30 feet in length.

63. Subsidiary buildings are also required, and should be located on the western side.

64. PUTTIANGADI is also a Sub-Magistrate's station, ten miles from Ponany.

65. Here, similar arrangements should be made as for Chowghaut. The room E should be given to the Police, and a passage made from it to the new Jail and subsidiary buildings.

66. Plan A shows the recommendations colored yellow.

Deputy Magistrate's Division.

67. We have already reported on the Subsidiary Jail requirements of the stations of Manantody and Gudaloor, and our recommendations have been approved in the Orders of Government marginally quoted. There is, however, one station, *vitry*, which lies at the head of the Tambacherry Ghaut, twenty-five miles from Manantody on the east, and thirty-six from Calicut on the west.

G. O., Judicial Department, 23rd October 1867, No. 1686.
" " " 6th June 1868, " 923.

68. Here a new Office and Jail, has, we understand, been recently built.

Tangaracherry. Anjengo.

69. There are still the two stations marginally noted.

70. At Tangaracherry the Sub-Magistrate holds his Office in an old building which has one room, used as a Lock-up when necessary. At Anjengo the Sub-Magistrate has a hired dwelling, which also has one room set apart for prisoners. There are seldom more than two or three persons in confinement.

71. The provision of further accommodation at these places seems unnecessary, as the Magistrate informs us that "there is every probability of their being made over to Travancore at no very distant date."

72. We will address you again regarding the only two remaining stations, Palghaut and Cochin.

73. The Budget of the current year contains an allotment of 29,000 Rupees, and we would suggest, that as the year is running on, new Cutcherries, on Mr. Chisholm's standard plan No. 1, should, as a special case, be at once commenced at Tellicherry and Manjeri. We urge this, as we understand that with the tables of contents furnished in Government Order, Public Works Department, No. 2791, of 1st September last, only the market rates of labor and materials have to be supplied, and that it is intended to circulate working drawings of the new buildings when lithographed.

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1868, No. 1800.

The Committee on Subsidiary Jails describe in the foregoing report the requirements of the district of Malabar in respect of Subsidiary Jail accommodation.

2. The Committee remark that the Collector and Sub-Collector strongly advocate the construction of a Central Subsidiary Jail in each Taluq, and that the plan is more feasible in Malabar than in other districts, from the circumstance of the Taluq Cutcherries being built a few miles away from the towns in which the divisional offices are situated. On the other hand, as remarked by the Committee, it must be remembered that the inclemency of the climate during some part of the year renders the transit of prisoners more hazardous than on the Eastern Coast. Keeping these circumstances in view, the Committee recommend that new Cutcherries, with the usual subsidiary buildings, should be erected at

CALICUT.—On standard plan No. 2, with three wards, each 16'×15', and three wards, each 8'×15'.

MUNJERI.—On standard plan No. 2, with two wards, each 16' × 15', and three wards, each 8' × 15'.

KUTIPERAMBA.—On standard plan No. 2, with four wards.

TELLICHERRY.—On plan No. 1, with two wards, each 16'×15', and three wards, each 8' × 15'.

Additional wards with subsidiary buildings at Tiruvangadi, Angadipuran, Badaghara, Chowghaut, and Puttiangadi.

Subsidiary buildings at Cherpelcherry and Allatur.

Alterations and additions at Chevayur, Taliperamba, and Quilandi.

Alterations and improvements at Cannanore, Tellicherry, and Ponany.

3. As the Budget for the current year contains an allotment of Rupees 29,000, the Committee suggest, that as a special case, new Cutcherries, on Mr. Chisholm's standard plan No. 1, should be commenced at once at Tellicherry and Manjeri.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the recommendations made by the Committee, and directs that a copy of their report, together with the plans received therewith, be transmitted to the Public Works Department, in order that the requisite instructions may be issued to carry out, as far as funds are available, the works approved of.

5. The Magistrate of the district is authorized to select suitable sites for the subsidiary buildings proposed at Tiruvangadi, Taliperamba, and Ponany; to provide a coir mat and cumbly for each prisoner, and to employ a Sweeper Toty at each Subsidiary Jail.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with map and plans.
„ Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Magistrate of Malabar.
„ Inspector General of Police.
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NOVEMBER.

Nos. 236-237.

Passing orders on the report of the Subsidiary Jail Committee regarding the requirements of the Malabar District.

No. 3061-8th Decr.

No. 103-104

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