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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th June 1867.

No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Approving the alterations and additions proposed to be made to the Subsidiary Jail at Ponneri, in the Madras District. } (Here enter 3rd June 1867, No. 897.)

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1867, No. 1,314.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 897.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Subsidiary Jail Committee, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 29th May 1867, No. 2.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 18th April 1867, No. 613, we beg to submit to Government the Subsidiary Jail requirements of a single Taluq of the Madras District (Ponneri), as reported upon by Mr. Atkinson, who has personally inspected the head quarters of the Taluq.

Enclosures 2.
2 Plans.

2. We have thought it better to take the orders of the Government on a single Taluq, as, if the proposals we make concerning this Taluq are approved, it will serve to guide us in our future recommendations.

3. We propose hereafter reporting to Government on each District as soon as completed, as many of these Districts are in immediate want of additional Subsidiary Jail accommodation, and it will occupy a considerable time before we are able to lay before Government the entire requirements, in this respect, of the whole Presidency.

4. We have from a careful examination of the records, marginally noted, ascertained that it will be necessary to provide accommodation at Ponneri for the following classes of prisoners:—

a. Calendar books of the Sub-Magistrates.
b. Crime and Occurrence Report of the Inspector of Police.
c. Jail Warrants.
d. (For division of sexes), the file of the Sub-Magistrates' B. Forms.

Under trial	and	*Remanded.*
Males.		Females.
6		2
	Convicted.	
Males.		Females.
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5. We have, it will be observed, provided separate places of confinement for "Under trial" and "Convicted" prisoners, separating males and females, as we believe this to be necessary, and in accordance with the intentions of Government.

6. But in the case of Ponneri where there is no Police Lock-up, we do not think it necessary to provide an additional set of wards for the few hours that prisoners would remain at the Taluq head quarters after arrival before being put up before the Magistrate.

There will, under the proposed accommodation and separation, be always ample space for such prisoners in the wards marked as "Under trial."

7. In computing the Subsidiary Jail accommodation for this Taluq, we have carefully observed the maximum number which has at any one time been in confinement during the year 1865, and the first quarter of 1867. We have found from inquiry that the Police records, which have been used by us as checks upon those furnished by the Magistrates of persons arrested, cannot be obtained for 1864, but 1865 may be safely taken as an average year in respect of crime; if it fails in accuracy it will be as shewing a rather larger average than if we had taken the two years 1864 and 1865.

8. We believe that by the separation of wards, proposed and shown in the plan, any occasional abnormal preponderance of "Under trial" prisoners can be met from the provision for "Convicted" prisoners, and *vice versa*.

9. Plan A. exhibits, drawn to scale, the Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail of Ponneri as at present existing, which are contained in the same block.

10. It will be observed that there is Jail accommodation only for four men, at 44½ square feet superficial and 490½ feet cubical space per man, and for two women, at 52½ square feet superficial and 577½ cubical space, but that there are no means for separating prisoners under trial and those convicted of offences.

11. The principal objection to these wards is that the privies in each ventilate into the wards themselves, which is a very objectionable arrangement.

12. In Plan B. is shown, colored yellow, the alterations and additions which we propose. These are—

1*st*.—The removal of the privies from close contiguity to the existing wards, and the construction of latrines outside the building for day use. The wards will be provided with stone troughs for night use.

2*nd*.—The conversion of the two existing Jail wards into a place of confinement for females only, the under trial female prisoners being separated from the convicted prisoners.

3*rd*.—Two new wards for male prisoners to be constructed as shewn in the plan. Each ward will give accommodation at 40 superficial and 560 cubical feet for six prisoners, or a total of twelve male prisoners. This number, and four female prisoners, represent the probable maximum of prisoners for which accommodation is required in the Ponneri Taluq.

13. The ventilation of the existing wards, and the proposed ventilation of the new wards, are plainly shewn in the sketch Plan B.

14. As stated above, the existing latrines are objectionably placed. We, therefore, propose the erection of a small latrine for male and female prisoners in the place shewn in plan B.

15. We recommend that a tiled shed should be provided for sick prisoners—Vide Plan B. This need not be of large dimensions, and would be seldom required except in the case of an outbreak of cholera or small-pox. This shed should afford separate accommodation for two men and one woman, at 60 superficial square feet and 800 cubical feet for each person.

16. It will also be necessary to sink a well, the present well having become contaminated and unfit for use.

17. A small cook-room is also necessary. This has also been shewn in the plan.

18. The floors of the wards should be asphalted and raised 18 inches above the ground. Surface drainage should be provided.

19. As this plan, if approved, will probably be referred to the Department Public Works, we beg to state that in this and in other plans which, during the course of our inquiry, we shall submit to Government, we wish merely to indicate the nature of the accommodation required, and the method we suggest of altering or adding to existing buildings.

20. But we do not propose these plans as working plans, or as limiting the Officer in charge of the works as to the best means of carrying out our suggestions for giving the required accommodation.

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3rd June 1867.

21. It would probably be more convenient to the Police if the new wards were built on the western side, and if this were done the wards would face to the sea breeze; but on this side the compound extends only 9 feet beyond the back wall of the buildings. We have given the eastern side the preference, because the compound extends 81 feet in that direction, and the country beyond is open.

22. We have not considered it desirable to have the wards entirely detached, because the Police force would have to be increased, while the distance at which the wards could be built within the compound would not be great enough to secure any compensating advantage.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1867, No. 897.

The Governor in Council approves of the alterations and additions proposed in the foregoing letter to be made to the Subsidiary Jail at Ponneri. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department, directing the Officer in charge of the Range to prepare an estimate of the cost of the proposed alterations and additions with as little delay as possible.

2. The arrangements proposed by the Committee, including as they do the erection of a small detached shed to be used in case of necessity as a Hospital, appear to the Government to be free from the objections which attach to most of the plans hitherto laid before Government for combining Subsidiary Jails with Taluq Cutcherries.

3. The Government agree with the Committee that there is no necessity for building a Police Lock-up at Ponneri, or at any station at which there is a Subsidiary Jail with separate accommodation for prisoners under trial.

(True Extract)

G. J. Cumberlege
Chief Secretary.

To the Committee on Subsidiary Jails.
" Public Works Department, with two Plans.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Magistrate of

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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