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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th April 1867.

No. 443. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th April 1867, No. 2,313:—

Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 9th February 1867, No. 41, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 12th March 1867, No. 1,533.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 26th March 1867, No. 76.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 12th instant, No. 1,533, I have the honour to inform you that the present Subsidiary Jail at Coimbatore is a private building engaged by Government at a monthly rent of Rupees 25, and prisoners sentenced for short periods, by the officers noted in the margin, are confined in it. I propose that, if the re-arrangement of the Cutcherry as suggested by me is sanctioned, the short-sentenced prisoners should still be kept in the above building. I consider that it will be well to buy it on behalf of Government until new Cutcherries are constructed at Perindoray, Pulladum, and Poolachy, after which the subject of a Subsidiary Jail at Coimbatore can be re-considered.

Talook Sub-Magistrate of Coimbatore.
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Talook do. of Pulladum.
Do. do. of Poolachy.
Sub-Magistrate of Anamalay.
Do. of Avenashy.
Do. of Matoopolliem.
Talook Sub-Magistrate of Perindoray.
Do. of Bhowany.

2. Until the above buildings are erected, the present arrangement, the best that I can suggest, should be allowed to hold good. The Subsidiary Jail is under the management of the Talook Magistrate, and is constantly inspected by one of the European Magistrates.

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Orders dated 3rd November 1866, No. 295, Revenue Department, and 14th December 1866, No. 1,987, Judicial Department.

2. The Board consider that, under the circumstances reported, the arrangement of the interior of the Talook Cutcherry at Coimbatore, as proposed by the Collector and Superintending Engineer, may be carried out, a separate Subsidiary Jail being maintained as at present.

3. The Board are not prepared to recommend the adoption of the revised plan of Talook Cutcherries submitted with the Collector's first letter. They will, however, address Government again on the subject shortly, with reference to the Government Order, dated 19th November 1866, No. 1,824.

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1867, No. 976.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve the proposed distribution of the accommodation afforded by the new Cutcherry building. Efficient arrangements will of course be made for securing the windows of the room assigned for the treasury, but it is observed that no large sum is to be retained there at any time.

2. The question of purchasing the building now rented as a Subsidiary Jail will be considered in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Judicial Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,533.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th March 1867.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 9th February 1867, No. 41:—

1. With reference to Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, and their Order thereon, dated 3rd November 1866, No. 2,975, communicated by the Board on the 28th November 1866, I have the honour to forward the plan of the new Taluk Cutcherry under construction at Coimbatore, with the modifications now proposed, marked in red ink. No revision of estimate is required.

Sent by Bangby.

2. An extract of the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 14th July, is annexed. As it contains a clear description of the modifications proposed, I shall not recapitulate them. I have conferred personally with Colonel Walker about them, and shall only add that I fully concur in their adoption, and hope that they will be approved by the Board and Government.

3. Provision for a Subsidiary Jail within this building is out of the question. The space within it is too limited, and the building is so far advanced in construction, that any attempt to alter it would be a useless waste of money; in addition to which I doubt whether the site is sufficiently extensive to admit of a Subsidiary Jail of the size required, to give each prisoner 648 cubic feet of air, being built on it.

4. I beg to forward, for the information of the Board, a new plan of a Taluk Cutcherry, which it is proposed shall be adopted instead of the Standard Plan, to which exception has of late been taken.

Sent by Bangby.

5. The plan is drawn up by Colonel Walker, Superintending Engineer, with whom I have personally discussed its interior arrangement, and proposed one or two minor alterations, to which he does not object.

(*a*.) The three rooms for males, twenty-seven in number under sentence, at the rate of 640 cubic feet per man, should, I think, be thrown into one room, in view to improved ventilation, and appropriated for males under trial, as the number of people under trial is sure to exceed the number sentenced.

(*b*) The two rooms for males under inquiry, and females under inquiry, might conveniently be thrown into one room for males (18) under sentence. The room, thus provided, will be sufficient for twenty-seven males under trial, and eighteen males sentenced, or in all forty-five men.

(*c*.) The room for females under sentence might be divided into two rooms, each capable of containing two females, one room for those under trial, and one for those under sentence. It is seldom that a female comes before a Magistrate for trial, so that this space is ample.

6. The Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate's office should be provided with a raised bench and railings, to raise him above those whom he is trying, and to enable him to see what is going on before him.

7. The provision of small verandahs, to protect the rooms on each side of the entrance from the sun, will be an advantage, and they will at the same time afford protection to parties attending the Cutcherry.

8. The whole building, you will observe, forms a rectangular block, but is so arranged that the Subsidiary Jail is kept quite distinct from the offices, whilst the prisoners and treasury are under the direct view and supervision of the guard.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Extract from a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Division, No. 64, dated Coimbatore, 14th January 1867.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 172, of 20th December, and Government Orders in the Revenue Department, No. 2,378, of 6th September, and No. 2,975, of 3rd November 1866, I have the honour to forward the plan of the Taluk Cutcherry at Coimbatore, as originally sanctioned and built up to the roofing at the time of receipt of the first of the orders above quoted.

2. As noted in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, we agreed that, under the circumstances, nothing could be done but to cover over the building, omitting the iron railing to the Lock-ups for the male and female prisoners under short sentence, so as the better to utilize the whole space for general purposes. But it is to me a new proposition that is made in paragraphs 4 to 7, to throw all the prison-wards into one large hall for the Magistrate; and I take the liberty of suggesting the following distribution as equally convenient and involving less delay and expense in completing the building, viz.,

I. The Serishtadar's and Gumashta's hall to be the Magistrate's Court.

II. The Tahsildar's Cutcherry to be used by his Gumashtas.

III. The Solitary Cell to be used as a Treasury, and for custody of valuables.

IV. The ward for female prisoners under short sentence, to be the Serishtadar's room, quite open in front.

V. The ward for male prisoners under short sentence to be available for Vakeels and Curnums at Jummahbundy (in addition to the ryots' shed completed outside).

3. The above arrangements and an interchange of destination between two rooms of equal size, for the Magistrate and Current records, are shown in red ink on the plan. No revision of estimate is necessary. All other rooms to remain as originally allotted, including the two wards for prisoners under inquiry, whom it seems to me that it would be well to keep up the means of secluding from possible intercourse with others, within the precincts of the Cutcherry itself.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Plans.

The Collector is requested to state where the present Subsidiary Jail is, and where he proposes to keep short-sentenced prisoners, if his rearrangement of the Cutcherry is sanctioned.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Exd. J. Wright.

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Dated 12th March 1867.
Received

No. 1,533.

Requesting Collector of Coimbatore to state where present Subsidiary Jail is, and where it is proposed to keep short-sentenced prisoners, if suggested rearrangement of Taluk Cutcherry at Coimbatore is sanctioned.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 985/67.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

Read the following papers:

Letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1867.

Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 12th February 1867.

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The Govt. approve the proposed distribution of the accommodation afforded by the new Cutcherry building. Efficient arrangements must likewise be made for securing the windows of the rooms assigned for the Treasury but it is observed that no large sum is to be retained there at any time. The question of sanctioning the building now erected as a Subsidiary Jail will be considered in the final dispatch.

Dispatch 30th April 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated 11th April 1867.
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No. 2,313.

Submitting with remarks letter from Collector of Coimbatore respecting location of short-sentenced prisoners in the Subsidiary Jail at Coimbatore.

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