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No. 27. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 21st May 1859, No. 73.

1. Mr. Rhode the Inspector of Jails a few days ago sent to me some patent urinals and water closet pans, in view to their efficiency being tested in the Penitentiary.

During my inspection of the Penitentiary my attention was attracted to the carthen chatties made use of by the inmates as urinals, which taint the atmosphere of the apartments with offensive ammoniacal odour. A specimen of an improved urinal was also shewn to me. It is made of cast iron lined with porcelain, and has a perforated passage by which the urine is carried away. I am certain the introduction of these would be highly beneficial to the establishment, I beg to recommend that no time be lost in making a trial of them in some of the cells now occupied, and that, in those now under construction a space be left in each, for the introduction of them. I think it would be attended with advantage if the leaden pipes from each cell could be conveyed into one and so conducted beyond the walls of the establishment.

2. In margin I have the honor to give a copy of a letter to my address from the Inspector General of Hospitals who visited the Penitentiary on the 15th Instant. One of the urinials appears to have caught his attention, and he strongly recommends, as you will observe, their introduction into the Jail.

3. Will you do me the favor to bring the subject to the notice of Government, and solicit permission for the putting up two or three of each kind, by way of experiment.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1859, No. 756.

Government authorize the Commissioner of Police to make the experiment proposed by him in ~~para 3 of the~~ foregoing letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 756.

Govt. authorise the Commissioner of Police to make the experiment proposed by him in para. 3 of the foregoing letter.

Fort St George,
31st May, 1859.

The Commr. of Police.
" Inspector Genl. of Jails
" Do ——— of Hospitals
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