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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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for the month of February 1860.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th February 1860, No. 19.

1. With reference to the Orders of Government under date 5th January last, No. 15, Judicial Department, in which I am desired to answer certain questions relative to the proposed transfer of Criminals from the Grand Jail to the Penitentiary and the probable expense such transfer would involve; I have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency in Council a sketch in which that portion of the Penitentiary which is available for the reception of persons committed for trial, or in default of security is colored yellow and to state that I consider the following alteration should be made to adapt that ward for the purpose, the probable cost of which I will endeavour to give.

	Probable Cost. Rs. A. P.		
I. Perfect separation from the European ward on the East, by raising of the wall between M and N which now divide the two wards and the opening of a door at O...	152	0	0
II. The removal of the shed marked Z in sketch...	6	0	0
III. Division of the lower wards into two parts by construction of a wall between point G and H in order to separate male from female prisoners...	298	0	0
IV. A cross wall between E and F or iron railing to cut off the communications between the upper ward and lower ward...	144	0	0
V. Construction of two privies, one for males and the other for females in the yard of the lower ward marked R and S...	139	0	0
Total...	739	0	0

2. I believe that the above items embrace all the extra expense that will be entailed by the transfer of all the Criminal prisoners from the Grand Jail to the Penitentiary.

3. If the change now in contemplation should take place, the opportunity might be taken advantage of to provide the Penitentiary with the services of a permanent keeper, instead of one taken out of the Police Force, as now obtains,—vide extract from a letter dated 8th March 1858.

"Paragraph 3. When I assumed charge of the Penitentiary in April 1856, I found Mr. Owen, a Constable of the Madras Police Force, on a pay of 60 Rupees per month, in charge of the Penitentiary, performing the duties of Jailor and Superintendent, and Mr. Kirk, a pensioned Soldier, for whom 35 Rupees per month was drawn, as Superintendent of the Penitentiary, was performing Mr. Owen's duty as a Constable of Police in one of the Police divisions. Mr. Owen was selected for that responsible duty by the late Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police Mr. R. F. Elliot, on account of his peculiar fitness for it, and since that period for the same reason I have continued him therein, the only difference is Mr. Owen having been promoted to the rank of Inspector of Police on a pay of 120 Rupees per month."

4. The Senior keeper of the Supreme Court Jail, Mr. Gibbs, now about 75 years of age, is I understand desirous to be transferred to the Uncovenanted Pension Establishment. His salary is (A) 150 Rupees per month.

5. The Deputy keeper is a son of Mr. Gibbs, the Chief keeper. His salary is Rupees 87½ (B) per month. He is much too young and inexperienced to be placed in charge of a Criminal Jail.

6. The sanctioned pay of the keeper of the Penitentiary is (C) 35 Rupees a month. If the pay of these three Officers was equally divided between two persons, instead of unequally between three, the salary available for each would, I think, be sufficient to secure the services of two respectable and efficient Officers. One of whom might be posted at the Grand Jail in custody of the debtors, and the other with the assistance of the former Superintendent* of the House of Industry would conduct the duties of the Penitentiary and take charge of the Convicts therein confined.

	Rs.	A.	P.
(A).....	150	0	0
(B).....	87	8	0
(C).....	35	0	0
Total..	272	8	0
÷ 2	136	4	0

* J. D., dated 27th June 1859, No. 877.

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No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1860, No. 196.

Resolved that the above letter be referred to the Chief Engineer Department Public Works for his report, in communication with the Commissioner of Police, whether the alterations in the Penitentiary alluded to by Colonel Boulderson can be effected for the amount estimated by him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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the Commissioner of Police.

(Here enter 6 February 1860. No. 19)

Order thereon, 18 February 1860, No. 196.

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any additional work
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Divisional Pers. is, however, not

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only serving persons
detainers, & persons
under trial - the
latter are removed
to the main building, they
will have to be kept in
a cell to the I. C. for
trial - will

To the Commissioner of Police.

Chief Engineer, with a sketch.
Public Works Dept.

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