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Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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for the month of April 1860.*

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N<sup>o</sup>. 42. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 3rd April 1860, No. 12,036.

With reference to the Orders of Government, in the Judicial Department, dated 18th

February 1860, No. 196, I have the honor to submit the accompanying Plan and Estimate prepared by the Civil Architect, amounting to Rupees 1,470 of the alterations and additions proposed to be made in the Penitentiary for the transfer to that building from the Grand Jail of persons committed for trial.

- Enclosures 5.*
- 1 Letter from Civil Architect, No. 280, dated 14th March 1860, with  
2 Enclosures.  
1 Abstract Estimate, and  
1 Plan.

2. The great difference between the amount of the Estimate and that set down by the Commissioner of Police in his letter to Government, is mainly owing to the description of partition wall between the male and female wards provided for in the former. The amount allowed in the estimate for that purpose is Rupees 720 to provide for a wooden partition with fixed venetians of one inch plank which while it will perfectly cut off all communication will also afford free ventilation, but the venetians are liable to be broken by a refractory prisoner and on that account this mode of partition is considered to be objectionable. Captain Hitchins is of opinion that a dead wall covered with pieces of broken glass will be the strongest barrier, the expense of which (Rupees 206) will also be less, but the ventilation will be imperfect.

3. The former proposition was first suggested by Colonel Boulderson on the day of his meeting Captain Hitchins on the spot, but subsequently, when the latter Officer submitted the revised Plan accordingly for his approval, he expressed a preference to a dead wall, as it will afford greater security, which if adopted would reduce the entire cost of the alterations to Rupees 956. I am in favor of the venetianed partition, but I cannot recommend it against the opinion of the Commissioner.

4. The Plan and Estimate which have been examined in this Office, are found to be correct and I recommend the work for sanction, as now proposed and estimated, to be executed from the general funds at the disposal of the Civil Architect.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

*Secretary to Government.*

7th April 1860.

No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1860, No. 502.

The Government sanction, for immediate execution, according to the plan submitted, the alterations required to be made within the Penitentiary. The amount of the estimate, (Rupees 1,470,) one thousand four hundred and seventy Rupees, will be defrayed from the general funds at the disposal of the Civil Architect.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

*Chief Secretary.*

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The Govt. sanction, for immediate execution, according to the plan submitted, the alterations required to be made within the Penitentiary. The amount of the Estimate, Rs. 1,470, One Thousand Four Hundred & Seventy Rupees, will be defrayed from the general funds at the disposal of the Civil Architect.

The Commr. of Police.

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