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No. 235. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 14th March 1861, No. 10,956.

I have the honor to forward 2 Plans and Estimates, as per margin,* for providing 22 iron doors for the Cells of the European Wards in the upper story of the Penitentiary at Madras, in lieu of those of wood, which were fixed in the Cells in accordance with the provision made in the original Estimates for the building.

* 1 *Plan and Estimate, dated 29th Sep.* 1860.
1 *Plan and Estimate, dated 19th Dec.* 1860.

Enclosures 6.
1 *Letter from District Engineer Presidency, No.* 1,052, *dated 29th September* 1860, *with*
1 *Plan and Estimate, Rupees* 1,045.
1 *Do., No.* 1,631, *dated 19th December* 1860, *with one Plan and Estimate, Rs.* 2,080.

2. In a letter to my address, No. 291, dated 28th July 1860, the late Commissioner of Police, Colonel Boulderson, observed, "I also consider iron doors really necessary both for the sake of ventilation and also security. Why those wooden doors, to which the Magistrate Major Wilson took objection, were supplied, it is impossible for me to say."

3. The District Engineer accordingly furnished Plans and Estimates for flat-iron vertical and horizontal railed shutters of the same pattern as others already put up in the Penitentiary, but as I was at that time of opinion that doors on Mr. Rohde's pattern offered certain advantages over those, plans of which were submitted by the District Engineer, I desired Captain Hitchins to furnish a revised Estimate for doors of the former kind.

4. These few remarks account for the submission of *two* Estimates as per margin, for the same work.

Rupees 2,080 *for revolving doors.*
,, 1,045 *for the old pattern.*

5. I have the honor to recommend that amounting to Rupees 1,045 for adoption:

1st.—Because the old pattern door can be built for half the cost of the new one.

2nd.—Because the late Commissioner of Police considered Mr. Rohde's revolving door to possess no advantages over that in use at the Penitentiary, to compensate the enhanced expense, and in this opinion, on further consideration, I concur; and,

3rd.—Because the present doorways are narrow, viz., 2'-8½", and a door revolving on the centre, would, after deducting for the thickness of the centre rod, leave only 1'-3½", which is quite insufficient for some men to pass through. The widening of the present doorways would entail much extra expense.

6. The Estimate Rupees 1,045 has been examined in this Office and found correct, and the early sanction of Government is solicited for the expenditure of that sum in the manner proposed, out of the funds at the disposal of the District Engineer Presidency.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

15th March 1861.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1861, No. 418.

The Government sanction the Estimate amounting to (Rupees 1,045) one thousand and forty-five Rupees, for substituting iron grated doors on hinges for the wooden panelled doors, 22 in number, for the Cells of the European Wards in the upper story of the Penitentiary. The expense will be defrayed out of the funds at the disposal of the District Engineer Presidency.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 418 — 26th March 1861.

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The Pub. Works. Dept: with Enclo^s
" Commr. of Police.
" Accl. Genl.

Dy. 26-3-61.