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No. 60. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th November 1857, No. 5181.

SIR,

1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Letter from the Civil Architect No. 602, dated 6th November 1857.

I do myself the honor to submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying estimate for making iron grated doors and windows, as also pipes for improving the ventilation of the Justices Jail in Davidson's Street Black Town.

2. The Barrack Master brought to notice in his Repair Book on the 1st April last, that the Acting Surgeon 1st District, reported that certain cells in the Justices Jail in Black Town, were totally unfitted for the confinement of prisoners, as the heat entering them was suffocating and thereby produced disease amongst the convicts confined in them.

3. The Commissioner of Police expressed his concurrence in the opinion offered by the Acting Surgeon with regard to the cells, and requested that steps may be taken to remedy the evil complained of.

4. The Barrack Master in recommending the work in question, proposed that the cells should be entirely abandoned, and a new range built against the outer compound wall; but as Colonel Boulderson expressed his disapproval of such a plan, the Civil Architect in communication with that Officer and Dr. Mudge, prepared the estimate now submitted to Government.

5. The estimate in question amounts to Rupees (325) three hundred and twenty-five, and the rates allowed in the same have been examined, and found to be moderate and sufficient.

6. Under the circumstances represented above, I beg to recommend the estimate, for sanction for immediate execution.

Letter from Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect Presidency Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 6th November 1857, No. 602.

SIR,

In obedience to orders as conveyed in the Repairs book No. 11 of 2nd April last, I have the honor to forward an estimate* with abstract prepared in communication with the Commissioner of Police and Dr. Mudge the Medical Officer for improving the ventilation of the Justices Jail in Davidson's Street Black Town by substituting open iron barred doors similar to those lately put up to the Penitentiary for the present lined batten doors which when shut at night as they are obliged to leave the prisioners sometimes nearly 20 in one cell without a breath of air except what comes through the small iron barred windows opening into a narrow court yard of only 6 feet wide.

* Amounting to Rupees 325.

2. The estimate provides also for earthen pipes to be laid through the ceiling up and against the walls to the summit of the building, the same as was lately done to the Penitentiary cells to allow of the constant escape upwards of the heated or breathed atmosphere.

3. The Barrack Master in recommending this work proposed the entire abandonment of these cells and building new range against the outer compound wall. But as Colonel Boulderson would not hear of it, on the plea of its destroying the sole space, there was for the prisoners to take exercise in, after drawing out a plan for such new cells I gave up all further idea about them and have confined myself to making the best in my power of the present one and which of course entails much less expense.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 2200; dated 28th November 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions, out of the one lac fund, the estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer, amounting to Rupees (325) three hundred and twenty-five, for making iron grated doors and windows, as also pipes for improving the ventilation of the Justices Jail at Madras.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P. Works,

Military

No. 5181. Fort Saint George,

12 November 1857.

From,

The Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to submit for the orders

Original
Enclosures 2.

1. Abstract Estimate. of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the

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5 The Estimate in question amounts to Rupees (325) Three hundred and twenty five, and the rates allowed in the same have been examined, and found to be moderate and sufficient.

6 Under the circumstances represented above, I beg to recommend the Estimate for Sanction for immediate execution.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
W. E. Fuller Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
12 November 1857.

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From The Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government.

P. W. D.

Dated 12th November 57
Received 13th

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No. 2200. 28th Nov.

Submits for sanction for immediate execution an Estimate amounting to Rupees (325) Three hundred and twenty five, for making iron grated doors & Windows, as also pipes for improving the ventilation of the Justices Jail in Davidson's Street Black Street. With an order

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From F. St. George
28th Nov. 1857

Copies to the Chief Engr.
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