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In front (from the peculiar formation of the building) no conveyance can approach nearer to the entrance than 21 feet distance. This space is entirely open and unsheltered. I would therefore venture to suggest for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the verandah sanctioned for the rear of the Court be dispensed with, and in lieu thereof, a portico (or protection of some description) be directed in front. The expense I imagine would not be great, particularly if some of the old timber just removed from the building (well adapted to the purpose) was used in the erection.

Should the Government see fit to sanction my suggestion I can with confidence assert that the value of the building will be much enhanced and improvement and convenience attained.

I have spoken to the Superintending Engineer on the subject and he requests early information of the result of this application.

Resolved that the foregoing communication be referred, through the Public Works Department, to the Civil Architect, who will, at an early date, report his opinion on the change proposed by the Senior Magistrate in the plan of the alterations that are being made to the Royapettah Police Court. He will also state what will be the probable difference of expense if Colonel Colbeck's suggestion be adopted.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 784; dated 25th April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
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Chief Secretary.

To the Senior Magistrate of Police.
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Exd. F. Cartledge.

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With our order No 784 — of 25 April

No 784

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JR

Fort St. George
28th April 1859

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