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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 122. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 2nd April 1860, No. 11,991 :—

1. Adverting to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 555, dated 26th March 1858, fixing 77,465 Rupees as the limit, within which the improvements sanctioned from time to time to the Penitentiary should be carried out, I have the honor to report, that the Civil Architect, in intimating* their completion, states that a saving of Rupees 6,636-7-4 has been effected, from the omission of the following works which were not required.

Four Small night Guard-rooms	...	...	Rupees	298	0	0
Iron Gratings in the compound, to admit of the Sentry looking into the Wards...	...	...	"	177	0	0
General Privy...	...	...	"	210	0	0
				685	0	0

Add the amount sanctioned by the abandonment of one of the Flanking Towers, and the non-completion of the three others provided for in the Estimate, 5,653 0 0

Rupees..... 6,338 0 0

2. Besides the above, there was a saving also effected in the item of plastering, one coat only having been put on, while two were allowed in the Estimate.

3. The Civil Architect having been requested to report, whether any further improvements are likely to be called for upon the Estimates sanctioned by Government, that Officer while replying† in the negative, states that he is now preparing a Plan and Estimate for some improvements to the Hospital Wards (in consequence of the prisoners committed for trial at the Sessions, who were formerly located in the Grand Jail having been transferred to the Penitentiary), and there is another proposition made by the visiting Magistrates to substitute iron for the wooden doors of the European Cells. Both these works are likely to cost about 3,000 Rupees, but Captain Hitchins observes that they have no connection with the works already sanctioned.

4. The whole of the improvements authorized to the Penitentiary have been carried out, with the exception of these noted above, in strict accordance with the Estimates from time to time submitted to Government.

5. With regard to the omission of one coat of plastering from the walls, &c., of the Penitentiary building, the Civil Architect states that the measure is not likely to succeed, and that the walls must be re-plastered, as the wall, however, is not urgently required, Captain Hitchins proposes‡ to submit the Estimate in time to obtain sanction for its execution before the setting in of the next north-east monsoon.

6. I do not agree with the Civil Architect that re-plastering the walls will be a sufficient remedy, and I attribute the failure of the plaster executed by Captain Winscom not to its being limited to one coat, but to the fact that the walls of the building erected in 1847 were not plastered till 1858. Nothing is so adverse to the adhesion of plaster, as delay in its application.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1860, No. 786.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department together with copy of the Order of March 26th 1858, No. 555.

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

Central Office of Works.
Chepauk
2nd April 1860

N^o 1191

From
The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
Judicial P.W.D.

Sir

Enclosures 3. Adverting to Extract No. 3
3 Letters from the works Consultation N^o 555 dated 26th
Civil Architect
March 1858, fixing 77465 Rupees as the
limit within which the improvements
sanctioned from time to time to the
Penitentiary should be carried out. I
have the honor to report, that the Civil
Architect, in intimating their completion,
* Letter N^o 1149 dated 15th February 1860
states that a saving of Rupees 6636-7-4
has been effected, from the omission of
the following works which were not re-
quired.

4. Small night Guard Room Rspt. 290-
 Iron Gratings in the Compound,
 to admit of the sentry looking
 into the Wards. 177-
 General Purv. 210-
 685-

Add the amount sanctioned by
 the abandonment of one of the
 Flanking Towers, and the non
 completion of the 3 others pro-
 vided for in the Estimate. 5653-
 Rupees. 6338-

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 of the Penitentiary Building the
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required Captain Nitchins proposes in letter No 2737
to submit the Estimate in time to 23 March 1860
to obtain sanction for its execution be-
fore the setting in of the next North
East Monsoon.

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Civil Architect that replastering the walls
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Central Office of Works
Chapman
2nd April 1860

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
H. Bell Colonel
Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept
Fort St George

J. M. Webb
 Secy of Govt
 No 222

The Chief Engineer

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