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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Wethersfield, and for six county jails in the state of Connecticut.

White Diamond steel was approved by J. Milton Dyer, architect, and used in the Lake county jail and the New City workhouse at Cleveland.

This material has also been approved by the United States Government and used in many prison enclosures.

Jackson C. Gott, architect, approved this material for 800 cells in the Maryland State Penitentiary.

B. F. Willis approved same for use in the York county jail, Mr. Willis being architect for same.

We received order for a total of 848 cells of White Diamond steel from the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundsville.

The still further fact remains that in no instance has any prisoner cut or sawed a bar in connection with these prisons, and if you wish any further evidence, we would refer you to any or all of these contracts.

Our material has been in use for more than thirty years and is fully established, and we can give you a hundred additional instances of its approval and use.

Regarding the cost of White Diamond steel, - it is no less than the best of chrome or laminated steel, and is superior, and in many cases has commanded a higher price.

Respectfully submitted,

THE VAN DORN IRON WORKS COMPANY

(Signed) J. H. Van Dorn,

President.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, June 21, 1909.

Edward D. Preston, Esq.,
Inspector of Buildings.

Dear Sir:-

I have considered the question arising under a protest made to the Board of Awards that the work at the City Jail was not being

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