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Dated 5-9-1859

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No. 12. Read the following letter from W. HOLLOWAY, Esq.; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 23rd August 1859.

I have just telegraphed my opinion that Mr. Knox ought to be examined as a witness against Mr. Reade. That Gentleman is fully acquainted with the circumstance of the use of two of the Rajah's horses and all the steps of Doctor Blackwell have been taken in consultation with Mr. Knox. I need not tell you that it is not always easy to obtain evidence of facts how notorious soever they may apparently be. Men are strangely doubtful when called upon publicly to substantiate statements which they do not hesitate to make privately. In this case Mr. Knox has peculiar means of knowledge as to the identity of the horses long used by Mr. Reade and I think it due both to Government and the Agent that his evidence should be taken. I proceed to Vizianagrum this evening and hope that whatever the truth may be upon this important matter I shall be able to elicit it. The cheques bearing Mr. Reade's signature are in my possession and their existence is explicable by one only of two hypotheses, either as the charge expresses they are part of a scheme for concealing a loan of property by the Rajah or they represent an actual purchase from the Rajah, although differing in their moral complexion; either of these acts would be a breach of duty. It is obviously expedient therefore that the charge be framed in the alternative and on these grounds I have applied for permission to append a charge.

Having in breach of his duty as Agent of the Governor at Vizagapatam (on dates to be specified) past pecuniary dealings with the Rajah of Vizianagrum a Zemindar subject to the authority of the said C. W. Reade as Agent to the said Governor of Fort Saint George.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1859, No. 1188.

Ordered to be recorded. Mr. Holloway has already been authorized by Telegraph to frame the charges against Mr. Reade as he may find most advisable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Ordered to be recorded — Mr
Holloway has already been
authorized by Telegraph to
W. H. pass the charges together with
Mr Reade as he may find
most advisable.

Fort de George
5th Sept. 1809

W. M. P.

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I have the honour to be
Sir.
Your most obt Servt