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No. 46. MINUTE by the HONORABLE the PRESIDENT, dated 26th September 1859.

It is, in my opinion, indispensably necessary that the Commissioner's Report on Mr. Reade's case, which contains the Verdict and the reasons for it, should be made as public as the Proceedings on the trial have been. It would be far better not to undertake the investigation of such charges than to leave public opinion in a divided state upon the subject for want of sufficient means of information. There are also persons concerned who have a right to demand that the truth should be known. The evidence given by the Raja of Vizianagrum, for instance, has been impugned; and justice will not be done to him unless Mr. Phillips' remarks upon his evidence are made public. I therefore propose that the Commissioner's Report and our Minute and Order upon it should be laid on the Editors' Table.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 47. MINUTE by His EXCELLENCY the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, dated 26th September 1859.

It seems to me that the Report of the Commissioner is a confidential communication solely for the information of authority, and I do not think it expedient that it should be given to the public, but if the President and my Colleagues consider that publicity is called for, I am quite ready to surrender my opinion to theirs. I have a strong feeling that truth always triumphs in the end, and if those whose characters have been impugned are not content to wait for that justification, I presume that they have their remedy by prosecution of their maligners in a Civil Court.

(Signed) PAT. GRANT.

No. 48. MINUTE by the HONORABLE W. MOREHEAD, dated 26th September 1859.

I would only now publish the Government Order. The whole case is to be sent Home for final disposal and until the Home authorities have dealt with it, it is in my opinion inexpedient to publish more than I have above suggested. The Home authorities have desired that no papers referred to them should be published.

(Signed) W. MOREHEAD.

No. 49. MINUTE by the HONORABLE the PRESIDENT, dated 26th September 1859.

Without being convinced, I defer to the opinion of my Colleagues as regards the Commissioner's Report, but our Order upon it should be published as suggested by Mr. Morehead.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1859, No. 1311.

Resolved that the foregoing Minutes be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Minute

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Madras 26th September 1859

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