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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
from 1st to 10th November 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from CHARLES W. READE, Esq., Madras Civil Service; to Sir C. E. TREVELYAN, K. C. B., &c., &c., dated 27th October 1859.

While my case was under consideration before your Excellency, and prior to its receiving final judgment at your hands, the time had not arrived to notice to your Excellency certain proceedings of mine, at which I have all along felt your Excellency might justly take exception; and pending the disposal by Government of the charges on which I have been recently arraigned, I was reluctant to take any steps which in the remotest degree might seem to compromise my own independence or to be open to misconstruction as indicating a desire on my part to influence your Excellency's judgment on the matter before you.

I am now differently situated and I feel free to adopt that course which as a gentleman and a public Officer of Government I feel to be required of me in respect of the matter to which I will now advert.

I have reason to know that letters of mine addressed to the Rajah of Vizianagrum, and from which extracts were used against me at the Commission, have been placed in their entirety before your Excellency, and it would be unreasonable in me to suppose for a moment that certain passages in those letters could have fallen under your Excellency's eye without exciting feelings which every gentleman must experience on reading personal reflections directed against himself.

To attempt explanation to your Excellency would be useless. I wrote under great irritation, and in the unreserved confidence of friendship, but I pretend to no justification of the expressions I made use of. I feel that, strictly speaking, they are capable of none, and whatever my terms of intimacy with the Rajah of Vizianagrum, it was obviously improper to speak disrespectfully to any Native of those in power, especially of the Head of the Government. My object is, therefore, not to justify myself, but simply to make the only amendé in my power, as due from one gentleman to another, for using those expressions in reference to your Excellency as the Governor, for which I am sensible it is my bounden duty to express to your Excellency my sincere regret, and to offer to your Excellency that apology which is the only reparation I have it in my power to make for the grave indiscretion into which under sudden impulse I was betrayed.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1859, No. 1470:

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, by the next Steamer.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon 1st November 1859 - No 1470.
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J. P. [initials]

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Sir,

from most obedt Servant

Madras

Charles Beale

27th Oct 1859

Madras Civil Servant