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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 25th February 1859.

No. 60. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Jeypoor, 9th February 1859, No. 75.

SIR,

I have the honor to report my arrival at Jeypoor on the 29th of January, a detailed account of my journey thither and of other matters will be submitted to Government hereafter, meanwhile I desire to bring to the notice of Government the conduct of Assistant Apothecary Mackenzie attached to my office.

2. Mackenzie was directed to join my Camp above the Ghauts on the 20th and I had given him leave from the 23rd December till that date at his special request to be with his family and to make his preparations. On the 18th of January, I think it was, I received a Certificate from the Medical Officer of the 46th Regiment at Vizianagrum setting forth that Assistant Apothecary Mackenzie was incapacitated by temporary sickness for duty, I at once suspended him until he joined as there was no time to alter my arrangements, the Camp &c. being gone on, fortunately we had little sickness on the journey to Jeypoor though we lost one man from small pox and two others are still in danger from the same disease. Assistant Apothecary Mackenzie only joined my Camp on the 9th of the month the very day we are leaving Jeypoor and never did he appear in better health. My own belief is that he purposely malingered and that my peremptory orders alone brought him to his senses. Mackenzie was quite aware that in the Native view at all events the expedition was one of risk and danger and I had of course guaranteed to all Medical advice. I have before found Mackenzie lazy and apathetic and I am of opinion that he should be sent to some Regiment where he will be more closely looked after than he is with me, at the same time should Government make his services available for duty in the Military Department, I solicit that some one in his place may be at once posted to my establishment.

3. Mackenzie is of course full of regrets and apologies, but I do not regard the case one wherein excuses of any kind are admissible, and the Certificate shews that he was only suffering from some trifling temporary cause, and in my belief he must have kept the Surgeon in ignorance of the great need of his services at that particular time.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, No. 249; dated 24th February 1859.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 249.

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Department.

To the Secy, &
24 February 1859.

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