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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 18th January 1859.

No. 24. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudder Udalut; under date the 20th December 1858, No. 126.

Read letter dated the 29th Ultimo, from the Civil Judge of Chicacole, reporting that the reason of the absence of Mr. Sloan, the Principal Sudder Ameen of Vizagapatam, from his official duties on a recent occasion, was that he was then suffering from delirium tremens caused by intemperance, as shown in the Certificate of the Zillah Surgeon dated 11th October 1858; and that for some time past, Mr. Sloan's habits have been such as to bring contempt upon him as a Judicial Officer.

The Judges consider that the Civil Judge has erred in not making them earlier acquainted with Mr. Sloan's habits. In addressing the Court on the 2nd November last, the Civil Judge merely mentioned that he had obtained from the Zillah Surgeon copy of the Certificate, the neglect on the part of Mr. Sloan to forward which had formed the subject of previous correspondence; and the Civil Judge said that he would forward the same, if required, to the Sudder Udalut. The Judges, taking it for granted that the Medical Officer's Certificate justified Mr. Sloan's absence from his duties, which had not been otherwise explained, did not think it necessary to require the transmission of the same. The Civil Judge has now forwarded it of his own accord, and it proves to be one which it was his bounden duty to have at once transmitted to the Court, being in fact a Certificate that Mr. Sloan was suffering from delirium tremens, brought on by the use of intoxicating liquors. The fact of Mr. Sloan's habitual intemperance appears to have been long notorious; and the Judges are surprized that the Civil Judge should have felt that "it could with propriety be kept quiet."

2. In forwarding copy of the Civil Judge's letter, and its enclosure, to the Government for their orders, the Judges have no alternative but to advise, for the sake of the public interests, that Mr. Sloan be removed from a position for which by his own act he has become disqualified.

3. The Judges are constrained to observe that the Certificate originally furnished by the Zillah Surgeon under date the 22nd July last, wherein no mention was made of the cause and symptoms of Mr. Sloan's illness, was not such as that Officer, in the proper discharge of his public duties, should have given; being calculated by the exclusion of that information to keep the Court of Sudder Udalut in ignorance of the real facts of the case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

From E. B. GLASS, Esq., Civil Judge of Chicacole; to C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut, Fort Saint George, dated 29th November 1858, No. 366.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of date 2nd Instant, to which no answer has been received, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Judges of the Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut Court, since no explanation, of absence, and neglect of duty, was given to their Precept, therein referred to, that the habits of Mr. Sloan, the Principal Sudder Ameen of Vizagapatam, have been for a very long time, disreputable to the Department to which he belongs; and have caused both that Court, and himself, to be looked down upon, with contempt! Therefore I consider it a matter of justice to the public, and of duty to the Judges of the Sudder Udalut Court, and Government, to bring to their notice that the occasion on which that Officer was again lately absent, without either leave, or ostensible cause shown, was on account of delirium tremens, caused by intoxication, which rendered it necessary to place him under European restraint; and that restraint is not the first or only occasion on which such measures have had to be resorted to, to prevent injury from his violence. The Certificate furnished to this Court by the Zillah Surgeon, will show this, and is enclosed! If not sufficient, the Zillah Surgeon, and Superintending Sur-

*Superintending Surgeon
Northern Division.
(The Hon. Secy. Genl. Med. and Surg.)*
(Signed) J. J. J.

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geon, as well as the Magistrate Mr. Reade, can be called on to furnish the same information they brought to my notice, and the Magistrate has a report, of this being the case (sent to him by the Zillah Surgeon) on the former occasion, which I am informed is now in his possession.

These circumstances, and the consequence, have been the subject of discussion, and animadversion, in every part of Vizagapatam, both with Europeans and Natives; so it rests with the Government, whether such a person should be longer entrusted with, or considered fit for, such a responsible situation.

So long as matters could with any propriety be kept quiet, I did not wish to bring the matter forward, but though I do not intend to remain much longer in the service, or connected with that Court, I do not consider it would be an act of justice, to the suitors, and others attending it, to leave the Higher Court, and Government uninformed longer.

I hereby certify that Mr. W. Sloan, Principal Sudder Ameen, Vizagapatam, was taken ill on the 8th July 1858, is now recovered, and equal to the performance of his duty; having been 15 days under treatment.

Vizagapatam, }
22nd July 1858. }

(Signed) J. H. BLACKWELL,
Civil Surgeon.

I certify that Mr. W. Sloan, Principal Sudder Ameen of Vizagapatam, was on the sick list and under my professional charge and daily observation, from the 8th to the 22nd July inclusive.

He was suffering from an attack of delirium tremens, accompanied by the usual symptoms, great restlessness, sleeplessness, tremor of the hands; incoherence of speech, unusual loquacity, suspicion of those about him, fear of impending danger, and some violence, rendering the presence of a European attendant necessary.

I attribute this attack to the use of intoxicating liquors.

Vizagapatam, }
10th August, 1858. }

(Signed) J. H. BLACKWELL,
Civil Surgeon.

(True Copies.)

Vizagapatam, }
11th October 1858. }

(Signed) J. H. BLACKWELL,
Civil Surgeon.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 44; dated 13th January 1859.

The Government resolve that Mr. Sloan be called upon to make any defence, or offer any explanations regarding the charges laid against him. The Superintending Surgeon of the Northern Division, will also be required to state whether Mr. Sloan's habits have been such as they are represented by the Civil Judge of Chicacole.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Subsidiary Department

No. 2250

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudder Court
Dated 20th Decr 1858.*

For Orders.

*Mr Sloan should be called on
for any defence. he may
have to make -*

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*The Superintendent Surgeon might
also be asked whether this state
of things is habitual as stated
by the Judge Mr. G.*

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Judicial Department.

No. 44

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Under date 13th January 1859.

Read Extract from the
Proceedings of the Sudder
Adalat dated 28th Decemr.
Ulto. No. 126. with enclosure.

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To Ch. B. & Laps. Esqrs. Civil Judge of Chitacole.
The Court of Sudder Adalat. *Dispt. on Feb 10/59*
Mr. W. Sloan, Principal Surgeon - Chitacole
Superintending Surgeon } *Dispt. 17th Jan*
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