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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
15th October 1860.*

No. 33. Read the following letter from Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Poona, 29th September 1860, No. 786.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit the accompanying copies of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy No. 818, dated 18th instant, and its enclosures, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council at Fort Saint George will be pleased to cause the correctness of the statement made by Assistant Surgeon Bonstead of H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie" I. N., that he was prevented from joining that Vessel at Madras in consequence of a return of his sickness to be ascertained, and should he be still under Medical treatment that he may be required to furnish an explanation of his not having forwarded any Medical Certificate.

From Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, Commander-in-Chief I. N., to His Excellency the Honorable Sir GEORGE RUSSELL CLERK, K.C.B., Governor and President in Council, dated Bombay, 18th September 1860, No. 818.

I do myself the honor of forwarding to your Excellency in Council the letters as per margin, from which it will be seen that Assistant Surgeon Bonstead, who is attached to the "Dalhousie," instead of joining that Ship in Madras Roads, as he ought to have done, went ashore from the Steamer in which he was a passenger from Calcutta, and, without even forwarding a

Letter from Commander Hopkins, to Commander-in-Chief I. N., No. 387 of 23rd August 1860.
Letter from Assistant Surgeon Bonstead to the Executive Officer of H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie" of 14th August 1860.

Medical Certificate to his Commanding Officer, sent in the letter to him dated the 14th August last.

2. Assistant Surgeon Bonstead had been left behind sick on shore at Calcutta when the "Dalhousie" left that Port, and on being reported fit for duty he was provided by Captain Campbell, under instructions from the Supreme Government, with a passage on board the "Nemesis" to rejoin the "Dalhousie," but so far as I am aware has to this hour neither joined that ship nor sent in a Medical Certificate.

3. This proceeding, coupled with other circumstances which have occurred in reference to this Officer, and which I shall probably be under the necessity of laying before Government, leads me to doubt whether he is altogether in his right senses, but I would beg leave to request that a communication may be made to the Madras Government with the view of ascertaining the correctness of his statement that he was prevented from joining the "Dalhousie" in consequence of a return of his sickness, and that if still under Medical treatment he may furnish an explanation of his not having forwarded any Medical Certificate.

From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding H. M.'s "Dalhousie" I. N., to Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, C.B., R.N., Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, dated Madras, 23rd August 1860, No. 387.

I have the honor to enclose correspondence with Assistant Surgeon Bonstead and I beg to observe that that Officer furnished no Medical Certificate beyond his letter, nor did he come on board, and the vessel he arrived by, was lying near this ship.

From Assistant Surgeon P. BONSTEAD, to the Executive Officer of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," Indian Navy, dated 14th August 1860.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Officer in Command of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," Indian Navy, my arrival this day in Madras, per Steamer "Nemesis" for the purpose of resuming the Medical charge of the "Dalhousie."

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I have the honor further to state that in consequence of a return of the sickness, from which I had just recovered, I shall be prevented rejoining the "Dalhousie" until convalescent.

(Compuces.)

(Signed) W. F. MARRIOTT, Captain,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1860, No. 356.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Marine be directed to call upon Assistant Surgeon Bonstead to furnish proof of his having been prevented by illness from joining the "Dalhousie" in August last, and also to explain why he did not forward a Medical Certificate with his letter of the 14th August last to the Commander of the "Dalhousie." It is observed that in para. 3 of Mr. Franklin's letter recorded in Proceedings 1st instant, No. 339, it was stated that 'Dr. Bonstead is no longer on the books of the "Dalhousie."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Suptdt. of Marine.
With copy of Enclosures.

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