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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
20th December 1860.*

No. 39. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th December 1860, No. 5,866.

Adverting to the Proceedings of [Government of 15th October last, No. 356, I have the honor to inform you that as therein directed, I called on Assistant Surgeon Bonstead to furnish proof of his having been prevented by illness from rejoining the "Dalhousie" in August last. The accompanying letter from that Officer was received in reply on the 4th instant, but as it contained no documents in support of the statements therein set forth, application was made to the Medical Officer, under whose charge he placed himself. I am now able to add a Certificate of Dr. Bonstead's illness in August, and likewise one under which he proceeded to the Nilgiris, which sufficiently prove, notwithstanding any irregularity in the mode of procedure, that he was not in a fit state to resume his duties.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1860, No. 438.

The papers received with this letter will be forwarded to the Government of Bombay, to whom Mr. Franklin will request Assistant Surgeon Bonstead to address his explanations and other letters.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 41. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 20th December 1860, No. 439.

In continuation of my letter of the 20th instant, No. 437, I am directed to forward a further communication from Assistant Surgeon Bonstead, who has now been requested to address his explanations and other letters to the Government of Bombay.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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27th Novr. 1860.

From, Assistant Surgeon R. Bonstead,
R. M. S. Bombay Army.
To, L. L. Franklin Esq:
Superintendent of Marine.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 4528 of the 20th October 1860, I have the honor to state that on my arrival in Madras in August last I was totally incapacitated and prevented from severe illness to either report myself personally or send in a sick certificate. I did report myself sick and unfit to join from ill health by letter to Commanded Hopkins on the day of my arrival.

2. I have no further proof to offer of my sickness than the fact of my not having been able to leave my room for some weeks after my arrival in Madras from sickness, and having been attended during that sickness by the Medical Officer of

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that district of Madras autho-
-rised by the Madras Government-
in which I resided, who should
have sent in the certificate I
believe. -

3. - Before leaving Madras for
the Hills on sick certificate I was
informed by the Inspector General
of Hospitals that a copy of my
case and medical certificate would
be forwarded for the information
of the Government of Bombay,
and I presume that has been
already done. I shall however
send for a copy of my case
and medical certificate and send
it to you for the information
of the Bombay Government. -

I have &c.
Signed Robinson Bondrad
Asst. Surgeon, &c.

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inability from sickness, to join, by letter.

I resided at the Club, and placed myself under the treatment of the Surgeon Major of the district. Sometime afterwards I required money to liquidate expenses incurred, and applied to the Purser of the Vessel "Dalhousie" for an advance on account of Pay due. He demanded my last Pay Certificate that I had received from Paymaster Mignon of the Indian Navy in Calcutta, and on looking my writing desk for it, I could not find it. Next day I reported to the Purser my inability to find the original last Pay Certificate and asked him if a Telegraphic copy of my last Pay Certificate would be sufficient. He, the Purser, replied in the affirmative, and I then, and there telegraphed to Paymaster Mignon at Calcutta, who sent me a copy of the statement up to which I had been paid.

On receiving Paymaster Mignon's reply, I immediately handed it over to the Purser of the "Dalhousie", who said he was satisfied and would give me an advance before the vessel left Madras, this he neglected

neglected to do, and also left Madras with the Telegraphic Pay Certificate in his possession. I was in immediate want of money and applied to Captain Franklin. I stated the above circumstances and that Purser Outram had carried with him the only Pay Certificate I had - which was the telegram - and he, with great courtesy, applied for an advance which I received. On the return of the vessel to Madras, I enquired of the Purser of the vessel, why he had left with the only Pay Certificate I had, he replied, because he had sent me an advance on account of Pay due, to Messrs. Baker & Co. who having appropriated the sum for ship's debts, refused to give it to me.

The statements of Commander Hopkins contained in his letter of the 4th October 1860, do not appear to have been related with the accuracy that so serious a subject demands, involving a junior officer's veracity as it does. For instance, his letter appears as if

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I had demanded an Autograph
Pay certificate from the Purser of
the "Dalhousie", whereas I merely
asked him for Paymaster Mignow's
Receipt of my Pay certificate; and
again, the conversation regarding
my not being on the strength or
books of the vessel referred to my
asking for an advance of Pay,
not for my Pay certificate which
Commander Hopkins makes it
appear to have been. —

If I have inferred a neglect of duty upon any officer - which I am not aware that I did - it was the appropriation of my Telegraphed Pay certificate for the promised purpose of giving me an advance, which promise was never fulfilled, and in consequence I was prevented obtaining the advance through Captain Franklyn - without difficulty, for the want of it, to my great inconvenience. —

Regarding my not having furnished Commander Hopkins with a Medical Certificate, which that officer complains of, I have to observe that I did report myself sick

sick, and according to the regula-
-tions of the Service I could do no
more. My Medical attendant I
believe had to and did furnish
Government with the other certi-
-ficates.

I beg to request that you will be pleased to forward copies of this my explanation for the information of His Excellency the Governor and President in Council, and the Commodore Commander in Chief of the Indian Navy, with my respectful solicitation that the reputation of my veracity may be at once established.—

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(Signed) R. Bonstead.
asst. Surgeon,
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Superintendent of Marine

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The Suptdt. of Marine. Dec 20th

With an Order.

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August last under which
he proceeded to the Atlantic
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not in a fit state to
resume his duties

No. 438.

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Date 19th December 1860

Chief Secretary
to Government -
Colonel Sir George

20th December
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From

J. J. Franklin Esq
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To Mr George,
20 December, 1840.

J. Pycroft

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No 439

To
The Secretary to the Govt
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