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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,  
18th January 1861.*

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No. 42. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th January 1861, No. 16.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 415, dated 30th November last, and am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council in transmitting the accompanying copy of a Report by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 1,090, dated 17th ultimo, to request the favor of the Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort Saint George causing inquiry to be made through the Medical Officers under whose Certificates Assistant Surgeon Bonstead is absent from duty, when it is likely that Assistant Surgeon Bonstead will rejoin.

No. 1,090.

*Report by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy.*

A Government General Order, sanctioning the leave recommended in this Certificate, will be necessary, but I would beg leave to draw attention to the circumstance that although the Certificate is dated 16th September last, it did not receive the approval and countersignature of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department until the 27th November last, when the period of the leave had expired, and although another month had elapsed beyond the term for which it was granted, no Certificate recommending a further absence has been sent in.

2nd. I would also draw attention to the fact that Assistant Surgeon Bonstead arrived at Madras on the 14th August last, as reported in his letter of that date from the Madras Club, which accompanied my letter to Government, No. 818 of the 18th September last, and that no Certificate has yet been furnished stating the necessity of his absence from the "Dalhousie" from the 14th of August to the 18th of September last.

3rd. According to the Rules of the Service Assistant Surgeon Bonstead was discharged from the books of the "Dalhousie," on his obtaining a Medical Certificate to reside on shore at Calcutta, on the 11th May last, and on his being reported for duty he was directed to proceed by the Mail Steamer to Madras to rejoin the "Dalhousie." He has not rejoined that Vessel, and consequently has never been put on her books, but having been placed at my disposal for duty in the Indian Navy by Government General Order, No. 182 of the 10th October 1859, he ought, if he was incapacitated from going on board the "Dalhousie," to report himself in person (which is scarcely probable) to have obtained a Medical Certificate at once, and his neglect to do so requires, I think, that the Government of Madras should be moved to cause an enquiry into the truth of his statement that in consequence of a return of the sickness from which he had just recovered he was prevented from rejoining the "Dalhousie" until convalescent.

4th. In a letter from Commander Hopkins, dated Madras, 23rd October last, I am informed that "from a private report Assistant Surgeon Bonstead was out shooting about 50 miles from this on or about the 15th October and not gone to the Hills."

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF I. N.,  
Bombay, 17th December 1860.

(Signed) G. G. WELLESLEY,  
Commander-in-Chief of the I. N.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1861, No. 24.

The Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, is requested to furnish the information required by the Government of Bombay, as to when Assistant Surgeon Bonstead will be able to return to his duty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.



N<sup>o</sup> 16 of 1861

Marine Department,

From,

Lieut. Col<sup>l</sup> W. S. Marriott

Acting Secretary to Gov<sup>t</sup>

To,

The Chief Secretary  
to Government

Fort St<sup>l</sup> George.

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