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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th April 1866.*

No. 76. Read the following letter from C. G. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 13th April 1866.

I have the honor, with reference to G. O., Public, No. 360, of the 11th instant, censuring Dr. Donaldson's conduct with reference to my "Case," and, as I believe, in justice to Dr. Donaldson to make the following explanations.

2. At the time Dr. Donaldson prepared my "Case," the 21st March, it was proposed that I should go Home by the long sea route, and by the *Hydaspes* advertised to sail on the 1st April, as the only suitable ship likely to be available. The time at my disposal was thus only ten days, and I was naturally anxious that my leave should be granted as early as possible, as I had to get advances from the Civil Fund, and make all arrangements.

3. Dr. Donaldson knew this, and it was, I am quite sure, in his anxiety to prevent the loss of any time in my obtaining what I wanted, that he committed the error complained of in sending me the original "Case" in his own hand, to be at once despatched—he *not having kept a copy*, a fault which, after all, amounts pretty much to the same thing as sending an official letter without keeping an office copy.

4. I know nothing of course of other irregularities, but the neglect of duty in this point arose simply from Dr. Donaldson's excess of kindness in his anxiety to save even a day's delay in the obtaining of my Certificate and leave.

5. I should say that by the 23rd, two days later, the long sea route had been abandoned, and I had determined to go, if possible, by the Steamer now here.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1866, No. 399.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

From C. G. Walker, Esq.
Under-Secretary to Govern-
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To
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M. A. D. S.

April 13th 1866

