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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

### GENERAL ORDER.

*Commandant's Office,  
Perth, 10th February, 1860.*

The Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Troops promulgates the following letters which he has recently received from the Horse Guards in relation to Staff Surgeon Rennie, M.D., whose conduct formed the subject of the General Orders of the 24th August last.

With the view of preventing misconception The Lieutenant Colonel thinks it necessary to explain, that the letter of Staff-Surgeon Rennie referred to as "No. 1 of the 23rd August last," and which that Officer has been required by His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief to withdraw, is the one in which he qualified his previous admission of wrong doing and requested that the Court Martial might proceed.

### COURTS-MARTIAL, 21—11.

*Horse Guards,  
25th Nov. 1859.*

SIR,

"With reference to your letter of the 30th August last," [which transmitted the extra Government Gazette of the 24th August, and the documents upon which the General Orders therein published were framed] "regarding the

"conduct of Staff Surgeon Rennie, M.D., I have the honor to acquaint you, that unless that Officer withdraw the letter (No. 1, 23d August, 1859,) His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief desires that he be brought to trial by Court-Martial."

I have, &c.,  
W. F. FORSTER,  
D. A. G.

The Officer Commanding  
at Perth,  
Western Australia.

### COURTS-MARTIAL, 5—12.

*Horse Guards,  
7th Dec. 1859.*

SIR,

"With reference to your letter of 30th August last, regarding Staff Surgeon Dr. Rennie, I have now the honor, by direction of His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, to transmit for your information and guidance, copy of a letter from that Medical Officer requesting permission to withdraw the letter dated 23d August last."

I have, &c.  
G. A. WETHERALL,  
A. G.

The Officer Commanding  
at Perth,  
Western Australia.

*(Copy.)**London, 28th Nov. 1859.*

SIR,

“I have the honor to acknowledge  
 “the receipt of your letter of the 26th  
 “instant, forwarding me a communi-  
 “cation from the Deputy Adjutant  
 “General to the Forces, conveying  
 “the terms upon which His Royal  
 “Highness the General Commanding-  
 “in-Chief will consent to stay further  
 “proceedings against me in reference  
 “to matters originating in Western  
 “Australia, and to state, that I avail  
 “myself of the permission afforded me  
 “by His Royal Highness, and accord-  
 “ingly withdraw the original letter,  
 “No. 1, dated 23d August, 1859,  
 “referred to in the communication  
 “from the Deputy Adjutant General  
 “to the Forces, dated 25th November,  
 “1859.”

I have, &c.,  
 D. F. RENNIE, M.D.  
 Staff Surgeon.

The Director General  
 of the Army Medical Department.

The withdrawal by Staff Surgeon Rennie of the letter above adverted to is in effect a declaration of his adherence to his former letter in which he expressed his deep sorrow for the imputations he had previously cast upon the honor of Major Henderson, Royal Engineers, and in which he fully and unequivocally declared that Officer's honor to be free from stain.

His Royal Highness The General Commanding-in-Chief has been pleased to accept this reparation on the part of Staff Surgeon Rennie as the fulfilment of the condition on which that Officer might avoid a Trial by Court Martial.

J. BRUCE, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
 Commanding the Troops.

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