1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CLARENCE HENRY DIXON, 10 11 Petitioner, No. CIV S-09-0513 GEB KJM P 12 VS. 13 JAMES A. YATES, 14 Respondent. ORDER 15 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no 16 17 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d 18 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at 19 any stage of the case "if the interests of justice so require." See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be 20 21 served by the appointment of counsel at the present time. 22 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's motion for 23 appointment of counsel (Docket No. 24) is denied without prejudice to a renewal of the motion 24 at a later stage of the proceedings. 25 DATED: November 18, 2009. 26 /mp; dixo0513.110

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