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FROM

R. B. CHAPMAN, Esquire,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

TO

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esquire,
Secy. to Govt. of Fort St. George.

Dated the 22nd January 1857.

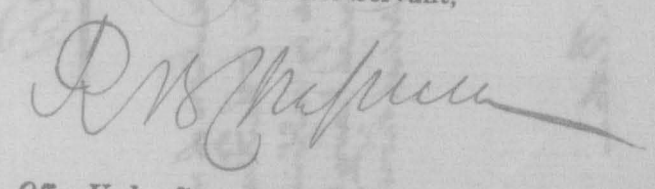
SIR,

HOME DEPARTMENT. I AM directed to forward the accompanying translation of an Extract from a letter addressed to the French Consul at Singapore by an Officer of the French Imperial Navy containing his observations on the position of the Mellish shoal.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,



FORT WILLIAM,
The 22nd January 1857. }

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 129.

EXTRACT of a letter addressed to the Consul for France at Singapore by Mr. Magdalaine an Officer of the Steamer "Duroc" of the French Imperial Navy, dated Sourabaya 2nd October 1856.

The position of the Mellish Shoal which is about 160 leagues North West of new Calidonia according to our observations after the wreck, differs sensibly from that given in the Charts, according to our observations it is in latitude South $17^{\circ} 23'$ and longitude East of Paris $153^{\circ} 35'$.

In South latitude $16^{\circ} 24'$ and longitude East of Paris $147^{\circ} 54'$ I observed an islet of red sand about a mile in circumference, and saw no reef round it, but the Sea was exceedingly high.

In South latitude $16^{\circ} 36'$ and longitude East of Paris $145^{\circ} 40'$ I also observed a reef, level with the water, appearing to have an interior lagoon with bluish water; I could not make out the extent of it but it was several miles in circumference.

I hope you will find an early opportunity to publish these remarks on the Mellish Shoal, where I think a vessel might easily find anchorage, Captain D'La Voissiere intended after our departure, to make a survey of the reef which had an excellent entrance on the Western side.

(True Copy of Extract.)

SINGAPORE,
22nd November 1856.

(Signed) ROBT. CHURCH,
Secy. to the Governor.

/ True Copy /

DW Chapman

Offy Secretary to the Govt of India

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From the Mellish Shoal
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Forwarding to the
Extract from a letter to the
Governor at Singapore by an Officer
of the French Imperial Navy on
the position of the Mellish Shoal.

With an Encl.

A. B.

Mr. Van Hook for Mr. Bates 12th Feb 1859

Ordered that 13 pounds
 copies of the foregoing papers
 be furnished to the Marine Bureau
 and that the same be also fur-
 nished in the Dept of George Co.
 for the general information.
 J. M. Smith
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