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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 1. From Signor JOAO BONIFACIO MISSO, Consul General of Portugal in Ceylon; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 19th February 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of date the 23rd January 1858, and in answer I beg to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Divers are to be employed in the Inner Harbour of Goa and Mosambique, the depth of which I need not mention as it is well known to be very shallow and not to abound with Sharks. I have further to inform that the Portuguese Government is anxious to have the same place examined and that the Divers will be required at least to be engaged for two years and if their Service be required for further time it will then agree with the Divers if they chose to continue.

I beg further to request that you will be kindly pleased to fix their wages as reasonable as you think proper, and at the same time to grant these Divers from Toticoreen to enable me to send for them the moment the Portuguese Barque "Adomastor" reaches this port which is daily expected.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 100; dated 3rd March 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine Board, with reference to their letter of the 20th January last, No. 259.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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With due respect

Your most Obedt Servant

João Bonifácio Missô

Consul General of Portugal in Ceylon

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To the Marine Board. Dispt 1st