

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	638	Press Mis.
Dated	15-12	1858

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of December 1859.*

No. 21. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th December 1859, No. 4932.

Adverting to the reference to me of an extract from a letter addressed by Captain Haughton, Superintendent of Port Blair, to the Government of India, of 6th October 8th December 1859. last, representing that he had found at Acheen the native crew and passengers of the English Schooner "Alice," who stated that they had been abandoned and left behind by the Commander John Douglas, on his way from Singapore to Madras, I have the honor to inform you that from inquiries made on the subject, it appears that this vessel did arrive in these roads on the 16th of September, having on board only the Commander, the Mate, one Sookhanni, one Laskar and the Cook ; the remainder of the crew, to the number of 11 including the Syrang, having been reported as deserters.

2. On questioning the Agent of the vessel, N. Ratnum, he informs me that the Commander declared, as his reason for leaving his crew behind at Acheen, that he had strong suspicions of their intending him foul play on the voyage. He therefore left without them as a matter of precaution.

3. The "Alice" is now at Tranquebar where her owner Saiboo resides, and N. Ratnum believes that Captain Douglas is now undergoing an examination before the local authorities regarding the desertion of his crew. With the view of eliciting further particulars, I will address the Collector of Tanjore and submit such other details of the transaction as may be obtained.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1859, No. 638.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Magistrate of Tanjore and that he be directed to report immediately what proceedings he is taking in the case.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

Chief Secretary.

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Madras

Marine Supd^y Office

13th December 1859

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Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

~~Wm Rattray~~

Superintendent of Marine

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Levee J.P.

Mag of Tanjore

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Dec 15th 1859

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1859 Department
from No 1892 to 2111
The Dept of Marine
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 13th December 1859
Recd

M. W. Rattray
No 584
4932

Report in advertisement
the reference to him &
Extract from a letter by
the Secretary to the
Tanjore to the Govt &
in view of the Govt's
"Office" did receive notice
on the 6th Decr. having
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reported as deserting also
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