

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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

No. 1. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ;
to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th December 1859,
No. 5000.

Referring to the Order of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to inform you
that the watch intended for Captain Petitbon of the "Jean
16th July 1859, No. 315. Victor," was delivered to Mr. E. Lecot, the French Consul, with a
request that he would take the necessary steps for having it
transmitted to that gentleman who had returned to France. With a view to this he forwarded it
to the French Consul General at Calcutta, who states that the officer of Customs at that port de-
mands a duty of 60 Rupees on it, and declines to pass it from his charge until that sum is paid.
Under these circumstances he addressed the Financial Secretary on the 2nd instant but up to
the 8th, the date of his letter to Mr. Lecot, had received no reply. It is probable that before
this the Supreme Government have given instructions for the watch to be cleared through the
Custom House free of duty, but as it is just possible that further delay may have occurred, I
would solicit that application should be made to the Government of India for it to be delivered
free of charge.

2. It does not appear that duty is leviable on the watch which, although of English manu-
facture, was purchased at a Madras shop, and must have already had duty charged on it when
imported.

No. 2. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, dated 21st Decem-
ber 1859, No. 652.

The Superintendent of Marine has represented to this Government that a duty of Rupees
60 was demanded at Calcutta on a gold Watch, which the French Consul General has been
requested to transmit to France for Captain Petitbon of the French ship "Jean Victor."

2. The Watch in question, which bears an inscription to that effect, was, I have to explain,
directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to be presented, through the French Consul
here, to Captain Petitbon, in approbation of his meritorious and courageous conduct, in co-oper-
ating with the Commander of the "Melanie," in rescuing from Pulo Brasso, an Island at the
North East end of Sumatra, the Commander, his Wife, and the Crew of the "Sir Charles Napier,"
which foundered on her way from Rangoon to Falmouth. The Watch was forwarded to the
French Consul General at Calcutta by the French Consul for transmission to France.

3. I am accordingly directed to solicit that instructions may be issued for passing the
article, free of duty. It is of English manufacture, was purchased at a shop in Madras and must
have already had duty charged on it, when first imported.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Marine.

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No. 152.

The Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Sir,

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Forb. S. George
21 Dec^r 1859.

J.P.

Copy to Sup^t of
Revenue } Sup^t 22^d

of Super^r 2 manufacture,

Ant 3 Jan 31

Gold Watch
Capt. Petitioner

1822
The watch was found
in the pocket of a
coat, which was
found in the
cabin of the ship.

For about 31 years
Marine loss Dept etc

No. 652

The day to the front of
Hengal

21 Dec 1859

Relies to 14th Jan 1860
1822