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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
9th July 1860.*

No. 19. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th June 1860, No. 3,032.

I have the honor to inform you that on the 2nd ultimo, I received a telegram from the Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, reporting that the Commander and Officers of the French Ship "Nouvelle Penelope" were too unwell to navigate her to Calcutta and asking permission to take charge of her. He was told if no Commander could be obtained he might proceed in her, returning to his duties by the earliest Steam opportunity.

2. The Ship had been dismasted in a gale of wind, and having rigged Jury Masts, Captain Meppen took charge of her on the 6th ultimo and carried her safely to Calcutta. I append copy of the Commander's letter to me returning thanks for the assistance he received and beg to add my testimony of the masterly manner in which she was conducted to a safe Port.

3. I now solicit that Government will be pleased to Gazette Captain Meppen as having been absent from the 6th to the 31st May on special duty, the latter being the date on which he rejoined his Office. His brother Mr. G. Meppen it appears acted for him during his absence, but as no instructions were passed regarding him, it does not appear necessary that this be noticed.

From J. FLOTTE, Commander of the French Ship, "Nouvelle Penelope," to the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, dated Calcutta, 13th May 1860.

I have the honor to bring to your notice for information of Government of Madras, the valuable services rendered by Mr. Meppen, Master Attendant, Vizagapatam, in having navigated my Ship "Nouvelle Penelope" to Calcutta in this time of the season.

Mr. Meppen refused at first to take my Ship to Calcutta, but when I found the only Commander at Vizagapatam, declined taking my Ship up, I made this known to Master Meppen who at once assented to navigate my Ship.

The illness of my Officers and myself made it utterly impossible for us to navigate the Ship, and therefore I am greatly thankful to the Government for allowing Master Meppen to go in the Ship, and to afford us his assistance. I beg to state that that Officer's assistance, and his readiness to undertake such important service in a dismasted ship, and in this time of the season, deserves great credit, and from what I have seen, he is thoroughly acquainted with the coast and a perfect master of his calling, to whom also I am very much obliged.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. B. CROWTHER,
Assistant Superintendent of Marine.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1860, No. 243.

In this letter, the Superintendent of Marine reports having authorized Captain Meppen, Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, to navigate to Calcutta the French Ship "Nouvelle Penelope," her Commander and Officers being too unwell to command. The vessel had been dismasted, and was rigged with Jury Masts.

2. Captain Meppen was absent from his Station from the 6th to the 31st May last, during which period it will be notified in the Gazette that he was employed elsewhere on special duty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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In this letter, the Superintendent of Marine reports having authorized Captain Meppen, Master Attendant at Viagaportau, to navigate to Calcutta the French ship "Nouvelle Envelope" - her Commander & officers being too unwell to command. The vessel had been dismasted, & was rigged with Jury Masts.

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