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15th February 1861.*

No. 35. Read the following letter from J. VASSUNDOR, Esq., Secretary of the Government of Netherlandish India, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Batavia, 11th January 1861, No. 95.

D'après les ordres de Son Excellence le Gouverneur Général des *Indes Néerlandaises* j'ai l'honneur de vous prier de me faire parvenir quelques renseignements sur les Sieurs *Jean Marie Armand Montclar* et *Francis Hudson Lowe*, qui, il y a quelques mois, sont arrivés à *Batavia* de *Singapour* sans passeports et déclarent avoir été établis récemment à *Madras*.

Depuis quelques jours il court sur ces messieurs, qui professent l'intention d'introduire à *Java* un nouveau procédé pour la fabrication de sucre, des bruits si peu favorables, qu'il est urgent d'éclaircir leur passé.

Il paroît que *Mr. John Vans Agnew* de la maison de Commerce *Arbuthnot & Co.* à *Madras* est l'auteur principal de ces bruits.

Je vous prie donc, Monsieur le Secrétaire, de vouloir bien me faire part confidentiellement de ce qui est connu à *Madras* de la conduite et des antécédents de ces messieurs, tant là qu'ailleurs.

(TRANSLATION.)

From J. VASSUNDOR, Esq., Secretary of the Government of Netherlandish India, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Batavia, 11th January 1861, No. 95.

Agreeably to the instructions of His Excellency the Governor General of Netherlandish India, I have the honor to request that you will favor me with information respecting the Messieurs *John Marie Armand Montclar* and *Francis Hudson Lowe*, who arrived some months ago at *Batavia* from *Singapore* without Passports, and are said to have been recently established at *Madras*.

For some days back reports respecting these gentlemen, who profess the intention of introducing into *Java* a new process for the manufacture of sugar, are in circulation of so unfavorable a kind that it is indispensably necessary to know something of their past career.

It would appear that *Mr. John Vans Agnew* of the Firm of *Arbuthnot & Co.*, at *Madras*, is the principal author of these reports.

I therefore beg, Sir, that you will be pleased to communicate to me confidentially what is known at *Madras* of the conduct and antecedents of these gentlemen, both there and elsewhere.

(True translation.)

(Signed) W. KOMARECK.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1861, No. 97.

Resolved, that the foregoing letter be communicated to *Mr. Vans Agnew*, and that he be requested to favor Government with any information that he may be able to afford regarding the parties alluded to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. Komareck.

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Order thereon 15 February 1861. No. 97.

Resolved, that the foregoing letter be communicated to Mr. Davis Agnew and that he be requested to favor Government with any information that he may be able to afford regarding the parties alluded to.

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To John Davis Agnew Esq. D - dep: 16-2-61