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From

C. Beadon Esq^r

Secy to the Govt of India

To

J. J. Mouat Esq^r M.D.

G. R. Mayfair Esq^r M.D.

Lt. J. A. Heathcote Esq^r M.D. } Members of
the Audit and
Committee.

Dated the 15th January 1858

Home Dept^y } Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the
Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt
of your report dated the 1st Instant and to convey to
you the cordial thanks of the Government of India
for the judicious, prompt and effectual manner
in which you have carried out the instructions
contained in my letter of the 30th November last, as
well as for the business like and practical shape
in which you have submitted the result of your
investigation. Your proceedings from first to last
are entirely approved.

2 His Lordship in Council agrees with you as
to the selection of the old Harbour (which it is intended
shall henceforward bear the name of Port Blair)

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for a penal settlement, and instructions have
this day been issued to Captain H. Man Execu-
-tive Engineer and Supdt. of Convicts at Moulin
to proceed thither on the "Pluto" as soon as possible
after her return, with all the means necessary
for clearing a site and otherwise preparing
for the reception of convicts.

3 I am directed to request that 30 impressions
may be made of the series of photographs taken
during the expedition and that after reserving
five copies for the use of the members of the
Committee, the remainder (of which 10 should
be mounted) may be sent to this office. The
canoe and implements should also be properly
packed for transmission to the Honble the Comr
of Directors. The Geological specimens had
better be deposited in the Museum.

4 The new harbour discovered by the
Committee on the west coast of the Great Andra-
-man opposite to Port Blair, will be called
Port Monat after the President. The Governor
General in Council entirely approves of your
having

having brought to Calcutta the inhabitant of
 the Andamans, who after the unprovoked
 attack made by the savages on the boats of the
 expedition, fell alive into your hands. His
 Lordship in Council had hoped that this man
 would have become an useful medium of
 communication between the officers of Govern-
 ment and his own countrymen, and have given
 assistance in reclaiming them from the state
 of profound and primitive barbarism in
 which they now exist. He regrets however to
 learn from Dr. Monat's subsequent letter of
 this date that the health of the man has suffered
 so much since his arrival in Calcutta that it is
 thought advisable to send him to sea.

b. The Governor General in Council thinks
 it best that the "Pluto" should proceed from hence
 in the first instance to Interview island and
 land the native as near as possible to the place
 at which he was taken, and His Lordship in Council
 desires me to request that he may be abundantly
 supplied

To the
 Dept. of Marine

supplied with useful articles of peace, such as
carpenters tools, knives, cotton cloth, thread, cords,
axes, metal pots and pans as well as with beads,
looking glasses and such like objects of savage
finery. And every possible endeavour should
again be made to assure his countrymen, both
through him and by direct signs, that our ob-
jects are friendly, and that they have nothing to
expect but good treatment at our hands. Dr
Monat will be so good as to give the Commanc-
der of the "Plato" all needful instructions on
this head.

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To
J. J. Monat Esq^r M.D.
President of the Andaman Committee

Dated the 15th January 1858.

Home Dept^y Sir,

With reference to my letter of this
date to the Committee, I am directed to request
that you will submit a contingent bill for the
expenses of the expedition including a donation
of Rs 300, to each of the three members of the Com-
mittee, of which the Governor General in Council
requests their acceptance.

In a separate
letter.

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[Signature] C. Beadon
Secy to the Govt of India.