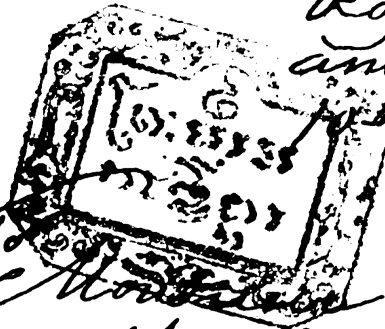


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Board the Steam Yacht
Royal Sovereign
anchored at Whinnem
1st August 1868.



~~Monsieur~~ M. Amédée Deligien
Phu: Viam Duranvau
the consul for Siam in Imperial
city of Paris in French Empire
18. Rue d'Amsterdam called
Siamese consulate.

My consul & intimate friend!

After the day in which
my last letter to you was
despatched from Bangkok, I left
my home down to sea & came
here & arrived at place where
we pointed out as the place
of central line of the Solar
total Eclipse now getting near
& where we have prepared for
dwelling on seeing the Eclipse
as well as certain French men
of Sciences came by the French
Imperial man of war & a gun-
boat "Herlin" from Saigon and
brought their various surveying
& astronomical instruments.


for seeing the Eclipse near to my
place at only a few yards.

I was saluted with 21 guns
on board men of war & treated
with great respects by the French,
but I am sorry to see the sky
was thickly cloudy day & night
every day so we & those French
men are fearing that maybe
the disappointed to see the most
remarkable total Eclipse on
17th & 18th inst for the sky being
continually so cloudy as on several
days last until the present day
also I have learnt here that
certain number of our workmen
sent for preparation of our
dwelling place on land here
became attacked by milder fever
usually occurring at Bougtabou
gold mines which are near to
this place at about only 25-
miles so I fear lest many
who are accompany me now
may be attacked with such the
awful fever if I would land
and live on grounds of mild fever
for several day so that I have

resolved to retreat to be anchored
at Phu Chau near the town
of Whuewar & will wait until
the nearest day of the Eclipse
the French vessel Monsieur Goss
will come down here on about
14th met by board of our gun-
boat Frigate nable which was
ordered to take several passengers
from Bengalee to be here.

The commander of the French
chan of war anchored here told
me that after two months
the vice Admiral de Grandier
will return to Saigon. but
this news were not mentioned
in your letter privily or in very
private written me by you
relating to the intelligence of
the said Admiral Grandier's
arrival at Paris &c

I beg to remain your

 I beg to remain your
very truly
your obedient servant
J. B. P. M.
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