

OFFICE OF

Special Agent Treasury Department,

Savannah, Ga. Oct 30, 1894

Hon. Jno. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The revenue-cutter, "Doutwell" of this station, is now, and has been for some time, laid up for repairs, thus leaving our coast unprotected. I would, for this reason, respectfully recommend that the Captain of the Charleston Cutter, be directed to extend his cruising grounds, so as to cover the territory of the "Doutwell", until the latter is again ready for service. Very respectfully

C. A. Macatee
Spl. Agent

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Office of Special Agent Treasury Department.

Savannah, Ga.

Oct. 30th, 1894.

C. A. Macatee

Special Agent.

SUBJECT:

Reporting disability
of Revenue cutter "Bontwell"
and recommending the
extension of cruising
grounds of the Charleston
Cutter.

Copy of this report referred
to Dir. of Revenue Marine.

Nov. 6/94

21 Papers.

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on the back of each letter.

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November 27, 1894.

Mr. S. W. Paul,
Special Agent,
Tampa, Fla.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter dated the 18th instant, from the Collector of Customs at Fernandina, Fla., wherein for reasons stated he requests authority to purchase, at an expenditure of \$75.00, a White-hull boat for use in boarding vessels.

You are instructed to submit a report as to the necessity for the expenditure referred to, and the reasonableness of the price named.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Secretary.

(One enclosure).

Office of
Special Agent Treasury Department,

Tampa, Fla.,

Dec 10 , 1894.

Hon. John G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the Department's letter of Nov. 27 (G. H. 16.) with enclosures from the Collector of Customs at Fernandina, Fla., wherein he requests authority to expend \$50. in the purchase of a white hall for use in his district; I recommend that the authority be not given as the boat now in the possession of the Collector is both suitable and convenient for the purpose for which he requests a new boat.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. Park.

Special Agent.

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Office of Special Agent Treasury Department,

Tampa, Fla

Dec 10, 1894

S. H. Paul

Special Agent.

SUBJECT:

Boat for custom
House Ferdinandina,
Fla.

Copy referred with con-
currence of Fr-756 & letter
of Col W. Baltzell Fernan-
dina Fla. Nov. 18/94, return-
ed to App't. Div. Dec. 13/94.

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Office of
Special Agent Treasury Department,

Savannah, Ga.

Jan 14th, 1895

How Jos. G. Carlisle
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Department telegram, of
the 12th inst., in regard Steam Yachts
"La Gonda", and "Amadis", was received
on Saturday evening, during my
absence, and as per general instruc-
tions, was opened by Spl. Empl'y's Har-
alson. Mr. Haralson immediately
notified the Collector of the contents
of the telegram, also Capt Rodgers,
of the Rev. Cutter "Dorville", with the re-
quest that the instructions of the
Department be complied with.

Sept. 2 -

From an account, published in "The Morning News", of the 13th inst., it appears the "La Gorda" has been seized by the Collector, at Fernandina.

How the reporter could have secured information as to Departments instructions, in this matter, I am at a loss to know, as Mr Baralson only gave the information to the Collector, Capt Rodgers, and to Capt Laird, the boarding officer, on duty at the Range Office, and with the request, to each, to keep the matter quiet.

A constant watch has been kept, at this port, for the "Amadis", but so far, she has not been sighted.

Any further developments, in this matter, coming to my attention, will be reported, promptly.

Secty 3,
to the Department.

Very respectfully

L. A. Macatee

Special Agent

Enclosures, one.

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U.S. MAIL DIVISION
Office of Special Agent, Treasury Department,

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JAN 16 1895

Savannah Ga

Jan 14", 1895

C. A. Macate
Special Agent.

SUBJECT:

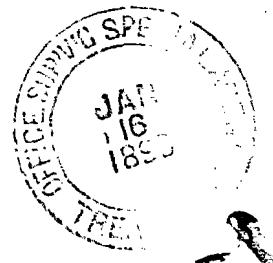
Relative to Stearns Yachts
"La Gorda" + "Amadis"

Copy referred to Comdr Nav.
for his information, Jan 17/95

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Office of
Special Agent Treasury Department,

Tampa, Fla.,

January 21, 1895.

Hon. John G. Carlisle,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the Department's telegram of the 12th, repeated to Port Tampa on the 14th, in regard to the filibustering expedition in which the yachts Lagonda and Amadis were alleged to be engaged, I beg to report that at the request of the collector of Customs at Fernandina dated the 13th I proceeded to that port on the following day but on arriving there I found that I could do but little, Special Inspector Anderson and the District Attorney having

already been there.

I desire in this connection to call to the attention of the Department what I consider an inexcusable delay on the part of the Collector in reporting this case and, in view of his acknowledged ignorance of how to act, in not seeking the aid and advice of the officers of the Government near him. Owing to his failure to do this he allowed two of the principals in the expedition to escape, thus shutting off about the only means of discovering against what country the expedition was directed. The Collector informs me that on Monday the 7th his suspicions were first aroused but it was not until Thursday that he made any move and then wired the Captain of

the Revenue cutter Bontwell at Savannah which vessel being under repairs could not respond. Friday the Captain of the Lagonda went to the Collector ~~and~~ and reported that a number of suspicious boxes had been put on the yacht the night before and asked if any suspicion had been directed towards the yacht. The collector sent his Deputy on board with the captain but owing to a refusal to allow, on the part of the agent of the yacht, A. B. Borden, made no examination of the contents of the boxes. Sunday the captain of the yacht reported that arms had been thrown overboard from the vessel but it was only on Monday, after the arrival of Special Inspector Anderson that any search was made

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and then 140 boxes of arms, ammunition and accoutrements were found in and seized at the warehouse of A. B. Borden.

The matter is now in the hands of the District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. While in Fernandina I found that A. B. Borden, who appears conspicuously in the arrangement of the details of the expedition, was acquainted with José Martí, a well known Cuban revolutionist, and had entertained him at Fernandina no later than last October - and while I doubt that this was a full-fledged expedition against that island I think he was interested in it to the extent that he desired to show to the Cubans in this country who had contributed to the revolutionary fund that he

had collected that he was trying to do something.

I have directed the collector at Fernandina to make a full report to the Department and will not therefore enter into the details of his movements.

Respectfully yours,
S. W. Paul
Special Agent.

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MAIL DIVISION,
Treasury Department,
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JAN 23 1895

Office of Special Agent Treasury Department,

Tampa, Fla

Jan'y 21, 1895.

S. H. Pauls

Special Agent.

SUBJECT:

Fillibustering Expedi-
tion at Fernandina
and action of the
collector of Customs.

Copy sent Comdr Nav. for
his information. Jan 25/95-

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back of each letter.

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Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary.

Washington, D. C., January 12, 1895.

Collector of Customs,

Fernandina, Fla.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram dated yesterday, the following message, signed by myself, was sent you today, viz:

"If case yacht "Lagonda", covered by Article one-thirty-six, regulations eighteen-ninety-two, take action accordingly. Report fully and immediately what further suspicious circumstances attach to the vessel other than that agent refuses to allow inspection."

The Secretary of State informs the Department under this date that his Department has no information tending to throw light on the nature of the cargo.

Respectfully yours,



Acting Secretary.

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Office of Special Agent Treasury Department,

Tampa, Fla.

January 21, 1895.

S. H. Pauls

Special Agent.

SUBJECT:

Filibustering Expedition at Fernandina and action of the collector of Customs.

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Office of Special Agent Treasury Department,

Jacksonville Fla.

Jan. 29, 1895.

Geo. W. Anderson
Special Inspector. Special Agent.

SUBJECT:

to Special Agent Paul.
Matters in that district

by each Com's Nav. for his information. Jan 25/95.

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Office of
Special Agent Treasury Department,

Tampa, Fla.,

January 21

1895.

Hon. John G. Carlisle,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

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Respectfully yours,

J. W. Paul

Special Agent.

Office of
Special Agent Treasury Department,

Savannah, Ga.

Jan 16th, 1891

Hon. Jno. G. Carlisle
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As indicated in my telegram, of last night, to Department, the "Amadis" arrived at this port, at 7.30 yesterday evening; was taken charge of by the Collector, who placed her in the custody of Capt Rodgers, of the Revenue Cutter "Boutwell", with instructions to hold her, until further orders.

The yacht was searched, and nothing of a contraband nature found. She is commanded by Capt D. A. Weed,

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of Rockland, Maine, who states she is owned by Mr G. H. Kimball, of Cleveland, Ohio; that she was chartered by N. D. Borden, but did not know for what purpose, or where she was to go, but supposed it was intended as a pleasure cruise. His orders, at Boston, being to run to Savannah, where he would be met by Borden.

We have kept a constant lookout, at the Hotels, for the Mess Mantel + Borden, but so far, they have not been found.

Capt. Weed, on arrival, found several telegrams awaiting him, from Mr Kimball, all of which he willingly handed over to the Collector. Among them was one dated Boston, Jan 15th stating "Charter forfeited, return immediately," & c. No letters, or

Sept 3,

Telegrams were here from Borden, or
the Mess Mantel,

I enclose a clipping from "The Morning
News" which is a very full and ac-
curate account of the arrival and de-
tention of the "Amadis"

Very respectfully

C. A. Macatee

Special Agent

R.G. 36, Customs Bureau, Special Agents Reports and Correspondence
1865-1915, C. A. Macatee, box 305.

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Telegram

Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary,

January 16, 1895.

Washington, D. C.,

Charles A. Macatee,

Special Agent,

Custom House,

Savannah, Ga.

Report case "Amadis" to Collector who will be instructed.

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Dated *Savannah Ga 15*

To *Secy Treasury, Washn DC*

Yacht Amadis just arrived detained by collector. Nothing on board owner wires Captain charter forfeited return to New York. Please wire instructions

C A Macatee

Spl Agent

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Q/S
MAIL DIVISION,
Treasury Department,
RECEIVED.
JAN 16 1895

Savannah Ga
Jan 15th 1895.

C. A. Macatee
S/A

Yacht "Madie" just
arrived, nothing on
board. Charter forfeited.

Macatee instructed by wire
See M-816^s Jan 16/95
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