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To

The Secretary to the Government,
of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to place before you the following facts for your consideration:-

(2). For the past a year and a half I was contemplating to organise Labour & form a Labour Agency for the supply of Indian labourers whereever they may be required, and particularly to the British colonies on the best and most reasonable terms possible beneficial both to the employer~~s~~ and employed. For this purpose I visited Ceylon twice, and Malay States, last April and May. In so far as I could gather from my personal experience the condition of labourers is very bad in Ceylon, and tolerably good in Malaya. With the exception of a few defects pointed out by me in an interview with the editor of the Malayan Tin and Rubber Journal, Ipoh, F.M.S., (vide. page 33- 35 in the Malayan Tin and Rubber Journal of 31st May 1917.) The system in Malaya presents certain good features which are rarely observed in practice~~s~~. If, however, efforts are made by public or private bodies, much good would

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result. In the course of my interview with several managers of the estates, I understand that they are perfectly willing to render all help to labourers provided there is somebody to represent to them, the needs and requirements of the labourers, and they are all perfectly one with me on the several suggestions put forward by me. This will be evident from the comments published in the copies of the "Malayan Tin and Rubber Journal" submitted herewith.

(3). Please see volume VI, No. 10, May 31st 1917 p 1-3, 33 - 35 — pages missing in the volume furnished by the Editor

Volume. VI, No. 11, p. 1 - 5.

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(4). The greatest need in Ceylon, however, is the necessity for a Labour Department as in F.M.S., under the control of a special native officer, in other words the appointment of a Protector of Emigrants and the thorough overhauling of the present Labour Ordinance of the Colony.

(5). Further planters out here in India, also appreciate the disinterested attitude adopted by me and are desirous that a labour federation should be formed by me for the proper working of which I will have their co-operation. The object of such a federation will be mainly on the lines of "The Emigrants Information Office", London, that of being an advisery body for giving information to emigrants and that of securing work in India or outside, and to take up general, social, and educational work amongst them.

(6). In as much as there is not a single organization of this type anywhere in India I feel confident that the Madras Government will give a general recognition to this movement, by giving me all possible help in the matter of canvassing, advertising, and recruiting on rural areas, so that the movement may have all the respect and confidence of the labouring classes and the general public.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

M. Swaminathan
Editor

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Memo 3602-1 d 12.11.17

The Editor of the Indian Emigrant, Madras, is informed that only a copy of No 11, Vol 01 of the Malayan Tin and Rubber journal has been received with his letter d the 2.11.17. He is requested to forward for the perusal of Govt a copy of each of numbers 10 and 12 of the same volume of the journal referred to in para 3 of his letter.

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To
The Editor of the
Indian Emigrant,
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Madras, 20th November 1917

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No 3602-1 dated 12th inst, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the "Malayan Tin & Rubber Journal Vol VI. Nos 10 + 12; but regret to say that some of the pages referred to in my letter will be found torn off or cut in these volumes. However, the articles contained in them have been reproduced in the July issue of my Journal in pages 218-222. The other pages referred to are quite in tact in that Journal.

I may however say that the three copies mentioned in my letter were duly despatched.

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Further, I am sending herewith also a copy of the latest issue of the "Tropical Life" published in London in which a sketch is given of my work on page 136 and to which I beg to draw your kind attention.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obdt. Servant
T.K. Swaminathan
Editor

The Under Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

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(Mis)

Emigration - Ceylon & Malaya.

From the Editor of the Indian Emigrant,
d the 2.11.17

Memo No 3602-1, Home (Mis), d the 12.11.1
From the Editor of the Indian Emigrant,
d the 20.11.1

For the w.s

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The Editor of the Indian Emigrant, Madras states that it is the desire of the planters out here in India that a labour federation shoul be formed by him, the object of the federation being to give information to emigrants, to secure work for them in India or out of India and to take up general, social and educational work amongst them. He wants that Govt should recogniz the movement by giving him all possible help in the matter of canvassing, advertising and recruiti in rural areas so that the movement may have the respect & Confidence of the labouring classes and the public. It is not clear

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how Govt can render him help in the manner required. The Editor apparently wants that the federation mentioned by him should be an officially recognized agency in the matter of recruitment of labourers for Ceylon and in safeguarding their interests.

Para 8 of Letter No 416 (M) / 2647

2 Submitted that this Govt have already come to the decision that it is necessary that all recruitment of labour to Ceylon should be conducted and supervised by some agency directly responsible to the Colonial Govt as in the case of recruitment of labourers for the Straits and that whether that agency should be composed of Ceylon Govt officials or whether the Colonial Govt should recognize and empower the present Ceylon Labour Commission is a matter entirely for the decision of the Ceylon Govt. Further in order to secure effective control over recruiters and their operations in Ceylon & Malaya the Govt have

Para 9 of Letter ibid (M)

considered it necessary that the Indian Emigration Act should be amended so that emigration should denote the departure by sea out of British India of a native of India where that departure is assisted by cash payments or the grant of free or aided passages and is to a country beyond the limits of India, and that the provisions of the Act regarding the appointment of Emigration Agents and of a Protector of Emigrants should apply to emigration to Ceylon and Malaya also. India has been addressed on these points and certain other matters connected with the recruitment of Indian labour and the conditions of its employment in Ceylon and Malaya after a careful scrutiny of the report of Messrs Marjoribanks and Marakkayar on Indian labour emigrating to Ceylon & Malaya.

Letter No 416 M
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No reply has yet been received from India.

3 In the circumsta
set forth above there appears to be

no necessity for official recognition of any such federation as is contemplated by the Editor of the Indian Emigrant. It is for orders whether he may be informed that the Govt. cannot render him any help in the matter.

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I think we m. inform him that the whole subject is under consideration with India, & then we may await India's reply. Anyway, we can't go in for anything of this kind without the collaboration of Ceylon.

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7.12.17

6.12.17

The whole matter is under consideration

"Inform the applicant that the Govt. cannot recognise any private movement of the nature indicated"

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For the U. S

A draft order is submitted for approval.

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II " " ……, " " Memo No 3602-L, Home (Mis), " …… " the 12. 11. 17.

III " " ……, " " from the Editor of the 'Indian Emigrant' " …… " the 20. 11. 1917.

ORDER. No. 1251, dated 11. 12. 1917.

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The Editor of the 'Indian Emigrant' is informed that the Govt. cannot recognize any private movement of the nature indicated in the first of his letters read above.

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