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G.O. No. 458

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration - Ceylon.

Authorising the permit issuing officer at Mantapam to issue permits to coolies proceeding to Ceylon for employment in the Colombo harbour on the certificate of the Supt of the Quarantine Camp at Mantapam that they are proceeding to Ceylon for employment in the harbour & directing the despatch of a telegram to the Ceylon Govt on the subject.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MADRAS

Telegram from the
Govt of Ceylon - p 112 notes

Memo. No. 63-A



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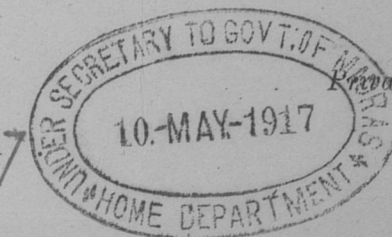
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(By order of His Excellency the Governor.)

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The 9th May



Private Secretary.

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TO

Pentland

Madras Governor's Camp

I ask your personal attention to
Correspondence ~~with~~ with Madras
Home Department as to permits for
labourers coming to Ceylon Stop
I earnestly deprecate attitude of

Home Department which desires to
place Control of whole Estate labour
Supply in hands of a private insti-
-tution representing only one section of
employers and am requesting intervention
of His Majesty's Government Stop proposals

of Home Department make no
provision for Case of Coolies
employed in Colombo harbour Stop
any interference with Supply of
these will vitally affect Imperial
interests

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Emigration - Ceylon

For Secretary

The following papers are submitted:-

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1) G.O. no 285, Home (His), d the 18.3.17

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2) G.O. no 326, Home (His), d the 30.3.17

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3) G.O. no 396, Home (His), d the 23.4.17.

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26 G.O. no 493, Pub, d the 26.4.17
Contains the Defence of India (Passport)
Rules, 1917. These rules do not apply
to any bona fide labourer proceeding
to or returning from Ceylon.

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The telegram above refers to two matters
(1) That all estate labour should be permitted
to proceed on the recommendation of the Ceylon Labour
Commission (2) That

Para 9 (1) (d) of
G.O. notification
22.3.17 at p 4
of G.O. 493 F
26.4.17

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Regarding (2), the Ceylon Govt asked for 1000 Moorjmen. On obtaining the Honourable member's orders which I interpreted liberally, no restriction is now placed on the emigration of harbour employees. People are now permitted to go freely to Ceylon for Government work, whether Moorjmen or not, whether they proceed for the first time or not, whether they go with their families or not, & also in excess of 1000 if required. The telegram announcing this decision was despatched on the 23 April. I submit I cannot understand the present telegram so far as it refers to this matter. Perhaps a second telegram may be sent drawing the attention of the Govt of Ceylon to our latest orders.

Regarding (1), it is true the Ceylon Labour Commission is a private organisation & is representative only of a section of the planters. The office felt that this arrangement may mean hardship to the estates not represented in the Ceylon Labour Commission; & the Under Secretary & I suggested two methods of meeting the difficulty. The Honourable member passed orders that the agency of the Ceylon Labour Commission should be continued to pass estate labour. Nos 7 & 8. N file 90396 23/4/17. The reasons therein noted have not been

met.

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S. rightly interpreted my instructions as applying to all labour employed by the Ceylon Government, and should not therefore have allowed any reference to "harbour employees" in No 296/23.4.17

The go. was shockingly drafted. Paras 1 & 2 are contradictory, as in para 1 the new arrangement is made applicable to harbour labourers only & in para 2 to all Ceylon Govt. Labourers.

This is the third time that I have had to remark on carelessness in this section. There is a limit to my patience.

28.4.17



Telegram from the Governor of Ceylon to His Excellency

Flag T contains our last order on the subject: in particular, please see my note at pps 7 & 8 of the note file.

Suggested telegram.

Your telegram dated 28th April about permits for labourers proceeding to Ceylon. 5 lps. I would invite attention this Government ~~letter~~ telegram. Letter dated 23rd April directing that ~~Coast~~ ^{should} be employed Colombo harbour ~~not~~ ^{not} pass through Ceylon Labour Commission. That permits for them will be issued on certificate your hand above Agent - that they are proceeding for Government work. 5 lps. Regarding estate labour we consider that recruitment should be controlled by properly organized Labour Agency to check abuses. 5 lps. Letter follows.

Suggested letter.

At the time that you despatched your telegram of the 28th April about permits for labourers proceeding to Ceylon, you had obviously not seen this Government's telegram No 139 of 23rd April, which was a reply to your Colonial Secretary's telegram of the 12th April. You will see from our telegram that we modified our previous order in

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so far as they related to the emigration of
coolies employed in Colombo harbour, &
have directed our officer at Mandalam to
issue permits for such coolies on the certificate
of your Camp Superintendent at the same
place that they are going to Ceylon for Government
work. These coolies will, therefore, no longer
pass through the hands of the Ceylon Labour
Commission. If you consider that any
other classes of labourers employed by your
Government should be similarly treated, we
are quite prepared to do so.

In regard to late labour, the
Madras Government have been much concerned to devise a remedy
for certain objectionable features, which have
come under our notice, in the recruiting
methods practised by some private employers
of labour in Ceylon, and particularly by
estates which do not subscribe to the Ceylon
Labour Commission. We were satisfied from
the enquiries made by Messrs. Major & Co.
and Marakkar that it was necessary to
place all recruitment of labour for private
employment in Ceylon under the control
of an organized Labour Agency established
in the Presidency.

In giving effect to this decision my
Government had necessarily to make use

See para 26 of Messrs. Major & Co.
report

See para 26 of Messrs. Major & Co.
report

of the only Labour Agency available, namely the Ceylon Labour Commission. I sympathize with your dislike of recruitment being placed in the hands of a private body, but in the absence of a Labour Agency authorised by your Government, I feel sure you will agree that no other course was possible.

Note. If U.S. is inclined to further justify the selection of the C.L. Commission I would point out - that the Commission recruits for 85 per cent. of the States - that it has all along been making a genuine endeavour to purify the conditions under which labour is recruited.

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His Excellency.

His Excellency is greatly obliged to Mr. Honble Mr. Giffen & under his instructions I have despatched the telegram & letter with a few verbal alterations shown in the copies attached.

Giffen

1.5.17.

(B.O.)



Sir John Anderson

Nuwaraeliya

Your telegram dated 28th April about permits for labourers proceeding to Ceylon stop Directions have already issued in this Government's telegram and letter dated 23rd April that coolies employed Colombo harbour should not pass through Ceylon Labour Commission and that permits for them will be issued on certificate your Mandapam Agent that they are proceeding for Government work stop Trust this arrangement satisfactory in their case stop Regarding estate labour we consider it necessary that recruitment should be controlled by properly organised labour agency stop Letter follows

PENLAND

8/11

30th April 1917.

My dear Sir John,

Would you please refer to your telegram dated 28th April regarding permits for labourers proceeding to Ceylon and my telegram of this date in reply. When you despatched your telegram of the 28th April you apparently had not seen this Government's telegram No. 135 of the 23rd April which was a reply to your Colonial Secretary's telegram of the 12th April. You will see from that telegram that we had already modified our previous orders in so far as they related to the emigration of coolies employed in the Colombo harbour, and that we have directed our officer at Mannar to issue permits for such coolies on the certificate of your Camp Superintendent at Mannar that they are proceeding to Ceylon for Government work. These coolies will therefore no longer pass through the hands of the Ceylon Labour Commission and if you consider that any other classes of labourers employed by your Government should be similarly treated, we are quite prepared to issue the necessary orders.

As regards estate labour, the Madras

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Government have been much concerned to devise a remedy for certain objectionable features which have come under our notice in the recruiting methods practised by some private employers of labour in Ceylon and particularly by estates which do not subscribe to the Ceylon Labour Commission. We were satisfied from the enquiries made by Messrs. Marjoribanks and Marakayar that it was necessary to place all recruitment of labour for private employment in Ceylon under the control of an organised labour agency established in this Presidency.

In giving effect to this decision my Government had necessarily to make use of the only Labour Agency available, namely the Ceylon Labour Commission. I sympathise with your dislike of recruitment being placed in the hands of a private body, but in the absence of a Labour Agency authorised by your Government, I feel sure you will agree that no other course was possible. I would add that the fact that the Commission recruits for 35 per cent of the estates and that it has throughout been making earnest and genuine endeavours to suppress

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abuses in connection with recruitment, seemed to us fully
to justify this course and I sincerely hope that the
arrangements as now modified will meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

PENTLAND.

His Excellency Sir John Anderson,
G.C.M.G., &c.,
Governor of Ceylon,
Nawara Eliya.

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Recd. here at

10 MAY 1917
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HOME DEPARTMENT

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[Telegram as decoded is at p 12
infra]

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Telegram from the Governor of Ceylon to the Governor
of Madras, dated the 9th May 1917. 15

• ----- p 7 ante
Your telegram dated 30th April. Harbour coolies
are not employed by Government and therefore cannot be said
to be employed ^{on} ~~by~~ Government work. Request that all coolies
required for employment on harbour may be passed on certificate
of Camp Commandant.

Superintendent

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vide p 1 ante.

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For orders whether the request contained in the telegram from the Governor of Ceylon may be complied with. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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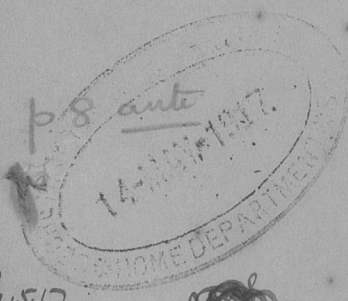
It seems that what the Ceylon Govt requires is that all harbor-employees should be permitted to work without restriction. The H. O. assumed that there were Govt employees, on the strength of Ceylon telegram pp 1-6 of G.O. 396 1.23.4.17 in which the employees are denoted as required "for service of the port". It appears now that they are not employed by the Govt at all.

As His Excellency's letter to Sir John Anderson clearly states, this Govt has proposed to put no restriction on the employment of Ceylon Govt workers. The Ceylon Govt has however not as yet asked for exemption for any class of labourers employed by Govt.

In these circumstances the offer proposed to withdraw the G.O. 396 is sound; draft may be approved.

Approved
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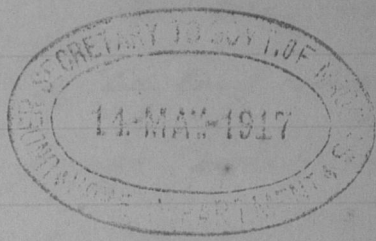
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The modification practically amounts to a withdrawal + substitution of present draft. But as they are bound to Ceylon Govt strictly in the draft it is clear.

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Emigration - Ceylon.

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Authorising the permit-issuing officer at Kandapam to issue permits to coolies proceeding to Ceylon for employment in the Colombo harbour on the certificate of the Sup^t of the Quarantine Camp at Kandapam that they are proceeding to Ceylon for employment in the harbour and directing the despatch of a telegram to the Colonial Secretary, Colombo on the subject.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 396, Home (Mes), dated 2. the 23. 4. 1917.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 396, dated 2. Dec 23. 4. 1914.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. Memo, From the P. S. C., No. 63-P, dated the 9.5. 1917

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ORDER.

No. 458, dated 14.5. 1917

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In supersession of the orders contained in G.O. no 396, Home (H.S.), d the 23.4.17, the permit-issuing officer stationed at Mandapam is authorised to issue permits without any restriction to Coolies proceeding to Ceylon for employment in the Colombo harbour, on the Certificate of the Superd^t of the Ceylon Govt Quarantine camp at Mandapam that they are going over to Ceylon for employment in the harbour. Such coolies need not pass

through the hands of the Ceylon Labour Commission.
 2 The following telegram will be despatched to the Honble the Colonial Secretary, Colombo.

Telegram

Telegram from Govt of Ceylon of 9th instant. Instructions under issue authorising permit-issuing officer, Kandapam to issue permits without restriction to coolies required for employment in [the] Colombo harbour on certificate [of] Super [of] quarantine camp, Kandapam that coolies ^{they} are proceeding to Ceylon for employment in harbour.

To
 10.5.17
 P. de R.
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 E. L. H.
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[Will be codified before issue]
 B. G. Holdsworth Esq J.C.S.
 Permit issuing officer
 Kandapam
 The D. H. Ramnad
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 Copy to the Public Dept
 all other D.H.s
 Copy to the Ceylon Govt with
 C. L.
 Super Ceylon Labour
 Commission, Trincomalee

Para 1 of Order only

Telegram

As codified 19 Home Dept (Mis)

To Colonial Secretary, Colombo.

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Telegram from Govt of Ceylon of 9th instant

Issuing necessary instructions to

authorising permit issuing officer Kandapam to issue permits without restriction to coolies required

for employment in Colombo harbour on certificate [of] Super quarantine camp, Kandapam that they are proceeding to Ceylon for employment in harbour

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