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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration - Burma.-

Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin
 letter from the Government of Burma, Agricultural Department,
 No. 453 A/50-430, dated the 24th April 1917, furnishing informa-
 tion regarding the alleged detention at Tavey of 19 Travancore
 coolies.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. CURRENT NO.

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Subject.

Regarding the detention of 19 Travancore subjects against
Mining
their will by the Harmingyi Company, Tavoy.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

No. 34 3/17

Spare copies

Station Trivandrum, Dated the 14th February 1917.

From (Name) A. R. Cumming Esq., I. C. S.,
(Designation) Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Political Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose copy of a telegram -
purporting to have been sent by one M. Govinda Pillai from
in Lower Burma Tavoy to His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore and alleging
that he and eighteen others are being detained against their
will by the Harmingyi Mining Company though they have -
completed the period for which they contracted to serve. The
Dewan believes that they are Travancore subjects and has
asked me to place myself in communication with the authorities
concerned. I accordingly request that the necessary enquiries

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may be made in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. Ansthi 14/2
for Resident.

P.N.

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(Telegram dated 2-2-1917)

From

Tavoy in *North Burma (Lower)*

To

His Highness the Maharaja - Travancore,

Trivandrum.

"We nineteen men satisfactorily executed six months services
for Harmingyi mining company. 9 months over elapsed. Company
purposed detained us. Sympathetically decide telegraphically
through Deputy Commissioner".

- M. Govinda Pillai -

(True Copy)

T. Ansthi
14/2
for Resident.

P.N.

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Home dept
(His)

Letter

No. 638-1

Hfe

3.3.17

2/4/17

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Govt of Burma,
Rangoon.
(with copy of pp 1-3 C.F.)

Recd & despd
with encls
mss
5.3.17

pp 2 ante

p 3 ante

Sir,

I am directed to forward
~~herewith~~ a copy of a letter
no 343/17, d the 14.2.17, and the
enclosures thereto from the
Resident in Travancore and
Cochin ^{regarding} ~~the~~ subject of
the alleged detention ^{at Trav} of one
M. Govinda Pillai and eighteen
others belonging to Travancore
~~against their will, and to~~
~~and to state that, if there be no objection~~
~~state that the Govt in Council~~
this Government may be
~~will be obliged if he is~~
informed whether the allegation
has any foundation in fact
or if so whether the Travancore
Company has any justification
for detaining them.

He

2.3.17. P. 2.3.17

2.3.17

Superscribe cover containing
reply—
Post Box No. 189.
Telegraphic Address—
Revenue, Burma.
Telephone—
No. 4, Secretariat Exchange.

No. 452M/5G.-430.

Agricultural DEPARTMENT

From

The Hon'ble Mr. W.J. Keith, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Revenue Secretary to the Government of Burma

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Maymyo, the

24 April 1917.

In reply to your letter No. 635-1 of the 3rd

March 1917 regarding the alleged detention at Tavoy by the Hermyingyi Mining Company of 19 Travancore coolies, I am directed to inform you that it has been ascertained on enquiry that these coolies came to Tavoy on a year's agreement and received advances. They did not however complete the full term of the year agreed upon but left the service of the Company without refunding their advances. The Hermyingyi Mining Company having discovered their whereabouts, prosecuted them under the Workman's Breach of Contract Act and most of them admitted that they had not worked for the 12 months stipulated in the Agreement. The cases were however eventually compromised by each of the coolies paying a sum of Rs.25/- which presumably represented the outstanding amount of their advances. It is understood that 18 of the 19 coolies are now employed on Messrs. Steel Brothers and Company's Paungdaw Mine in the Tavoy District and that one is still in Tavoy having been left behind on account of ill health.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W.J. Keith

Revenue Secretary.

NOTES. ⁷/₄₆₂

$\frac{8}{462}$ Emigration from Travancore
to Burma

e 310 From the R.T.B., 343/17. 14 2 417

Public dept
(Political)

Submitted that
the Resident's letter may be
passed on to the Home (Mis.) dept,
with the request that the Govt.
of Burma may, if there is no
objection, be addressed on the
matter.

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19.2.17

Ref
2/2

all 20/2 78 Home (Mis.) wd



Ref no. 310-1
23.2.17

C.No. 635 Mis

26.2.17

Home dept
(Mis.)

For Secretary

Emigration to Burma is
free of control by Govt. The circumstances
under which the 19 ^{persons} ~~persons~~ subjects
are detained at Travancore are not known.
It is for consideration whether the Govt.

Emigration questions
are dealt with there.

of Burma should be asked to make the necessary inquiries in the matter. A draft letter to the Govt of Burma is submitted for approval.

2/4/17

2.3.17

Pdca

2.3.17

E.W.H.

3.3.17

p4CF [Issued as Letter No 635-1, Home (Misc), 2]

the 3.3.17

p5CF From the Govt of Burma, No 452.4/54-430, Agricultural Dept 2 the 2.4.4.17.

For the u.s

A draft order

p5CF

Communicating the letter from the Govt of Burma to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin is submitted for approval. It may go u.o to Pub (Political) for perusal before issue.

2/4/17

4.5.17

Pdca

5.5.17

S.

E.W.H.

7.5.17

Pub u.o

may 8/5/17

Public dept (Pol)

Misc 635-2



The draft order may be perused & returned to the Home (Misc) dept with thanks

Pol

recd 10/5/17

880 POLITICAL

Ref: 9-5-17. Home 880-17.

Off 5.17

to Home (Misc) wd

NOTES.

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Home Dept (ms)

The draft was now done.

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12-5-17

$\frac{E.A.H.}{15.5.17}$

WP
11/10/17

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Emigration - Burma.

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Home DEPARTMENT.
(His)

Communicating to the Resident
in Travancore and Cochin. letter from the Govt of
Burma, Agricultural Dept, NO 4524/56-430, d the
24.4.17, furnishing information regarding the
alleged detention at Tavor of 191.
READ AGAIN G.O. No.
Travancore Coolies. 191.

READ ALSO:-

C. No. From the Resident in T&C, No. 343/17, dated the 14. 2. 1917.

Letter no 635-1, Home (His), d the 3.3. 1917.

From the Govt of Burma, Agricultural Dept, No 4524/56-430,
d the 24.4.17

ORDER.

No. 462, dated 16.5. 1917.

His

The letter from the Govt of
Burma read above is
communicated to the
Resident in Travancore and
Cochin for information.

To
The Resident in Travancore
And Cochin (a 2 III, 98
recl 40)
Copy to the Pub (Political) Dept
(a 2 I, II & 40)

Depd with
enclosures
18/5/17

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