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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration - Malaya.

Recording notes containing discussions on the necessity or otherwise of issuing special orders to guard against passengers proceeding to Malaya passing off as ~~tourists~~ ^{tourers} to avoid the obligation of taking out passports.

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Secretary's remarks in the original of
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Office.

Issue. But this will have to go to
 H. M. for information. Arrangements should
 be suggested for the labourers required
 for the Straits Settlements and Federated
 Malay States. (There is no port in the
 F. M. S. as distinguished from the Straits
 Settlements).

R. R.

9.5.17.

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Submitted that Lgo. No. 448 Home
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 to the H. M. for information with
 reference to the Secretary's remarks
 extracted above. It is submitted that
 no arrangements seem necessary for the
 labourers required for the Straits
 Settlements and the Federated Malay States,
 as bona fide labourers to these
 colonies are exempted from the
 obligation to take passports - vide
 Rule 9 (d) of the Defence of India
 Rules and the

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the G.O. under reference.

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With regard to the note above, do the arrangements to be made have reference to distinguishing bona fide labourers & letting them through without passports? Submit in way wait & see whether any difficulty in enforcing the orders are reported & then we shall know better how to act.

CH
24.5.17

I am sorry I did not make myself clear.

We were then in correspondence with the Straits Settlements as to the No of labourers to proceed. We have since received a letter & have again written.

The press communique is about nonlabourers they require passports. My note was simply to arrange about labourers proceeding. They do not require passports & we have to guard against "passengers" or "imigrants" passing off as labourers. In the case of Ceylon we have a special officer & have prescribed permits.

In the case of the Straits, we have hitherto done nothing.



For the U.S.

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Submitted that all unskilled labourers emigrating to Malaya should pass through the hands of the Emigration Agent at Madras for the Straits Settlements and the P.M.S. and the Sup^{P.M.S.} of the Emigration Depot at Negapatam. These officers are responsible to see that they ship no passengers who pass himself as an unskilled labourer.

2. A passenger may however pass himself off as a skilled labourer and avoid taking out a passport. ^{if however the} police officers at Madras and Negapatam find out that the passenger is not a bona fide skilled labourer the passenger is liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or to fine or both. Even though the passenger escapes detection at the hands of the police ^{in this} Presidency he will have to satisfy the inspecting officers of the Colonial Govt at the port of destination that he is a bona fide skilled labourer.

Para 27 G. 21's
notification at

p 374.0.493 N
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Colonial Govt have passed
report regulations with
view to providing against
departure of persons
known to be unskilled
labourers - vide India's
Act at p 174.0 501 P

Vide p 1 of
G.O. 501. P
26.5.17

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2.6.17

Para 4 p 40 446 V
8.5.17

Apply in the interests of
the skilled labourer also.

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If it is found that he is not a bona fide skilled labourer the shipping agents will have to take him back at their expense. In the circumstances the probability of a passenger passing himself off as a labourer seems to be remote.

3 In the case of Ceylon the permit issuing officer at Handapane has been instructed to issue permits to skilled labourers also, in view of the difficulties experienced by the police officers at Dhammekodi in distinguishing between an unskilled labourer and a skilled labourer, the object being to provide against the leakage of unskilled labourers passing for skilled labourers. No such leakage is possible in the case of emigration to Malaya as the Colonial Govt officers referred to in para 1 supra are the only officers authorised to ship unskilled labourers to Malaya and as a limit has been fixed as to the number of adult males who may be shipped.

The limits on emigration to Labour to Malaya has reference, I take it, only to aided emigration of estate labourers. All others are passengers who pay their own fare & ordinarily have taken out passports. Amongst them of course there may be some unskilled labourers, but it seems to be impracticable to prevent any such going on in excess of the prescribed limit; as regards the common case, that of non-labourers escaping the obligation to take out passports by passing themselves off as State-aided emigrants, I submit that the possibility of this being done seems minute. Without knowing how the aided emigrants are embarked & what tickets they have, we cannot say that it is quite impossible, but it seems so. If further details are required as to the condition of embarkation the Commissioner of Police may be asked to furnish them.

E.A.
5.6.17

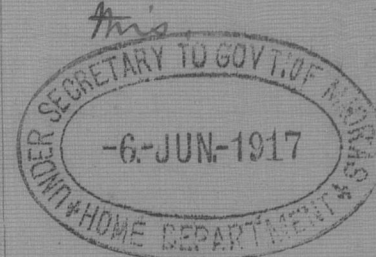
Please examine further.

The Govt. of the Straits Settlements prohibit landing of all except bona fide labourers who are without passports.

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We have permitted 82000 adults to proceed.
Should every one of these necessarily
pass th^{ru} the Emgran Apt Madras or
Emgran Sph. Negapatam? We have
presented ~~presented~~ medical reports. If these
two officers sign all labourers & no labourers
can go except th^{ru} either of them, I want
no further arrangements to be made -
I want an assurance that no one
without a passport can go to the 2 MS unless
th^{ru} either of these officers.

Re skilled labourers. the position is peculiar -
Under the Indian rules it may leave
without a passport. But the port of No Shants
probably requires all their labourers to be
sent by their agents. So, whatever the legal
effect of the Indian rules be, skilled labourers
must either take out passports or
go th^{ru} the Agents. I think however
it is unnecessary to discuss to remedy
this



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For the W.S.

Submitted that under rule
16 of the Defence of India Consolidation
Rules, 1915 only those unskilled labourers

Para 9 (b) of
India's notification
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who have been permitted to depart can proceed to Malaya. The departure of other unskilled labourers is prohibited by this rule. This Government have authorised only the Superintendent of the F.M.S. Govt depot at Negapatam and the Emigration Agent at Madras for the Straits Settlements and the F.M.S. to ship unskilled labourers to Malaya. Submitted therefore all unskilled labourers to Malaya should pass only through the hands of these two officers. The Defence of India Consolidation Rule 16 B operates to prohibit the departure to Malaya of unskilled labourers except through these two officers who have been authorised to ship labourers under the proviso to the Rule.

T.C.N.
7-6-17.

P.deR.
11-6-17.

It all depends how the exempted class is defined. G.O.457 already passed under this rule seems to suffice. Read with the rule itself it prohibits any unskilled labourer other than one passing through the two emigration agents at Madras and Negapatam to go to Malaya. Thus the position as regards unskilled labourers is satisfactory.

As regards skilled labourers it appears that the Straits Government allow in all labourers without passports; it is not known whether they require skilled labourers to be sent by their own agents; but, it is submitted they are not likely to discourage free emigration of skilled labour (imposing no expense on the State) unless it can be helped.

E.A.H.
12-6-17.

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The only difficulty is about skilled labourers. Unskilled labourers pass through the

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Agents & others take passports.

I read the Strait Settlements Ordinance
~~that~~ the term Labourer there means
only one passed by their Agents. Possibly
the Straits Settlements mean so.

However a person who is not a skilled labourer
unless otherwise protected, is liable for detention
in Madras by the Police or the Colonial
officers at disembarkation. The risk
is small & we need not issue any special
orders. Personally I do not expect the
Shipping companies to take anyone
who is neither passed by the Agents nor
has a passport.

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For the W.D.

The notes may, if it is
submitted, be recorded in a G.O. A
draft order is submitted for all

