Scott. II-48—22,303—17-1-18.

Home (1918) Department.

Miscellaneous

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 326

DATED 20. 3. 18

INDEXED

29

[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration, Malaya.

Recording papers relating to the number of emigrants that ~~may b~~ was shipped to Malaya during the year ~~1918.~~ 1917.

PAPERS PUT UP WITH CURRENT No.

Papers of the department to which the current belongs.

Number.	Date.	Original (=O) or spare copy (= S.C.).	Remarks. (In this column such of the papers as have been removed for copying, printing, etc., should be marked with a cross.)	Initials of Referencer with date in token of return to Reference department

Papers of other departments.

Department.	Number	Date.	Original (= O.) or spare copy (= S C.).	Initials with date of (1) Referencer acknowledging returns of the paper concerned or (2) Despatcher to denote the return of the papers to the department concerned.

C.No. [illegible]

11.7.17

REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT
11-JUL-1917
GOVT. OF MADRAS

No. 7640.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

—2—

SIMLA, the 4th JULY 1917.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. C. E. LOW, C. I. E., I. C. S.,
SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madr[illegible]
Home (Miscellaneous) Dep[illegible]ment.

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS
11-JUL-1917
HOME DEPARTMENT

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.546, dated the 6th June 1917, in which it is stated that the Government of Madras have decided to allow 82,000 labourers to proceed to Malaya during the year 1917 and that the emigration of this number will not have any prejudicial effect on recruiting for the army and for any labour corps.

2. The Government of India find that recruitment in the past in the Madras Presidency has been below requirements, the average number recruited during the last three months from the Province including Mysore being only 817 combatants and 235 non-combatants. In view of this and of the fact that the Presidency is now expected to provide monthly 2,600 combatants and 2,320 non-combatants, the Government of India will be glad if His Excellency the Governor in Council will again consider whether his decision to allow the emigration of 82,000 labourers to Malaya during the current year should stand having regard to the fact that this Province has not hitherto succeeded in supplying the comparatively small quota asked of it for military purposes.

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

SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA.

A.K.B.
C. & I.—E. 21.

(Ch.2453)

Home depth

Letter No. 2453-2 d 25.7.17 (Mis)

To

The Secretary to the G of I,
Dept of Commerce and
Industry.

3/7/05
JHF
25/7

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no 7640, d the 4.7.17, in which it has been suggested that the question whether the decision of this Govt to permit the emigration of 82,000 labourers to Malaya during the current year should stand may be considered ~~having~~ regard being had to ~~regard to~~ the interests of recruiting for military purposes, and to state in reply that H E the Govr in Council has decided to place the suggestion before the Provincial Recruiting Board for consideration as soon as it is constituted.

C. F

H. M's note p 9 of notes

The Govr in

Council does not consider that the ~~situation~~ ~~position~~ position will be materially affected by allowing the original orders to stand until the question has been considered by the Provincial Recruiting Board.

~~3~~2 I am to add by way of explanation ~~explain in this connection~~ that the number of labourers which it has been decided to allow, viz 82,000, includes females as well as ~~f~~males, and that in view of the ~~very considerable~~ restrictions imposed on shipping between Madras and Malaya it is unlikely that ~~out~~ ~~the~~ so many coolies will actually be shipped. ~~number allowed will be reached.~~ It was decided to allow the emigration of the full number of labourers ~~such~~ required for Malaya in view of the strong representations made by the Colonial Govt. that the area of

last page of G.O. 545 d. 6-6-17 (C)

para 2 on page 6 of G.O. 457 Rev. d. 14-5-17. (B)

rubber coming into the productive stage ~~is~~ rapidly increasing & that the shortage of labour was already becoming serious. It was apprehended that an important war industry would otherwise be dislocated and an adequate supply of Indian labour was indispensable in the interests of that industry.

vide L.S.'s note on p 5 of notes.

25.7.17.
Pded.
25.7.17

E.W.H.
25.7.17

25/7/17

Home
SS
In Reg

457/17

5

Home (Mis) No 2767

C.F.—31.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

-5-

Received REGR. CHIEF SECY. 31. JUL 1917 MADRAS GOVT. 191 . Registered 1/8/1917

Subject.

Suggesting that further restriction may be ~~placed~~ imposed in the matter of emigration to the Colonies as large numbers are emigrating to the Fedarated Malay States at present.

HOME DEPARTMENT 31-JUL-1917 GOVT. OF MADRAS

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. 1-AUG-1917 HOME D

ENCLOSURES.
No. Nil
Spare copies

R c No. 1353 mag/ 9/17

Station Arni., Dated the 28th July 1917.

From (Name) J.N. ROY Esquire., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector and District Magistrate,
North Arcot, VELLORE.

To The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Ootacamand.

Sir,

Orders were issued in G.O. No. 278 Home (Miscellaneous), 16-3-17, restricting Emigration to the Colonies from this country. Jamadar Murugesam, 2nd Q.V.O. Sappers and Miners, who is in charge of one of the recruiting parties working in this district, complained to me recently that a large number of coolies is still going to the Federated Malay States, and that it was difficult for him to get recruits for the army. I directed the Inspector of Police, Vellore, to enquire into the matter, and find that what the Jemadar stated was perfectly true. From Katpadi

Station no less than 315 coolies - men, women and children - were sent to Avadi camp during June alone. There are several other centres in the District, and presumably recruiting for Coolies is going on unrestrictedly at these places as before. In para 3 of the G.O. mentioned above, Government laid down that the number of coolies permitted to emigrate to Ceylon and the Malay States "would be limited to that needed to supply the minimum requirements of these Colonies". I have no idea as to the number of men emigrating to Ceylon every month, but I doubt if the Government are aware how large the number is even now of those who are going to the Malay States. Recruiting for the army has become a serious problem, and I venture respectfully to point out that the difficulties will greatly increase if men are allowed to emigrate in such numbers to the Colonies. This is one of the Districts on which the Military Department relies for getting most of their men, and I have not the slightest doubt that the number of recruits will be appreciably ~~incre~~ increased if emigration is further restricted. There may be no objection if the old and men above military age are allowed to emigrate. But as matters stand at present, there is no guarantee that this is so now, and recruiting for the army will become more and more difficult if the able-bodied are allowed to emigrate as they like.

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

G N Roy

Collector and District Magistrate.

Re 28.7.17

-6-

REVENUE-C

No.9388.

1667.C

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Rgd. 20.8.17

SIMLA, the ~~10th~~ 13th AUGUST 1917.

A copy of a letter from the India Office No. J. & P. 2409/17, dated the 27th June 1917, and enclosures, is forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with the Local Government's letter No. 2453-2, dated the 25th July 1917.

By order, etc.,

E P Jones

FOR UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

UNDER SECY. TO GOVT.
18 AUG 1917
REVENUE DEPT.

A.R.

C. & I.-E. 21.

J. & P.2409/17. ~~8~~

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.1.

-7-

27th JUNE 1917.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. Slater's letter of the 27th April last, No.72, Emigration, I forward, for information, copy of the papers noted in the margin on the subject of the supply of emigrant labour to the Malay States. It will be seen that the Secretary of State promised to consult the Government of India.

To Colonial Office, 29th March.
From do. 8th June, with enclosure.
To do. 21st June.

Yours faithfully,
M.C.Seton,
Secretary,
Judicial & Public Department.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Commerce and Industry Department.

Public.

INDIA OFFICE
WHITEHALL, S.W.

J. & P. 1230/17.

29 March 1917.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Grindle's letter of the 21st instant (No.13971) I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to state for the information of Mr. Secretary Long that he is telegraphing to the Government of India as regards the labour required for the Malay Peninsula. But Mr. Long will understand that in view of military demands it is impossible to guarantee the supply.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,,
(SD) M.C.SETON,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

No.

No.26703/1917. 9

COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W1.
8 June, 1917. -8-

Sir,

From R. Growers Ascn. 23rd May 1917.
To. R. Growers Ascn. 5th June 1917.

With reference to your letter No. J.& P. 1230/17 of the 29th March regarding Indian Labour for the Malay Peninsula, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to request you to lay before Mr. Secretary Chamberlain the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Rubber Growers Association as to the requirements of Indian Labour for Malayan estates.

2. Mr. Long will be glad if the Government of India may be asked to take such steps as may be possible, without interfering with military requirements, to permit the emigration of labourers to the Malay Peninsula up to the number of 82000 in the year.

I am &c.,
(Sd). G.GRINDLE.

The Under Secretary of State,
Public Department,
INDIA OFFICE.

Copy. M. RUBBER GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

38, East-cheap
London E.C.
23rd May 1917.

Sir,

By direction of the Council of this Association I have the honour to address you on the following subject;

It has come to the knowledge of the Rubber Growers' Association that the following offical notification has been published in the Federates Malay Straits Press with reference to emigration of Indian labour to these States:-

> "A telegram has been received from the Government of Madras dated 19th March, to the effect that the emigration of Indian labour to the Federates Malay States is to be limited to the lowest possible minimum from the 1st April next in accordance with a rule issued under the Defence of India Act which provides that no native of India shall depart by sea out of India for the purpose of or with the express intention of labouring for hire in any country out of India, provided that the prohibition imposed by this rule shall not extend to any person or class of persons permitted so to depart by general or special license granted by such authority as the Governor General of India may appoint in this behalf. Labour in this rule means unskilled labour and does not include work of the nature referred to in Chapter XI of the Indian Emigration Act of 1908. Federated Malay States is under consideration".

+ The question of the minimum requirements of the

This announcement has, naturally, caused considerable concern

concern among Plantation Rubber Companies operating in Malay who, to a great extent, depend on India for labour.

My Association has gathered that the requirements of Rubber Estates in the Federates Malay States of Indian labour will be, for this year, even greater than in the past, while on the other hand, it has been informed that telegraphic advice has been received, in the Federates Malay States to the effect that the Madras Government had decided that not more than 7,000 adult male coolies were to be allowed to be sent over during March last.

The position will undoubtedly become a serious one for the Rubber Industry of the Malay Peninsular if the flow of Indian immigration is lessened, seeing that Chinese labour is already scarce and is becoming increasingly costly, as well as unavailable in sufficient volume.

In view of the great importance of the subject, my Association would be glad if you could afford them any information as to how the matter now stands; if anything is being done and what may be expected to happen.

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office, S.W.

I have, &c.,
(Sd). A.C.RUNT,
Acting Secretary.

Copy.

No.26703/1917.

Downing Street,
5th June 1917.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd May regarding the restriction of Indian Labour for the Federated Malay States.

2. The facts are briefly as follows. In February 1917 the Government of India stated that the military authorities considered it necessary that, in view of the large supply of Indian labour required for military purposes, the recruitment of all indentured labour should stop immediately and that the labour essentially required in Ceylon and the Federates Malay States should be reduced to the lowest possible minimum. This statement was communicated by the India Office to this Department, and, in view of the grounds upon which it was urged, Mr. Long did not see his way to questioning the view taken by the Government of India. Accordingly the High Commissioner for the Malay States was requested to telegraph the minimum number required and the figure given by him for the Malay States and Straits Settlements - viz. at least 82,000 - was communicated to the India Office. The latter have replied that this information is being telegraphed to the Government of India, but that in view of military demands it is impossible to guarantee the supply.

3. In these circumstances Mr. Long fears that it will not in any case be possible to increase the supply of Indian Labour for the Malay Peninsular beyond the figure quoted by Sir. A.Young, but a copy of this correspondence will be sent to the India Office, and the Secretary of State for India will be asked to take such steps as may be possible, without interfering with military requirements, to permit emigration to take place up to this point.

4. It will be observed that the Malay Peninsula and Ceylon are receiving more favourable treatment in this matter than those countries which have been dependent upon a system of indentured Indian immigration.

I am, etc.,
(Sd). G.GRINDLE

THE ACTING SECRETARY
RUBBER GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

TRUE COPY.
Department of Commerce & Industry
Superintendent
Vicer

Public

J. & P.2409/17.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.
1.
21 June 1917.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Gindle's letter of the 8th instant (No. 26703/1917) I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to state for the information of Mr. Secretary Long that he is sending to the Government of India the correspondence on the subject of the labour requirements of the Federated Malay States.

2 At the same time I am to observe that if the figure 82000 refers to male adults, it is considerably in excess of the average of recent years. x

x It refers to female & male adults.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(SD). M. C. SETON

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

A.R.

T.C.N.

Home (misc.) C. No. 3735
14.11.17
~~R~~ 12 -10

No. 292-D.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

R.B
7

Regd. 17-11-17.

14-NOV-1917

DELHI, the 11th November 1917.

From

G. S. Hardy, Esquire, I. C. S.,
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Ramachandra Rao Avargal's letter No. 2453-2, dated the 25th July 1917, regarding the minimum labour requirements of the Federated Malay States during the year 1917, and to enquire when a further communication on the subject may be expected.

p2 c.f. (linked file)

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

Hardy

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

For the u.s.

The file is understood to be with the Secretary, Provincial Recruiting Board. He may be requested u.o to state when the file may be expected back in this dept.

Secretary, Provincial Recruiting Board u.o.
for favour of remarks.

15.11.17.
Pdek.
15.11.17

Home (misc.) u.o. 3735-1
16.11.17

A.C.

C. & I.—E. 21.

8/14/XII

Docket Sheet please

JD/7

14/XII

Despatched on Thursday

~~10~~ 13

Home (mis) Deptt

Letter/Ref. No. 3735-3/13.12.17

To the Secretary to the Govt of India, Deptt of Commerce and Industry.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Hardy's letter no 292. D. of the 11th ultimo, regarding the minimum labour requirements of the Malaya Peninsula, I am directed to say that the recruiting organization sanctioned for this Presidency has only recently been set up and until the Assistant Recruiting Officers gain some experience, the Recruiting Board is not in a position to offer any opinion on the matter.

~~The Board has however consulted~~ The Emigration Agent for the F. M. S. at Madras ~~and~~ has been consulted on the question

~~and his suggestions are under to~~ the Consideration of the Board. A final reply will be submitted to the Govt of India ~~as soon as~~ possible ~~the definite recommendations of the Recruiting Board are received.~~ after the Recruiting Board is able to pronounce an opinion in the affair.

AR
7.12.17

Pkh
8.12.17

10.12

MM
11/12/17

55,193—3-17.

62.—12.

NOTES.

Emigration – Malaya.

From the G of I, Dept of Commerce and Industry, No 7640, d the 4.7.17

For the w.a

The circumstances under which this Govt decided to allow 82,000 labourers to proceed to Malaya during the year 1917 and the reasons for which they considered that the emigration of this number would not have any prejudicial effect on recruiting for the army and for any labour corps are briefly set out below.

Vide p1 of G.O. 285 S.Q. / 18.3.7 (in linked file)

2 In order to conserve the man-power of India for purposes of labour in connection with the war, the G of I thought it necessary to prohibit all labour emigration from the Country except to the extent necessary to supply the minimum requirements of Ceylon and Malaya. It was left to the Local Govt to consider the necessary

ibid

arrangements to give effect to the restriction of emigration to Ceylon and Malaya.

Paper V at p2 of G.O. 457 B 14 5 17. P in linked file

3 As regards emigration to Malaya the Colonial Govt who were consulted fixed their minimum requirements at 82,000 for the year 1917. They intimated their requirements direct to the G of I also. India thereon enquired what balance of labour would be available for military purposes if 82,000 labourers were allowed to emigrate to Malaya.

Paper VI ibid

Vide pp 2-3 of notes to G.O. ibid B P in linked file

This Govt had already decided to permit provisionally the emigration of 50,000 males (adults) & to place no restriction on the emigration of females and children. The estimate of 50,000 was based on the average figures of the preceding six years. The question of the availability of labour for military purposes was also then considered. Attention is invited to the note of the Pub (War) Section d the 2.4.17, at page 5 of notes to G.O. 457, d the 14.5.17. The Govt were of the opinion that

P in linked file R

the emigration of 50,000 adult labourers (males) would have no prejudicial effect on recruiting for the army or for labour corps and India was accordingly informed in Letter no 1008-2, d the 4.4.17, of the decision arrived at. ~~by this Govt.~~

The position has changed materially since Public (War) noted on 2.4.17.
LD.
20.7.17

Paper IX at p
3 of G.O 457 B / 14.5.17
in linked file

4 The Colonial Govt however were not satisfied with the decision of this Govt. and pressed for raising the number to 82,000. Among the considerations urged were the rapid increase in the production of rubber & the shortage of labour supply. It was pointed out by them that the situation would be serious if the number was limited to 50,000 adult males. The Govt considered that owing to the national importan of rubber and ~~its necess~~ the necess therefor for war purposes the full requirements of Malaya migh ~~was~~ be met. It was first decided to raise the number to 70,000 adult male labourers (~~adults~~) & finally ~~then~~ the ~~to~~ ~~accede to the~~ full requirements of Malaya were acceded to — vide

Paper XVI at pp 5-6
of G.O ibid B. P

& Paper IV at p 2
of G.O 545 / 6.6.17 M in linked file

Paper XVI at p 5
of G.O. 457 B / 14.5.17 P

Vide W.S's note & Sec's note at p 7 of notes to G.O ibid B. P

G.O 457 / 14.5.17 B R

NOTES.

G.O. 545 C M
6.6.17

82,000 labourers (adult males and females). The question whether ~~any~~ labour conserved in India is devoted to war work in any special way ~~would be required in the~~ ~~[illegible] for war-work~~ was also considered – vide W.S.'s note d the 8.5.17 at page 7 of notes to G.O. 457, Home (Mis), d the 14.5.17.

BP

5 The Colonial Govt. have since informed us that owing to the very considerable restrictions imposed on shipping between Madras and Malaya it is not likely that more than 70,000 labourers could be taken to Malaya ~~to~~ during the year 1917. In the circumstances it does not appear that the Colonial Govt. would object to ~~the~~ the number now allowed being reduced if such a course is considered necessary. The number of adult male labourers shipped to Malaya from the 1st January 1917 up to the 3rd July is only ⊗ 28,661.

Last page of G.O. 545 C M
6.6.17

[⊗ Calculated from the returns received weekly]

6 Submitted that before a reply goes to India the file may

be sent u.o. to Public (War) for remarks if any. That department may be requested to state whether there is any necessity to reduce the number of emigrant labourers to Malaya which the Government have already decided to allow.

T.C.N.
13-7-17.

P.deR.
13-7-17.

SECRETARY.

I believe the views of the Government on this question are ~~then~~ those laid down by Sir Harold Stuart and concurred in by His Excellency in the notes to G.O.No.1046 Public, dated the 30th May 1916. We are asked to bring about the parturition of a mountain for the sake of the genesis of a mouse - if even so great a result is to be expected.

page 17 of notes. (A)

(2) Even supposing we prohibited emigration to the Malay estates in toto, thereby dislocating and probably ~~reviving~~ ruining an important war industry, is it likely that we shall as a result secure the enlistment in the Army and Labour Corps of the full quota of men required by India as a minimum from this Presidency? I beg leave to doubt it.

(3) We can however, if any reduction is found inevitable, hardly reduce the figure to below our original proposal, viz. 50,000 adult males. As a matter of fact the present number sanctioned, viz, 82,000 adults of both sexes, is only expected to include 66,750 or so males and the effect of ~~th~~ the order reverting to the original proposal will be to detain only 16,750 men in the country provided that the Malay Government succeed in

B w [illegible]

Cf. Mr Marjoribanks note of 1-4-17 on p. 4 of notes & p. 4-7 of 14-5-17. He calculated that 81.4% of the emigrants would be adult males. (82,000 × 81.4 = 66,750)

Last page of G.O. 545 B, 6-6-17 (?) M in linked file

recruiting and transporting to the estates the whole number asked for, i.e., 82,000. But the Malay Government has recently stated that it does not expect to ship more than 70,000 adults of both sexes this year. We could then without hardship to Malaya reduce the sanctioned figure but the benefit to recruiting would be little more than nominal in any case.

④ One would have thought that the comparatively small numbers required for public purposes by the Government of India could without difficulty be obtained if proper methods were employed, viz., by the offer of attractive terms, suitable advertisement and the selection of suitable officers to carry them out. One is rather incline to attribute the shortage to defective methods. Supposing the methods employed are not liable to improvement, the obvious course for the Government of India to adopt is to bring in compulsion for Indian as well as for European subjects of the Crown. This suggestion might perhaps be put before India.

17/7/17

Public (War) may be consulted.

16.7.17

Of ~~the~~ total numbers we have permitt to emigrate is 82000 adults; this means only about 66,000 males. This number is absolutely necessa for the output of rubber in the State. The benefit to recruiting ~~that~~ is like

Scott II—8 (a)—160,004—16-1-17.

to issue by restriction will be only nominal.

I do not think it is in the range of practical politics to introduce compulsory service – Much depends on the methods & the liberal rewards to be given, atleast at the outset, to recruiters.

17/7/17

Public (War).

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
19 JUL 1917
MADRAS GOVT.

Home (Mis) No. 2453-1
17.7.17

6.45pm
CURRENT NO. 2911
PUBLIC War
Reg^d 18.7.17.

P1CF

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The Govt. of India state (1) that this Presidency is now expected to provide monthly 2,600 combatants and 2,320 non-combatants and (2) that the average number recruited during the last three months from the Province including Mysore was only 817 combatants and 235 non-combatants. The question now for consideration is whether any improvement in the matter of recruiting can be effected if a reduction be made in the number of emigrants already permitted to go to Malaya during 1917, which is about 66,750 adult males. The Home (Mis.) Dept. however are of opinion ④ that the number permitted to go is what is absolutely necessary and no reduction is feasible.

para 3 of the (Home) M.S.'s note of 16.7.17 on p 5 ante

④ vide Home Secy's note above.

2. The unsatisfactory results of recruiting in this Presidency have already been noticed by this Govt.; and it has been recently decided to form a Provincial Recruiting Board, the exact personnel of which is now being settled. One of the facts observed last year in connection with the investi-

(papers not put up).

gation

of the probable results which stoppage of emigration will have on recruiting was that the uncontrolled emigration to the Straits Settlements was large and was likely to affect recruitment - Sir Alexander Cardew's note dated 7-5-16 on page 16 of notes to G.O.1046 Pub., dated the 30-5-1916. It is for consideration whether pending the gaining of experience in the matter by the Provl. Recruiting Board, this Dept. may not request Home (Mis.) to consider whether the number of adult male emigrants to Malaya for 1917 may not be cut down from 66,750 to 50,000.

A

cf. para: 3 of Home U.S.'s note page 5 ante.

Through Public I.

~~CM 19.7.17~~

CM 19.7.17 This is an issue which must clearly be considered by the Provincial Recruiting Board the moment it is constituted. If it were not necessary to pay any consideration at all to the requirements of the Straits Settlements, the complete stoppage of emigration would undoubtedly facilitate recruitment for military purposes, particularly if the ~~[illegible]~~ professional recruiters of emigrants were employed as agent for military recruitment. The Army requires ~~nearly~~ 60,000 men per annum & I shd. say ~~that~~ at least half of these wld. come from the same sections of the community as emigrants to Malaya.

LD. 20.7.17

HM. Jul.

Box 38
6.2.17
Rep

It is evident that the Provincial Recruiting Board ~~should~~

met with the least possible delay ~~[illegible]~~ order to consider the terms of reference & the action to be taken.

Could the first meeting be arranged for a date 3 weeks hence, say 13th August?

The members have already been selected by His Excy & by this time have probably been addressed to ask if they are willing to serve. Such of those who accept the invitation may be sent copies of the papers received & be asked if they can attend a meeting here next month. ~~S~~ say 13th

Meantime I wd send a reply to India saying that -

Their suggestion will be placed before the Provl. Recruiting Board for consideration as soon as it is constituted -

The figure of 82000 to Malaya may stand for the present. It includes females as well as males — is not likely to be reached this year. Refer ~~sta~~ to strong representation made by Straits Govt. about importance of rubber industry & necessity for adequate supply of Indian labour -

23.7.17

For C.S.'s information I wd. like to

say that His Excy has asked me to be a member & also chairman of the Prov. Rec. Bd. & that I have agreed to serve.

If a Secy has not been appointed C.S. might sound H.E. on the point. I am inclined to suggest Mr. Knapp.

HWS.
23.7.17

H.E. infd {

Mr. Knapp has been appointed & few other acceptances received. U.S. is now drafting orders, creating the Provincial ^Public^ Board & informing India of the fact

Will Home please copy to India as directed by H.E. & kindly return the file to me - (or a complete copy of notes & current)

LD.
24.7.17

Confid.

Home Dept.

U.O.

Home dept
(Mis)

Public no 2911W-1
24.7.17

24-JUL-1917

Recd 6.25 PM.

For the U.S

A draft letter is submitted for approval. After issue the ^whole^ file may be submitted to C.S.

S.

C.W.H.
25.7.17

Issue & transfer file to C.S.

JMG
25/7/17

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. HOME DEPARTMENT
25-JUL-1917

Fy
25.7.17

Recd
25.7.17

[Issued as letter no 2453-2, d 25.7.17]
Misc 2453-3 d 25.7.17

Public No 2911W-2
25.7.17

To Rev Secy, please

LD

25 7 17

P.T.O

Home (mis) Deptt.

Emigration - Malaya

P. 5 & 6 cf.

2767) From the D. M, N. Arcot, Rc 1353 mags of 28.7.17

U.S.

Go 545 / 6.8.17 I

in letter file

* P. 8 to 10 infra.

A

The question whether the decision of this Govt to permit 82,000 labourers to Malaya should be modified with a view to affording better facilities for recruiting for Military purposes is to be Considered by the Provincial Recruiting Board. * Subd. that Mr. Roy's letter read above may, in the first instance, be forwarded u.o to the Secy to the Recruiting Board for Consideration along with the main question

AR
3.8.17

P de R.
3.8.17

D.

~~[illegible]~~

Please extract the figures of coolies shipped to Malaya since the present restriction has been in force.

E.W.
4.8.17

U.S.

The number of Coolies shipped to

NOTES.

—24—

Malaya from 1.1.1917 up to date is 33,439 adult males and 8455 adult females—

	ad. m:	ad. fem
From Avadi. (last shipment on 6.7.17)	12,245.	4,510
From Negapatam (Last shipment on 24.7.17)	21,194	3945
	33,439	8,455
Grand Total	41,894 adults	

AR
4.8.17

Pdlk
4.8.17

S.

The Govt is aware of the number of aided emigrants shipped to Malaya; they are not however aware of the number going from each district. Mr. Roy's letter is rather a strong argument for placing some restriction on emigration; & I submit such restriction may take the form of putting an embargo on emigration from districts or some areas known to be recruiting grounds for the army. In that case the total number of emigrants allowed to go to Malaya need not be reduced.

C.O.M.
4.8.17

Movement of population in the N Arcot (& likewise Malabar) is singularly extensive— It is obviously impossible to deal with individual districts & our decision—

Sec. (a)-160,001-16-1-17.

NOTES.

UNDER SECY. TO GOVT. 6-AUG.1917 REVENUE DEPT.

Must hinge on the total figures of the Presidency. The report may however be sent to the Provincial Recruiting Board

4/8/17

Home (Mis) No. 2767-1
6.8.17

[Secy, ~~P. Recruiting Bd.~~ U.O]

Provl. Recrg. Board

P.T.O.

Provl Recg Bd

To Secy.

Please see the Home Dpt note below. The recruiting organisation sanctioned for this Presy has only recently been set up. and until the assist Recg officers gain ~~much~~ some experience it is not possible for the Recg Bd to offer any opinion in the matter.

With these remarks, the file may, if so subd, be returned to the Home (mis) Dpt.

6.12.17

6.xii.17.

~~Home Department~~

Placed below

I attach for perusal correspondence which I have had with Mr Bathurst regarding the possibility of reducing the efflux of labour to the Straits by checking the current of returned labourers. Mr Bathurst is not very hopeful, but if we should find it necessary for recruiting purposes to ask for a restriction of the number of emigrants the point discussed will, I think, merit consideration. I presume the cost of return could be made prohibitive.

6.xii.17

Home Dept

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
7-DEC 1917
HOME DEPT.

Rec no. 7 RB/17
6/12/17

Home (mis) Deptt.

GOVERNMENT OF ... DEC 1917 ... DEPT.

Home (misc.)
No. 3735-2
11-12-17

R.
188

Regd 11-12-17

Rev. u.o. 188 R/17-1
11-12-17

||pp 10-11 CF

U.S.

A draft reply to the Govt. of India is Subd.

AR
9.12.17

Pded
8/12/17

Issue after showing S.

Draft to Rev for favour of acceptance
10/12
11/12/17

Accepted.

11. xii. 17

Home Dept. no. Home (mis) Deptt

U.S

May issue?

13/12/17

AR
13.12.17

Pded
12.12.17

[Letter no 3735-3, Home (Mi), dated 3-12-17]

NOTES.

—28—

in Luckey file

To secy:

at the meeting of the P.R.B held on the 11th the question of Emigration to Malaya & the Straits Settlements was considered and an ~~copy~~ extract of the notes of the proceedings of the Bd is placed below:

Submitted that this file may now be returned to the Home Mis Dpt for taking the necessary action for giving effect to the recommendations of the P.R.B. in the matter.

TRS
14/2/18

~~[illegible]~~ No definite opinion was expressed as to the extent of the reduction proposed. The Dept can advise further on that point when the question comes up for final settlement.

I may add that while the Recg. Board

recognises that rubber is required for national purposes, it has no evidence as to the quantity which the War Office expects it wants from the Malay peninsula. If the Colonial Govt. wishes to rely on the national demand in this respect as entitled to weigh as heavily in the balance as the demand for man-power, we should need evidence as to what the national demand for rubber is. We hear of difficulties in exporting rubber from India & of restricted tapping in Ceylon — neither of which might be expected if the national demand were unsatisfied — A conversation with Mr Bathurst left me with the impression that all that the Colonial authorities had in view was the prosperity & development of the estates & that the supreme need of men for military purposes was not fairly realised by them.

Ale
15.2.18.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 FEB 1918
HOME DEPT.

Home Dept. to

Rev. u.o. 2188 C/17
15.2.18

Rev 18.2.18

For the Secretary

Please see the linked file. As the year 1917 is over there is no question of reducing the number authorised to

-29-

emigrate during that year. India will have to be informed of the number authorised to emigrate during the year 1918 when a final decision has been arrived at in the matter which is dealt with in the linked file.

Seen 27/2/18

23.2.18.

27.2.18.

For the U. S.

These papers may now be recorded in a G.O.

26.3.18.

26.3.18.

Ord. No 326 dt 30 3/18

Recorded.

27.3.18.

When given for copying
When copied ____________
When examined ____________ } 191 .
When signed ____________

READ AGAIN G.O. No. , DATED
191 .

CURRENT No.

No.

NT .. .. .. A A A A A A A

TTE OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—
A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.