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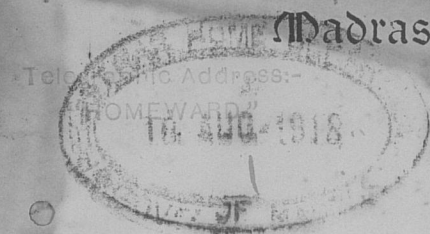
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration - Penang.

Extending the authority to ship 500 cargo carrying coolies for employment by the Penang Harbour Board to the Superintendent of the Emigration Depot of the Government of the Federated Malay States at Negapatam.

323 of 27-3-18
563 of 22-7-18
603 of 10-8-18



Madras Homeward Freight Conference.

Madras, 15th Aug. 1918.

Home (Misc) at
No 2350
Ry 16/8/18

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department,
Stone House Hill,

O O T A C A M U N D.

Sir,

(P)

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your No.2308-1 dated 13th inst, with copy of the proceedings referred to. The Madras Homeward Freight Conference are pleased to learn that G.O. No.563 dated 22nd July 1918 has been modified to the extent mentioned in the proceedings, but they are of opinion that the modification does not go far enough. There can be no doubt that the present labour staff in the Madras Harbour requires considerably increasing if it is to cope satisfactorily with the work that is often required of it now, and may in the near future be more frequently required. The further labour will have to be recruited by the Port Trust as far as possible in Madras & the Madras district, and this Conference recommends that the Straits Emigration Agent be restricted in his recruiting for Penang to districts on which the Madras Port Trust & Steamer Agents are not likely to have to draw for the supply needed by them.

(A)

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ram Srinivas
Secretary

MADRAS HOMEWARD FREIGHT CONFERENCE



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Subject.

Submitting for orders of Government two letters re
the supply of labour to Penang Harbour Board, from the parties
most interested.

ENCLOSURES

No. (2)

Spare copies

No. G. 982

Madras,

Dated the 16th August 1918.

From

The Hon'ble Sir Francis J. E. Spring, B.C.S.I.C., M.I.C.E.,
Chairman, Madras Port Trust.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 603, Home (Miscellaneous)
dated the 10th August 1918, I have the honour to hand you
two letters on the subject from parties most interested,
for such orders as Government may see fit to pass.

2. As also very largely interested in the matter,
inasmuch as we employ a large body of the labour likely to
be affected by the G.O. I may add that I concur with the
writers of the letters.

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

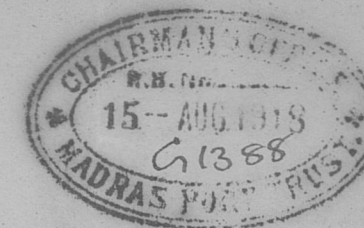
Francis J. E. Spring
Chairman,

BINNY & CO., LD.
INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.
MADRAS.

No.

British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)

Madras, 14th August 1918



2 current The Chairman,

MADRAS PORT TRUST.

S i r,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor No. G.948 of 13th instant enclosing copy of G.O. No. 603 Home (Miscellaneous) Department dated 10th August for which we thank you.

We are of opinion that the proviso on the original order made by Government on your representation does not go far enough or really prevent the recruiting of Madras Harbour labour, without taking into consideration the question as to how the recruiting of cargo labour for Penang will affect Madras labour's demand for higher pay. We think it necessary that it should be clearly laid down that no labour for the purpose indicated be recruited within Madras town or surrounding district. It seems to us that it would have been better to have cancelled the original order, and to have permitted the export of no potential cargo-carrying labour from this Presidency as we doubt if what is available would really meet the ordinary requirements of the ports of Madras.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
BINNY & CO., LTD.
Edmund
Agents.

M. H.

Madras Homeward Freight Conference.

Telegraphic Address:-
"HOMEWARD."

Madras, 14th Aug. 1918



2 Current

The Chairman,

Madras Port Trust,

M A D R A S.

Sir,

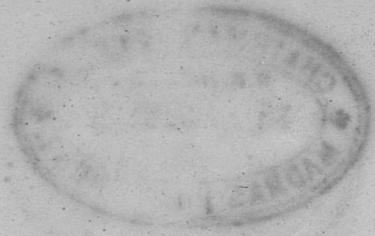
I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your No. G 947 dated 13th inst. with enclosures. The Madras Conference are glad to learn that the G.O. in question has been qualified by the proviso that no recruitment be made from the existing Harbour labour here, but are of opinion that this proviso does not go far enough. They consider that Madras & district should be excluded from the area over which the Emigration Agent for the Straits is allowed to recruit for the labour required at Penang, and that he should be confined to districts from which any further labour required by the Madras Port Trust or Steamers Agents is not likely to be drawn.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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MADRAS PORT TRUST

The Chairman,

M A D R A S.

Thank you.

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We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M A D R A S.

M A D R A S.

INDONESIA BOMBARAY Right Conference



The Chairman,
Madras Port Trust

M.A.D.A.C.

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated 13th inst. with enclosures. The Madras Conference are glad to learn that the C.C. in question has been notified by the Government that no recruitment be made from the existing labour here, but one of condition that this proviso does not go far enough. The consideration that Madras District should be excluded from the area over which the Emigration Agent for the Straits is allowed to recruit for the labour required at Penang, and that no should be confined to districts from which any further labour required by the Madras Port Trust or Steamers Agents is not likely to be drawn.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: A. B. Nathur

PLEASE QUOTE THE FOLLOWING
NUMBER IN THE REPLY
TO THIS LETTER.

No. E. A. 216/18.



To

The Secretary to Government,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department,
G.O. Camund.

Sir,

With reference to G.Os Nos. 563 Home (Misc) and 603 Home (Misc) dated the 22nd of July and 10th of August respectively, I have the honour to request you to be good enough to extend the authority to ship 500 coolies for the Penang Harbour Board to the Superintendent, Emigration Depot, Negapatam.

2. I understand that most of the coolies to be recruited for the Harbour Board are in the District of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura and Ramnad, and there would be some difficulty, and considerable expense, in bringing the coolies from these Districts to Madras for shipment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: A. B. Nathur
Emigration Agent,

S.S. & F.M.S.

Office of the Emigration Agent,
Straits Settlements and
Federated Malay States,

Madras, 23rd August 1918.

Handwritten notes:
Home (Misc) at
No 2399
Kyr 26/8/18

OFFICE :—" Badsha Buildings," Tel : No. 69.
RESIDENCE :—" Khas Mahal," Tel : No. 237 A.

Telegraphic Address : "BADSHA."

Letter N. 54/10
Registered
POST BOX No. 97,

Madras, 20th, AUGUST, 1918.

From



Khan Bahadur M. A. Kuddus Badsha Sahib,

Home (mis) at

N. 2404

Ky 26/8/18

Madras.

The SECRETARY to Government,

Revenue (Special) Dept: OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that as I am one of the Trustees of the Madras Port Trust, the papers in circulation were also sent to me, and I have read G.O.No.563 Home (mis) dated 22nd July 1918, in connection with the authority conferred on the Emigration Agent at Madras to ship 500 cargo carrying coolies required by the Penang Harbour Board.

With reference to the protests made by the Steamer Agents in Madras, and the representation of the Chairman, The Madras Port Trust the above G. O, has been modified by G.O.No.603 dated 10th August 1918, directing that the 500 cargo carrying coolies which are required for employment by the Penang Harbour Board shall be subject to the proviso that no recruitment ~~should~~ be made from the existing Harbour labour at Madras whether working with the Madras Port Trust or with the Steamer Agents.

I am exceedingly sorry that Government should have issued such an Order at this juncture, it may not directly affect the Madras Port Trust and the Steamer Agents to an appreciable extent but it is bound to affect other existing Industries in this Presidency and in India if the recruitment is done in the interior.

I quite recognise the expediency and urgent need of employing Indians in Mesopotamia, Palestine, Egypt, and in German, East Africa and other Theatres of War. This is absolutely necessary.

I do not think there is any justification to ship 500 coolies from India, when a scarcity for cooly labour exists here.

In connection with this War Government require food stuff, mica, Manganese Ore, Coal, Tea, Coffee, Sugar Condiments, Cotton, Indigo, Tanned Hides & Skins, Clothing and thousands of other things. If coolies are recruited from the interior some of these unimportant Industries must suffer, viz: Miners, Planters, Agriculturalists, Weaving and Mill Industries, and other Industries which require a large number of coolies, as coolies who are employed otherwise, these would be tempted to go to Penang &c on account of the higher wages they would get for a specified period, and this would necessitate a set back or decline of the abovementioned and other Industries and Agriculturalists.

The Government of India, in their notification d/Simla 17th May 17 urged on mica miners to ship all their slab mica to London as mica was urgently required for munition purposes as the demand was great. Government ^{even} ~~has~~ arranged with the Agents of the Liners Conference to provide space for mica on steamers, and also transport facilities by Railways and Exchange facilities by Banks.

We accordingly did our best to increase the output of mica and also ~~in~~ shipping the same to London, I have however experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining a large number of coolies to enable me to carry on the operations. I even advertised in 3 Madras papers in English, Tamil and Telugu for a large number of male and female coolies but have not

succeeded. The same difficulties have been experienced by other miners. The necessity^{des} of life and clothing are absolutely necessary and if the Ryots and Agriculturalists are recruited for Penang &c the result would be barrenness and more waste lands and famine.

It is not clear whether the Penang Harbour Board require one lot of 500 cargo carrying coolies and as Casualties occur such ^{men} members will have to be replaced, and thus recruitment will become a recurring affair.

It seems undesirable to sanction recruitment to replace Casualties or to send a further batch of coolies to replace. The first lot of 500 when their term of service expires.

I would strongly advocate that further recruitment from India to anyplace should not be made except for War purposes.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue (SPL) Dept

Home (Mio) no

Through
Int. Relations.

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24.8.18

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Home (Mis) Dept

Recruitment of Coolies for the Penang Harbour.

[2350] From the Secy, Madras Homeward Freight Conf. 8.15.18

[2358] From the Chairman M. P. T. no 982 of 16.8.18

is. The ~~terms of the~~ modification

ordered in G.O. no 603 of 10.8.18 was ~~identical~~

^{made at} ~~Calcutta~~ the request of the Chairman. M. P. T.

The communications in the C.F. aim at going

a step further. The B.D.S.N. Coy would

preferably have the original order (G.O.

no 563 of 22.7.18), permitting the recruit-

ment of 500 coolies cancelled and are

of opinion that the export of ^{from this Presidency} ~~two~~ ^{one} ~~polen~~

and cargo-carrying labour ^{ought} to have

been permitted. The Madras Homeward

Freight Conf. ^{will} see Madras and

the surrounding districts closed to recruit-

ment for the Penang Harbour. The Chairman

Madras Port Trust, concurs with the writers

of the letters.

2. If Madras is to be closed for

recruitment for this class of labour, the

Negapatam port ^{and its surroundings} offers the next best field

for the purpose. Further Negapatam is a

port wherefrom the coolies can be sent

direct to Penang. There is a Supt.

Compare 2 of the B
G.O. and the order

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of the Emigration Depot for the 7.11.18
 there. But the B. I. S. N. Co. ~~is not~~
~~any~~ doubt if the labour available
 in the ~~whole~~ Presⁿ would really
 meet the ordinary requirements
 of the Ports of Madras Presidency
 3 Sub^d for orders whether
 any further modification of
 G.O. 5-63 of 22.7.18 is called for.
 The remarks of Revenue (Spl) Dept
 may be invited.

19.8.18
 20.8.18
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 Don't think further
 amendment is called for.
 If Madras employers want to keep
 the coolies from going to Penang
 they must pay a better wage than
 the Penang people offer. We can
 scarcely prevent coolies from
 attempting to better their prospects abroad.

15.11. [2399]

From the Emigration Agent, S.S. 1413 no. 216 of 26.8.18
 us
 Please see the letter from the
 Emigration Agent at Madras, since received.
 He asks that the authority to ship 500

Cargo carrying coolies for employment in the Penang Harbour may be extended to the Emigration Agent at Singapore also, for the reasons given on p 5 C.F. Before doing so the remarks of Revenue (Specie) Dept may be invited.

W.S.
26.8.18.
Pder
26.8.18

S
Per (Specie) as
16.8.18

16.8.18

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From Khan Bahadur Kunder Badsha Sahib of 20.8.18

Secy A further current from Khan Bahadur Kunder Badsha Sahib received today, on the same subject is added.

W.S.
26.8.18
Pder
26.8.18

There is some misconception in this matter. We have permitted under conditions to permit 73000 coolies to emigrate. This recruitment is open to all the districts, as a matter of fact, this total number is not likely to be reached. It was open to the Emigration agents under this permission to ship the 500 coolies for Penang Harbour. Nevertheless, to save possible criticism the States obtained special permission which was granted.

2. One would expect that in the natural course of events the Emigration Agent who is a responsible officer would not work amongst the coolies working in the Madras Harbour. However to make matters certain, a restrictive order was passed.

3. The subsequent letter shows that this special recruitment will be confined to the southern districts. And the restrictive suggestion contemplated does not prohibit the recruitment of coolies under the general orders. I do not consider that any further restriction is required and the permission asked for re shipment for Negapatam may be acceded.

May 27/18

Rev Spil [unclear]

~~Manor [unclear]~~

Revenue (Special) Dept
(Marine)

To H.S.

The Emigration Agent for the F.M.S. asks that the authority to ship 500 coolies granted in G.O. No 563 Home (Mia) 22-7-18 may be extended to the Emigration Superintendent at Negapatam. The grant of permission in the first instance to ship the coolies from

Home (Mia) No. 563
2350-1
27-818

Marine No 750
Dep. 2d. D. R.

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Madras raised a storm of protest from the Port Trust Board and others and a similar outcry may follow the grant of the permission sought for. The refusal of the permission would, on the other hand, merely be an attempt to nullify the Sanction

A given in G.O. 563 & 22-7-1918 by the imposition of harassing conditions. It is however doubtful whether a refusal would stop the shipment for, in the first place, the Agent may incur the additional expense involved in bringing the Coolies to Madras from outlying stations and, in the second place, the ^{Supt at Negapatam} ~~Agent~~ is free to ship coolies ^{from Negapatam} under the authority conveyed

N in G.O. 323 Home (Mis) & 29-3-1918. The refusal may perhaps lead to more acute competition for coolies in Madras & its immediate vicinity - despite the letter of G.O. 603 Home (Mis) & 10-8-18.

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It is therefore for consideration whether this Deptt may not agree to the grant of the permission asked for.

SB
28/8/18

There seems to be no point in refusing permission to ship the coolies from Negapatam - in fact to do so would be to tempt the Immigration Agent to find his labour near Madras

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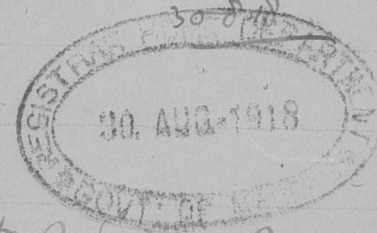
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We need not concern ourselves in the
Dept as to the fact from which the cooler
sail.

But I think the question whether these 500
men are or not additional to the
Authorized 73000 should be cleared up.
The order in the Home Dept is for 563
Home d. 22.7.18 regarded them as
additional, - the Home Dept seems to
have accepted that view: but in the
order d. 25/8 in the present file, he
seems to regard the 500 as included
in the general sanction to 73000.

M
30/8/18

Home No. 75/0-1/18



Proclamation CR
30.8.18

Home - Home in

31/8/18 Accord permitting to ship
from Nagapattinam. after
34/8/18 issue, file to me again please
34/8/18

lis

A draft order is subd.

Aug
3.9.18
1 Pdet
3/9/18

True.
Thank S.
W.F.S.

The order has issued. Submitted to Secy

Aug
5.4.18
5.4.18

NOTES.

I am sorry that I did not make myself sufficiently clear in my note of the 27th Aug. As the orders at present stand, the 500 harbour coxies are in addition to the 73,000. But it is dead certain that the total number of estate coxies will fall below 73000; & the total number of all coxies will be within 73,000

My
5/9/18

Rev Genl.

Revenue (Spl) Dept
Marine.

To us.

Submitted

The Case may be returned to Home (Mis) after perusal.

SB
6/9/18

S. for perusal

6/9/18

6/9/18

Home Mr. W

Filed with file 633/18
Aug 7-9/18

Marine No 99/0
17.6.18

Main No 99/0-1
6.9.18



Wtd in CR
7.9.18

Wiz.
3.9.18 Paid.
3.9.18

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