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Emigration - Ceylon

Recording notes relating to an extract from the Times of Ceylon regarding a prosecution under the Labour Ordinance.

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Publicity Bureau,
27th August 1919.

Secretary to Government, Home Department u.o.

I submit herewith an extract from "The Times of Ceylon" of Saturday, August 16th. It seems to go some way towards explaining why the Madras papers are now anxious that the opportunity should be taken to revise the penal provisions of the Ceylon labour laws now that the question of coolies' debts and provisions for the sanitation of coolies' lines are being dealt with.



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Please see para. 5 of letter to India, no. 416

26.4.17. No action appears necessary.

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The notes may be recorded. ~~after~~
~~the notes are recorded.~~

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What the Madras papers
never seem able to grasp
is that these & similar
proceedings or incidents under an annual
enactment of Ceylon duty have to
be done in the light of have no
special application to immigrant labour.

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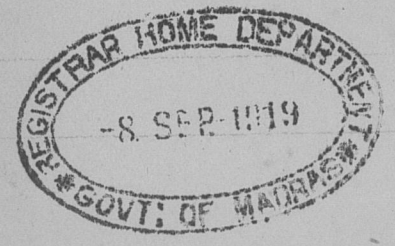
But whatever that be, (A alone), so long as Indians are subjected to this, Indian public will complain.

Our weak point is the Masters Labour Act & the Breach of Contract Act

However this is now a matter for Rev Spcl. Zampier

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Have we taken this over yet? I think not.
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We have not. may be returned to Home

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PROSECUTION UNDER THE LABOUR ORDINANCE.

Kangany wins appeal.

A case from the Police Court of Matale was argued in appeal yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice de Sampayo, in which Mr. Raymond Jacks, Superintendent of ~~the~~ Jesserwatte estate charged Arasappen Kangany with misconduct in that the accused disobeyed the orders of the Superintendent lawfully given to attend his office on July 8th last.

Mr. Jacks said that on July 4th he ordered the accused to attend his bungalow office on the 8th of that month with five other Kanganies. He had just taken over Jesserwatte estate and he wanted to look into their debts, talk to them generally and to settle any complaints they had to make. Five of the Kanganies came, but the accused did not attend.

Complainant added that his object was to maintain some discipline on the estate. "Labour is out of hand just now", continued the complainant, "by reason of the frequent changes of Superintendents during my absence from the island".

The accused admitted having kept away, but explained that he did so because Mr. Jacks had refused to pay the costs of some litigation he had with the conductor.

The Magistrate found the accused guilty and sentenced him to three weeks' rigorous imprisonment. He appealed. ~~Mr.~~ Mr. J. S. Jayewardene appeared for the appellant.

His Lordship held that if the accused bona fide thought, as he appeared to have done, that the matter of accounts had already been sufficiently discussed and that there was nothing more to settle it was not possible to say that he wilfully disobeyed the order of the Superintendent in the present case within the meaning of the Ordinance. The conviction was set aside and the accused acquitted.

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