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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 164. Read the following letter from A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 8th January 1862, No. 122.

Home Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,590, of the 24th ultimo, relative to the proposed engagement by the Hongkong Government of 150 Natives of Madras for the Police of that Colony, and enquiring whether, with reference to Act XIV of 1839, there is any objection to such a body being raised.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the engagement of Natives of India in the Madras Presidency to serve in the Police Force at Hongkong does not, in the opinion of the Governor General in Council, amount to a contract 'for labour' or 'for the purpose of being employed as labourers,' within the meaning of Act XIV of 1839. That Act read in connection with the subsequent Act XV of 1842 and the orders in Council therein recited, especially Rule 20, must, His Excellency in Council thinks, be taken to refer to engagements or contracts for service as labourers in agriculture or manufactures, or in some branch of labour of the same nature, and not to engagements to serve on conditions not necessarily requiring manual labor.

3. As however the question is open to considerable doubt, and as the same kind of evils might arise from the shipment of a number of Natives to Hongkong as Policemen as were anticipated and provided against in the Emigration Acts, the Governor General in Council is of opinion that it will not be right to give any sanction on the part of Government to the engagement of Natives for the Police in that Settlement without being satisfied that the conditions of service are such as to afford the same substantial security against the men being left destitute in the Colony without the means of return to India as the Emigration Acts provide.

4. The conditions of service which Captain Grant has been authorized by the Government of Hongkong to offer appear to be fair and equitable, and if the Madras Government feels satisfied that the requisite security will be afforded by them, there does not appear to the Governor General in Council to be any ground for interference on the part of Government further than to see that each man engaged is provided with a copy of the Memorandum of conditions which forms an enclosure of your letter under reply.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1862, No. 108.

A copy of the above letter will be forwarded to Captain Ewen Grant.

2. The Commissioner of Police and the Protector of Emigrants will also be furnished with copies of it, and of the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin. The Government authorize the engagement of 150 men for the Police Force at Hongkong.

No. 1,544, 14th December 1861.
„ 1,590, 24th do. „

3. It will be the duty of the Protector of Emigrants to see that every man engaged is provided with a copy of the Memorandum recorded in Proceedings, 24th December last.

4. The Accountant General is requested to direct advances being made to Captain Grant, in exchange for Bills at sight on the Colonial Government, Hongkong.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 25th January 1862.

No. 166. To the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, dated Fort Saint George, 25th January 1862, No. 109.

In continuation of my letter, 24th ultimo, No. 1,591, I am directed to forward a copy of a communication from the Government of India, and to state that His Honor in Council has authorized the engagement of 150 Natives of this Presidency for the Police Force at Hongkong, and has requested the Accountant General to advance funds, in exchange for Bills at sight on the Colony.

Mr. Under Secretary Monteath's letter, 8th January 1862, No. 122.

2. Captain Ewen Grant has been furnished with a copy of the Orders passed by this Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Govt. of India — Inter 8th Jany. 62 No. 122.

Order — thereon 25th Jany 1862 No 108.

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of it; & of the Proceedings of Govt. as noted in the margin. The Govt. authorise the engagement of 150 men for the Police force at Hongkong.

No. 1544-14th Dec. 61
" 1590-24th do.

3. It will be the duty of the Protector of Emigrants to see that every man engaged is provided with a copy of the Memorandum in his own vernacular.

Memorandum recorded in Pros: 24th Decr. last.

4. The Acct. Genl. is requested to direct advances being made to Capt. Grant, in exchange for bills at sight on the Colonial Govt., Hongkong.

Capn Rosen Grant-
Bombay Army - Colonial Secretary Bangalore
Commr. of Police
Protector of Emigrants
Acct. Genl. } With Nos. 1544 & 1590 of 1861. } Bangalore dated 27th Dec.

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No. 109

The Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong.

Sir-

In continuation of my letter, 24th Ulto. No. 1,591, I am directed to forward a copy of a communication from the Govt. of India, & to state that H. Excellency in Coun-

cil

Mr. Under Secretary Monteath's letter, 8th Jany. '62 No. 122.

Bombay Castle
1st March 1862. Department

No. 102.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from Government of India, dated 25th January 1862

Authorizing the engagement of 500 Natives of the Peninsula for the Police Force at Hongkong.

Police Service
Hongkong

Ordered, that the Government of India be informed that the Governor in Council will be glad to avail himself of the permission conveyed in the letter under reply, to engage 500 Natives of the Peninsula for the Police Force at Hongkong.

To

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Enclosed 1862 Despatch

No 109.

To The Colonial Secy.

Hong Kong.

of 25th January 1862

Stating that this Government

has Authorized the engagement

of 150 men for the police Force

at Hong Kong. and Requested

Accountant General to make

advances to Capt E. Stanton in

exchange for Bills at sight on the

Ct. Govt Hong Kong.

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