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G.O., No. 664-666

Dated 4th April 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PLANTERS' GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE.

Intimating to the Government of India that Mr. J.W. Mackenzie, I.C.S., has been appointed by this Government to be one of the members of the Committee that the United Planters' Association of North India has appointed Mr. J.W. Hockin to be the other member; intimating Mr. A.H. Hume, I.C.S., as Secretary to the Committee and setting the Committee to assemble at Cochin on the 15th April.

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which was well acquainted with the broad facts. He reminded the memorialists that the origin of most of their difficulties lay in a system of advances, as to the necessity for and desirability of which they themselves were by no means agreed. He professed himself unwilling to refuse assistance to a great industry so long as there was room for doubt as to the material facts of the case; and while adhering to the views already enunciated by the Government of India on the subject of extending penal legislation to breaches of civil contract, and while reserving the fullest discretion as to future action, he expressed his willingness to institute, with the concurrence of the Madras Government, such an inquiry as would afford the memorialists the full opportunity which they desired of bringing out the whole state of their case.

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4. In order to fulfil the promises thus made, the Government of India have decided to appoint a small committee to conduct an inquiry into the matters mentioned above. The President will be Mr. W. Mackworth Young, C.S.I., Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg. Two other members will be nominated by the Government of Madras and the United Planters' Association of Southern India, respectively. The questions into which they will inquire will be—

I.—As regards the system of advances to garden coolies and "maistries"—

- (a) the nature of the system as at present worked;
- (b) the necessity for its continuance;
- (c) the difficulties experienced in its operation; and
- (d) the best methods of removing them.

II.—As regards the prevention of coffee-stealing—

- (e) whether the conditions under which coffee is produced and brought to market are such as to render it desirable (1) to extend to "parchment" and "cherry-dried" coffee the legislative provisions now applying by section 9 of Madras Act VIII of 1878 to "green-gathered" coffee; and (2) to amend that section by substituting the word "person" for the words "cooly maistry or other labourer employed on a coffee estate."

Order.—Ordered, that the above resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with a request that the Government of India may be informed of the names of the two members of the committee appointed respectively by the Government of Madras and by the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

Ordered also, that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. G. SLY,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1896, No. 475—17-8.

In reply to your telegram, No. 114, dated 20th March 1896, I am directed to refer you to the resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7, dated 25th March 1896, on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

2. The Government of India regret that they are unable to accept the proposal of the Madras Government that the inquiry into the prevention of coffee-stealing should also include tea. They adhere to the opinion expressed in Mr. Lyall's letter, No. 587, dated 1st June 1894, that it is undesirable to extend to the tea industry the protection afforded to coffee by the Madras Coffee-stealing Prevention Act VIII of 1878. No grounds have been since put forward for re-opening the question and it was not referred to in the address presented to His Excellency the Viceroy by the Association.

3. The Madras Government also recommend that unless these questions are already included under sub-head (d) of clause I of the reference the committee should consider the additional questions of reciprocal service of processes and warrants and of extradition of offenders. The Government of India intend that the question of reciprocity in the execution of processes should be discussed under sub-head (d), but they regret that they cannot agree to any consideration of a proposal that breaches of contract which fall under Act XIII of 1859 should be made extraditable offences under section 14 of the same Act or that the procedure for extradition under section 14 of the same Act in the case of offences not ordinarily extraditable should be simplified. The delivery by Government of a person who is in its territories, and therefore under its protection, to be dealt with by courts, of which Government has no knowledge and over which it has no control, is an extreme measure, to be justified only when the offence committed is such that the general welfare would be endangered by the escape of the offender. This clearly cannot be alleged of the breaches of contract now in question, which are practically mere civil wrongs. Under the existing law an offence that is extraditable to one Native State is extraditable to all; and the Government of India are not prepared either to attempt to draw any distinction between Native States in this respect or to legislate so as to convert breaches of contract into extraditable offences.

From F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1896, No. 477—17-9.

In continuation of my letter No. 475—17-8, dated 26th March 1896, and with reference to the resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7, dated 25th March 1896, on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, I am directed to ask that the Government of Madras will be so good as to take general control of the inquiry and decide to what districts the inquiry will extend. It will apparently include Coorg. The committee will no doubt require a Secretary, and I am to suggest that a junior civilian or some officer on corresponding pay may be selected to perform the duties. The committee will submit its report to the Government of India and the Madras Government will then be consulted before any orders are issued upon it.

2. The Government of India are pleased to sanction a daily allowance of Rs. 10 to the official members, including the President and Secretary, and travelling allowance at the usual rates to all the members. The restrictions of article 1159 of the Civil Service Regulations have been relaxed in favour of the non-official member who will draw travelling allowance at first-class rates.

3. Mr. Mackworth Young, c.s.i., the President of the Committee, will be ready to commence the inquiry by the 15th of April next, and I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made for assembling the committee.

ORDER—No. 664, Judicial, dated 4th April 1896.

In deference to the strongly expressed opinion of the Government of India in the first of its letters read above, His Excellency the Governor in Council will refrain from pressing for the inclusion in the terms of reference to the Committee appointed in the foregoing resolution of the subjects alluded to in the telegram of this Government, dated 20th March.

2. His Excellency in Council is pleased to nominate Mr J. W. F. Dumergue, I.C.S., to be one of the members of the Committee, and the United Planters' Association of Southern India has nominated Mr. J. Williams Hockin of Vayittiri, South Wynaad, to be the other. The names of these gentlemen will be forwarded to the Government of India.

3. The second of the letters of the Government of India read above will be communicated to the members of the Committee for information. The Committee will be requested to assemble at Ootacamund by the 15th April, and the Council Chamber on Stonehouse Hill will be set apart for its use except on those days when it is required by the Government. The Committee's inquiries should extend to the marginally-noted districts in this Presidency and to Coorg, and it will be requested to consider whether, in order to render the inquiry complete, it should not also invite evidence from Mysore, Travancore and Cochin. Mr. A. L. Hannay, I.C.S., will be appointed as Secretary to the Committee.

Coimbatore.
Nilgiris.
Madura.

Malabar.
Salem.
Tinnevely.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To J. W. F. Dumergue, Esq., I.C.S.
„ J. Williams Hockin, Esq., Vayittiri.
„ A. L. Hannay, Esq., I.C.S.
„ the Secretary, United Planters' Association of Southern India.
„ the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. Hodgson, Ootacamund.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Editors' Table.

Copy to W. Mackworth Young, Esq., c.s.i., I.C.S.,
Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

LETTER—to the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No. 665, Judicial, dated Fort St. George, 4th April 1896.

I have the honour to forward, for your information, a copy of the Proceedings of this Government of to-day's date, No. 644, Judicial.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, No. 666, Judicial, dated Fort St. George, 4th April 1896.

With reference to the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7 (Revenue and Agriculture), dated 25th March 1896, and to your letters Nos. 475—17-8 and 477—17-9, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, a copy of the Proceedings of this Government of to-day's date, No. 644, Judicial.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.
JUDICIAL,

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., &c., Nos. 664-666, 4th
April 1896.

APRIL.

Planters' Grievances Committee.

Directing that the Government of India be informed that Mr. J. W. F. Dumorgue, I.C.S., has been nominated by this Government to be one of the members of the — and that the United Planters' Association of Southern India has nominated Mr. J. W. Hockin to be the other member, appointing Mr. A. L. Hannay, I.C.S., as Secretary to the Committee, and requesting the committee to assemble at Ootacamund by the 15th April.



12 Jan 96
Key: dear Sir
CHIEF SECRETARY
JAN. 1896
I have been in communication with Mr. Henson & Hewitt as well as Mr. Hill about the Planting grievances. It is now proposed to send down a commission, Mr. Macleuzie to be nominee of Govt. of India, & to ask Madras Govt. to nominate a member, & the planters to do the same, & I understand that action is to be taken at once. This is good news, I think.

and shows that it is
intended to do something if
possible?

I suppose the
Govt. of India letter will come
down soon, & the matter will
not be considered definitely
settled till it issues.

The planters

asked me (Wagland & Hilpin
Ass^{ns}) to take the matter up
& it seemed to me I could
speak fact within the limits
of the recommendations already
made & in accordance with
the views already expressed by
the Govt. with which I am
well acquainted. It seems likely

that the planters will 'get
more out of the Kerry's
rice than anyone else.

H.E. is said to be well
again, temperature normal,
but rest still prescribed.

Yours sincerely

W. B. R.

[G.]
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1,000-5-11-96

DEPARTMENT

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for perusal

W
11 Jan

12
9/1/96.

MS
14/1/96

JS
14/1/96

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

*To the Mr. Secretary
Receipt of letters from the
Govt of India.*

7.1.96.

14, CHOWRINGHEE,

CHIEF OFFICE CALCUTTA.

11 FEB 1896

My dear Sir,

It seems now that the Plaintiff's
commission will not meet for
months owing to the extension of
leave taken by Mr. Leach, whom
the Govt. of India intend to make
resident. Therefore it will ^{probably} meet
not about the time I am back in
Calcutta, & as its work will
be in forward & backward, where
its legal witnesses will ^{at that time} be,
perhaps Government might consider

Mr. R. is in the same position as Mr. J. -
Mackenzie.

that I could act for it as member
in addition to my own duties, for
the dead men member will have little
to do, beyond urging that erroneous
views as to advances being unnecessary
soon, should be corrected. I only
say this because the it is not usual
for the junior to act under the
senior officer on a Commission, which
I should have to do, which I should
do in this or on any other occasion
without even noticing the fact, unless
my attention was called to it.

Newitt seemed to think he got used
is a matter of course
opposed some minor work to Mackenzie
but as the Virgin Hospital Association
have both formally & at meetings
expressed their confidence in myself
to desire that I should do what I
can to keep them here, & as I have seen
all the Govt. of India papers on
the subject, I shall presumably be
here available for reference & at
good weather when the Report will
be under consideration, & as I have had
a good deal of experience of Mauritius in
Tunisia, Algeria, Travancore & Malabar
& served for a while in Mysore,
the Government may think I am

as suitable under these circumstances
as any one else, & of course there would
be no sort of need to go on special
duty, as the de facto Virgin Collector
on the spot & in office, would be in
the best possible position to keep the
Commission & to represent the planters
especially when they have on several
occasions gone out of their way to
officially record their confidence in him
in his desire, so far as may be, to keep
them. [Resolutions to be communicated if
necessary]. On correspondence with myself
during my tenure of office as C.M. it was
for the first time decided to make C.M.
in time being Hon. member of Planter's
Ass. & I feel sure that my appointment
is acceptable; However it will be
to them.

of us actual advantage to myself
& it is only because I believe it might
be officially acceptable, yet would not
be contemplated on account of
seniority unless I myself moved in
the matter, & because I could do
the duties of head member
& without going on special
duty - which I should not
care for & have several times asked
to be excused from - that I venture
to write in this way.

If, as is very probable

P.S.

See Reports of Meetings of
Wynard & Bridgman as
reported in M. Mail
of Jan⁷ 30th /96 & ^{Nov⁷ 30th /95} Dec⁷ 30th /95.
of leaders in M. Mail Dec⁷ 30th /95.

The Govt. thinks some other officers
were suitable, there is nothing to
be said, but I am sure I cannot
be wrong under the circumstances
in volunteering to do the work
in addition to my own & for
the reasons stated.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
J. P. S.

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4,000-18-1-96.

D.C.
No. 85

DEPARTMENT.

From

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Rees C.B.

No.

Dated 7th January 1896

Received 11th February 1896

Registered 11th February 1896

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Re the advisability of
his being nominated
as a member of the
Planting Commission

M. + Co.

for orders.

The papers referred to by Mr. Rees
are put up

M. + Co. 18/1/96

I should say it was premature
to consider the matter at present.
When the Comm. is formally
determined on, it will be for
them to decide who should be
app. to it.

M. + Co. 18/2/96

Just do. I suppose I shall be gone
before any move is made - so it will
be for my successor to decide.

W
19 Feb

See. Keep with connected
papers till India writes appointing the
Comm. M. + Co.

C 10/2/96
Q 18/2/96

12. Feb. 96.

11 Meppadi

My dear MacCartie

Since writing to you this morning
I have had a telegram from the
Sec to the Leg. Council saying
that my resignation was accep-
ted & that Dante Hudson was
appointed in my place. So I
suppose it was my own mistake
& that I ought not to have
written to the Chief Sec at all
but to the Sec of Leg Council.
However - sorry to have bothered
you. Please thank His Excellency
for appointing another planter.
But would you at the same
time tell H. E. that if the

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appointment of a planter to this
commission depends on the Madras
Govt; we, the planting community
including Travancore &c who do
not belong to the Madras Presidency
would prefer the appointment of
Mr J. Williams Hockin of
Vayitri, South Wynnad to serve
on the commission rather than
Hodgson - I don't think
Hodgson knows much about the
subject especially from a legal
point of view, whereas Hockin
has thoroughly studied this
question of penal contracts

from the English point of
view and is not likely to give
us away by making extraor-
dinary demands -

I was very sorry to see in the papers
that H.E. had been unwell - I hope
that it was not much and that
he is all right again -

How are you and when is your
wedding coming off.

Yours

George Conolly

12.2.96
My dear Rufus

12.2.1896

12.2 The Gov thinks that
the number of Russell's letters
may be of use. if the Gov. is asked
to nominate a member on the Revised
Commission.

Yours
C. Russell

12.2.96

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Current No.

D. O. 104

DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H. A. Fine US

From

C. I. Mac Carter Esq.

Submitted for personal use
also he can use the Comm. is
officially authorized by
here -

No.

25/2/96 28/2/96
24/2/96

Dated 17

Received 18

Registered 19

Enclosures

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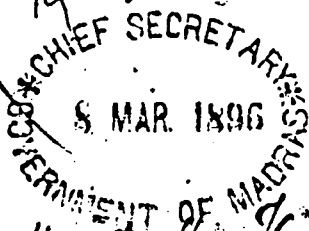
SUBJECT.

Forwarding, with remarks,
Mr. Remick's letter recommending
the appointment of Mr. T. Williams
Hoek of Vaypiti to serve on
the Commission in connection with
Plantation

(over)

Capt. S. J.

20 10 11th March/96
L. Choummiehar
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My dear Prie



I understand that the Viceroy
has sanctioned a Committee of Messrs
Mackenzie, a civilian nominated
by the Madras Govt, and a planter.
I cannot see the order but would
use this.

It is understood too that
it is from the question of who
is senior to Messrs Mackenzie
not believed to be preferable
as suitable for inspection

be to take charge of any thing
legislative, which may result
from the Commission, to be set
may come before Governor's
Council next cold weather.

I do not ^{myself} understand that
weight can attach to the same
question, but I do see that
I sat on the Committee, it can
be less suitable that I shd

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~~of actual part in the~~
~~of any subsequent legislative~~
~~matter's deliberations measure.~~

Government will understand
to my former letter before on this
it was only meant well,
my app^t should have
considered suitable.

I gather now it would not
take this opportunity
draw my letter being of
still in this as in all
to, at the disposal of Govt.

but making no motion myself

I expect I can keep both

Miss Mackenzie & perhaps use
planting ^{the civilian members} members as I have carefully
worked up the subject & been aware

of the degree of Travancore as well
the Kilgiri planters. Woodburn said
supported the Commission would sit
Ootacamund.

So will you kindly cover
my former letter cancelled.

Yours sincerely

J. P. R. 28

D. O. No. 5.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEPARTMENT.

H. M. & Co. M. P. G. No.

From

The Hon^{ble} Mr. J. D. Rees.
Calcutta.

Submitted for perusal. No action

HR
9-3-96
need be taken till Mr. Rees writes officially.

W. C. 27/3/96

No.

Dated 4

Received 8

Registered 9

Enclosures

} 3. 96.

SUBJECT.

Stating that he has been told
that the Vicary has sanctioned
a Committee consisting of Mr.
Muir MacKenzie, a Councillor
nominated by the Madras Govt.,
and a planter, and requesting
that his former letter on the
subject of 'Planting Commission'
may be cancelled.

HR
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INDIAN TELEGRAPH

From *Madras Gundry* To *Calcutta*

Words *48* 15 15 15 *light*

Governor *Viceroy*

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION

Bombay government cannot spare Mr Mackenzie therefore propose to appoint Mackworth Young as president of planters committee and that it should meet at Cochin about April 15th terms of reference are being sent semi-officially for concurrence of your government

RECD. FROM *At* *Ms. By* *15th*

SENT TO *At* *Ms. By* *15th*

GUINDE

96

15th

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CHIEF SECRETARY
15. MAR. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please tell
Dunrobie (Kwina)
to arrange
for Madras (out) to
Tether

My dear Sir

I have wired to Dunrobie
at Madras. He has the telegram
The telegram is in reply to the last
yesterday evening when I was
could arrange where Commission

V. (H. S. S. S.)

Current No. 1241

DEPARTMENT.

From

Govt of India
Calcutta.

No. Telegram

Dated 15

Received 15

Registered 16

Enclosures

3. gb.

SUBJECT.

Stating that they propose to appoint Mr. Mackworth Young as President of the Planter's Committee, and that it should meet at Ootacamund about April 15.

Submitted for perusal. The probable vacancy in Madras Dist. Court has been noted in Public Off.

W. J. Singh

The vacancy may possibly be filled at all for advertisement 2nd -
Mr. Mackworth Young will probably return to the Court on the 25th April and the Commission Enquiry takes more than two months to make inquiries and to report.

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18/2/96

I don't know. Mr. Mackworth Young has somewhat of a talent for spinning things out - witness the Hampden's Commission.

19/2/96

Am

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Seen by H.E. through Mr. Mackworth Young. Submitted for perusal. H.M.'s

W. J. Singh

18/2/96

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Nos. 664, JUDICIAL, 4TH APRIL 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

Letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue Department, dated 25th March 1896, No. 614.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, No. 465—17-7 (Emigration), dated 25th March 1896.

Read—

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1458, dated 10th Aug. 1892, and enclosures.
2. " to the " No. 1206—40-1, dated 19th May 1893.
3. " from the " 3097, dated 8th December 1894.
4. " to the " 592—32-1, dated 1st May 1895.
5. " from the " 18, dated 13th February 1894, and enclosures.
6. " to the " 587, dated 1st June 1894.
7. " from the " 8009, dated 8th December 1894, and enclosure.
8. " to the " 271, dated 21st February 1895.

Read also—

9. A memorial presented to His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent tour in Madras by the United Planters' Association of Southern India.
10. His Excellency's reply to the above.

RESOLUTION.

In a memorial presented to His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent tour in Madras by the United Planters' Association of Southern India, the memorialists asked, among other things, for increased protection against "loss from wilful breach of contract and dishonesty with regard to advances" made to coolies and maistries. They admitted that certain proposals put forward with this object had recently been disallowed by the Government of India; but expressed their belief that their rejection might be attributed, at least in part, to "the fact that the radical differences existing between the conditions of labour as employed in Northern or Southern India had not been sufficiently explained," and suggested that the appointment of a committee to inquire into the matter might lead to a clearer understanding of their difficulties.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. G. SLY,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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From F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1896, No. 475—17-8.

In reply to your telegram, No. 114, dated 20th March 1896, I am directed to refer you to the resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7, dated 25th March 1896, on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

2. The Government of India regret that they are unable to accept the proposal of the Madras Government that the inquiry into the prevention of coffee-stealing should also include tea. They adhere to the opinion expressed in Mr. Lyall's letter, No. 587, dated 1st June 1894, that it is undesirable to extend to the tea industry the protection afforded to coffee by the Madras Coffee-stealing Prevention Act VIII of 1878. No grounds have been since put forward for re-opening the question and it was not referred to in the address presented to His Excellency the Viceroy by the Association.

3. The Madras Government also recommend that unless these questions are already included under sub-head (d) of clause I of the reference the committee should consider the additional questions of reciprocal service of processes and warrants and of extradition of offenders. The Government of India intend that the question of reciprocity in the execution of processes should be discussed under sub-head (d), but they regret that they cannot agree to any consideration of a proposal that breaches of contract which fall under Act XIII of 1859 should be made extraditable offences under section 14 of the same Act or that the procedure for extradition under section 14 of the same Act in the case of offences not ordinarily extraditable should be simplified. The delivery by Government of a person who is in its territories, and therefore under its protection, to be dealt with by courts, of which Government has no knowledge and over which it has no control, is an extreme measure, to be justified only when the offence committed is such that the general welfare would be endangered by the escape of the offender. This clearly cannot be alleged of the breaches of contract now in question, which are practically mere civil wrongs. Under the existing law an offence that is extraditable to one Native State is extraditable to all; and the Government of India are not prepared either to attempt to draw any distinction between Native States in this respect or to legislate so as to convert breaches of contract into extraditable offences.

From F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1896, No. 477—17-9.

In continuation of my letter No. 475—17-8, dated 26th March 1896, and with reference to the resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7, dated 25th March 1896, on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, I am directed to ask that the Government of Madras will be so good as to take general control of the inquiry and decide to what districts the inquiry will extend. It will apparently include Coorg. The committee will no doubt require a Secretary, and I am to suggest that a junior civilian or some officer on corresponding pay may be selected to perform the duties. The committee will submit its report to the Government of India and the Madras Government will then be consulted before any orders are issued upon it.

2. The Government of India are pleased to sanction a daily allowance of Rs. 10 to the official members, including the President and Secretary, and travelling allowance at the usual rates to all the members. The restrictions of article 1159 of the Civil Service Regulations have been relaxed in favour of the non-official member who will draw travelling allowance at first-class rates.

3. Mr. Mackworth Young, c.s.i., the President of the Committee, will be ready to commence the inquiry by the 15th of April next, and I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made for assembling the committee.

ORDER—No. 664, Judicial, dated 4th April 1896.

In deference to the strongly expressed opinion of the Government of India in the first of its letters read above, His Excellency the Governor in Council will refrain from pressing for the inclusion in the terms of reference to the Committee appointed in the foregoing resolution of the subjects alluded to in the telegram of this Government, dated 20th March.

2. His Excellency in Council is pleased to nominate Mr J. W. F. Dumergue, I.C.S., to be one of the members of the Committee, and the United Planters' Association of Southern India has nominated Mr. J. Williams Hockin of Vayittiri, South Wynaad, to be the other. The names of these gentlemen will be forwarded to the Government of India.

3. The second of the letters of the Government of India read above will be communicated to the members of the Committee for information. The Committee will be requested to assemble at Ootacamund by the 15th April, and the Council Chamber on Stonehouse Hill will be set apart for its use except on those days when it is required by the Government. The Committee's inquiries should extend to the marginally-noted districts in this Presidency and to Coorg, and it will be requested to consider whether, in order to render the inquiry complete, it should not also invite evidence from Mysore, Travancore and Cochin. Mr. A. L. Hannay, I.C.S., will be appointed as Secretary to the Committee.

Coimbatore.
Nilgiris.
Madura.

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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To J. W. F. Dumergue, Esq., I.C.S.
„ J. Williams Hockin, Esq., Vayittiri.
„ A. L. Hannay, Esq., I.C.S.
„ the Secretary, United Planters' Association of Southern India.
„ the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. Hodgson, Ootacamund.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Editors' Table.

Copy to W. Mackworth Young, Esq., c.s.i., I.C.S.,
Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

Gobt. of {1896} Madras.
JUDICIAL.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., No. 664, 4th April 1896.

APRIL.

Planters' Grievances Committee.

Directing that the Government of India be informed that Mr. J. W. F. Dumergue, I.C.S., has been nominated by this Government to be one of the members of the — and that the United Planters' Association of Southern India has nominated Mr. J. W. Hockin to be the other member, appointing Mr. A. L. Hannay, I.C.S., as Secretary to the Committee, and requesting the committee to assemble at Ootacamund by the 15th April.

No. 666, JUDICIAL, 4TH APRIL 1896.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

SIR,

With reference to the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7 (Revenue and Agriculture), dated 25th March 1896, and to your letters Nos. 475—17-8 and 477—17-9, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, a copy of the Proceedings of this Government of to-day's date, No. 644, Judicial.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th April 1896.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

1896.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Reed.

Encl.

Letter, No. 666, 4th April 1896.

APRIL.

Planters' Grievances Committee.

Forwarding copy of Proceedings of this Government relating to the constitution and date of meeting of the —.

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Current No. 1594

DEPARTMENT.

From Govt. of India
Rev. & Agric. Dept.

No. $\frac{465}{17-7}$

Dated 25/3

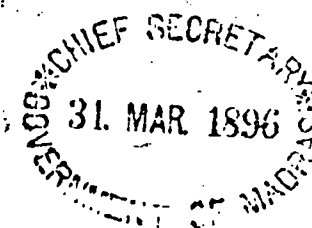
Received 31/3

Registered 4/4

Enclosures 705. copies.

SUBJECT.

Appointing a Committee
to inquire into the Grievances
of the United Planters' Association
of Southern India, in regard to
(1) the system of advances to
Garden Coolies & maistries,
(2) the prevention of coffee
stealing.



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1896.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

EMIGRATION.

RESOLUTION.

No. 465
17-4.

Dated Calcutta, the 25th March 1896.

SUBJECT.

APPOINTMENT of a Committee to inquire into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, in regard to (1), the system of advances to garden coolies and maistries; and (2), the prevention of coffee stealing.

EMIGRATION.

READ—

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1458, dated 10th August 1892, and enclosures.
2. Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 1206—40-1, dated 19th May 1893.
3. „ from the „ „ 3007, dated 8th December 1894.
4. „ to the „ „ 592—32-1, dated 1st May 1895.
5. „ from the „ „ 18, dated 13th February 1894, and enclosures.
6. Letter to the „ „ 537, dated 1st June 1894.
7. „ from the „ „ 3009, „ 8th December 1894, and enclosure.
8. Letter to the „ „ 271, dated 21st February 1895.

Read also—

9. A memorial presented to His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent tour in Madras by the United Planters' Association of Southern India.
10. His Excellency's reply to the above.

RESOLUTION.

In a memorial presented to His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent tour in Madras by the United Planters' Association of Southern India, the memorialists asked, among other things, for increased protection against "loss from wilful breach of contract and dishonesty with regard to advances" made to coolies and maistries. They admitted that certain proposals put forward with this object had recently been disallowed by the Government of India; but expressed their belief that their rejection might be attributed, at least in part, to "the fact that the radical differences existing between the conditions of labour as employed in Northern or Southern India had not been sufficiently explained," and suggested that the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter might lead to a clearer understanding of their difficulties.

2. In replying His Excellency pointed out that, as admitted by the memorialists themselves, the particular remedy which they had proposed, and which had been negatived by the Government of India, was opposed to the whole spirit of modern legislation, while the matter had often been under the consideration of Government, which was well acquainted with the broad facts. He reminded the memorialists that the origin of most of their difficulties lay in a system of advances, as to the necessity for and desirability of which they themselves were by no means agreed. He professed himself unwilling to refuse assistance to a great industry so long as there was room for doubt as to the material facts of the case; and while adhering to the views already enunciated by the Government of India on the subject of extending penal legislation to breaches of civil contract, and while reserving the fullest discretion as to future action, he expressed his willingness to institute, with the concurrence of the Madras Government, such an inquiry as would afford the memorialists the full opportunity which they desired of bringing out the whole state of their case.

3. Another matter with which the memorial in question dealt was the amendment and extension of the Coffee-stealing Prevention Act. Urging that parchment and cherry dried coffee, for which protection was asked, were not articles of consumption and should not be found in the possession of any one other than the producer, the carrier, the curer, and the *bona fide* merchant,

all of whom could afford proof of rightful possession, the United Planters' Association of Southern India prayed that an inquiry might be made into the correctness of their contention that the exceptional protection already given was inadequate unless the possession of parchment and cherry dried coffee was placed under the same restrictions in section 9 as that of "green gathered coffee." In replying His Excellency promised to consider whether there was sufficient evidence that parchment and cherry dried coffee were not articles of retail sale, and that it was possible to discriminate between the produce in those stages and in the subsequent stage at which it does become an article of retail sale; and whether it was, in any event, necessary to treat coffee differently from other merchandise. In the event of there being any doubt in the matter His Excellency considered that the question might be inquired into simultaneously with the other matters referred to above.

4. In order to fulfill the promises thus made, the Government of India have decided to appoint a small Committee to conduct an inquiry into the matters mentioned above. The president will be Mr. W. Mackworth Young C.S.I., Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg. Two other members will be nominated by the Government of Madras and the United Planters' Association of Southern India, respectively. The questions into which they will inquire will be—

I.—As regards the system of advances to garden coolies and 'maistries'—

- (a) the nature of the system as at present worked;
- (b) the necessity for its continuance;
- (c) the difficulties experienced in its operation; and
- (d) the best methods of removing them.

II.—As regards the prevention of coffee-stealing—

- (e) whether the conditions under which coffee is produced and brought to market are such as to render it desirable (1) to extend to "parchment" and "cherry-dried" coffee the legislative provisions now applying by section 9 of Madras Act VIII of 1878 to "green-gathered" coffee; and (2) to amend that section by substituting the word "person" for the words "coolie maistry or other labourer employed on a coffee-estate."

ORDER.—Ordered, that the above Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with a request that the Government of India may be informed of the names of the two members of the Committee appointed respectively by the Government of Madras and by the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

Ordered also, that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(True extract.)

W. L. G.

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.
70 St. James's Place, Madras.

[G.]
[100-28-1-94.]

Current No. 1895

DEPARTMENT.

From Govt. of India
Rev. & A. Dept.

No. 475/17-8

Dated 26/3

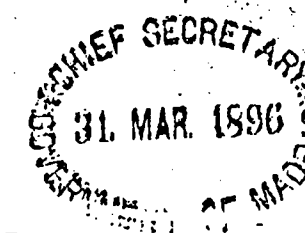
Received 31/3

Registered 4/4

Enclosures -

SUBJECT.

Stating that the Govt. of India are unable to accept the proposal of the Madras Govt. that the inquiry into the prevention of coffee-stealing should also include tea, & giving certain instructions re: the additional questions of reciprocal service of processes & warrants & of the extradition of offenders.



No. 475
17-8

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From

F. G. Sly, Esq., C.S.,

Offg: Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the

Government of Madras.

Dept: of
Revs and Agri:
(Emigration)

Calcutta, the 26th March 1896.

Sir,

In reply to your telegram No.114, dated 20th March 1896, I am directed to refer you to the Resolution of the Government of India No.465/17-7, dated 25th March 1896 on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters Association of Southern India.

2. The Government of India regret that they are unable to accept the proposal of the Madras Government that the inquiry into the prevention of coffee stealing should also include tea. They adhere to the opinion expressed in Mr.Lyall's letter No.587, dated 1st June 1894, that it is undesirable to extend to the tea industry the protection afforded to coffee by the Madras Coffee-stealing Prevention Act VIII of 1878. No grounds have been since put forward for reopening the question and it was not referred to in the address presented to His Excellency the Viceroy by the Association.

3. The Madras Government also recommend that unless these questions are already included under subhead (d) of clause I of the reference the Committee should

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should consider the additional questions of reciprocal service of processes and warrants and of extradition of offenders. The Government of India intend that the question of reciprocity in the execution of processes should be discussed under subhead (d), but they regret that they cannot agree to any consideration of a proposal that breaches of contract which fall under Act XIII of 1859 should be made extraditable offences under Section 14 of the same Act or that the procedure for extradition under Section 14 of the same Act in the case of offences not ordinarily extraditable should be simplified. The delivery by Government of a person who is in its territories, and therefore under its protection, to be dealt with by Courts, of which Government has no knowledge and over which it has no control, is an extreme measure, to be justified only when the offence committed is such that the general welfare would be endangered by the escape of the offender. This clearly cannot be alleged of the breaches of contract now in question, which are practically mere civil wrongs. Under the existing law an offence that is extraditable to one Native State is extraditable to all; and the Government of India are not prepared either to attempt to draw any distinction between Native States in this respect or to legislate so as to convert breaches of contract into extraditable offences.

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

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Offg: Secretary.

Current No. 1596

DEPARTMENT.

From Govt of India
Rev & A Dept.

No. 477/17-9

Dated 26/3

Received 31/3

Registered 4/4

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Requesting ~~that~~ the ~~Government~~
Govt. to take general control
of the inquiry into the grievances
of the Planters' association &
suggesting that a junior
civilian be selected to serve
as Secretary to the Committee
appointed.



No. 477 ¹⁵⁹⁶
17-9 30 50

From

F. G. Sly, Esq., C.S.,

Offg: Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Dept: of
Rev: and Agri:
(Emigration)

Calcutta, the 26th March 1896.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 475 ¹⁷⁻⁸ dated 26th March 1896 and with reference to the Resolution of the Government of India No. 465/17-7, dated 25th March 1896 on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters Association of Southern India, I am directed to ask that the Government of Madras will be so good as to take general control of the inquiry and decide to what districts the inquiry will extend. It will apparently include Coorg. The Committee will no doubt require a Secretary and I am to suggest that a junior civilian or some officer on corresponding pay may be selected to perform the duties. The Committee will submit its report to the Government of India and the Madras Government will then be consulted before any orders are issued upon it.

2. The Government of India are pleased to sanction a daily allowance of Rs. 10/- to the official members, including the President and Secretary, and travelling allowance at the usual rates to all the members. The restrictions of Article 1159 of the Civil Service Regulations have been relaxed in favour of the non-official

non-official member who will draw travelling allowance
at first class rates.

3. Mr. Mackworth Young, C.S.I. the President of the
Committee will be ready to commence the inquiry by the
15th of April next, and I am to request that with the
permission of the Governor in Council arrangements may
be made for assembling the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. G. G.

Offg: Secretary.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

letter
Again G.O., dated 25th March 1896, No. 614 to Sec. to Govt. of India. }
Again G.O., dated 189 , No. Res. Opl }
Current No. 1594 of 1896, dated 25.3.96, from G. of India. (Resolution No 465-17-7) }
" " 1595 " 1896, " 26.3.96, " G. of India. (letter No 475-17-8) }
" " 1596 " 1896, " 26.3.96, " G. of India. (letter No 477-17-9) }

ORDER. No 664 d/4 April 96 78

In deference to the strongly expressed opinion of the Govt of India in the fruit of its letters read above H.E. the Govt. will refrain from pressing for the inclusion of in the terms of reference to the Committee appointed in the ^{above foregoing} Resolution of the 20th March 1896 of the subjects alluded to in the Govt's letter of the same dated 20th March.

2. H.E. in Council is pleased to nominate M. J. V. F. Dumerque C.E.S. ^{to be} one of the members of the Committee, & the United Planters' Assoc. of South India has nominated M. J. Williams Hocken of Kaintani ^{Kaintani} South Western to be the other. The names of these gentlemen will be forwarded to the Govt. of India. The secret of letters of

B. President in Accord S.C. of Conn.

Thank you - Mrs
on this last

Step here

afterwards Ootacamund

To No 865 of 4 April 96
33 W. Rackworth Jones, Esq. U.S.
Ret. in Mexico & Co. of Cong.
Dated 4/4/96

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I have the honor to forward
for your information a copy of
the proceedings of this Govt. of
to-day's date, No 664

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Defolates 4/14.
Bluegrams - ordinary

① To W. Mack North Young Reg. Dist.
Bengaluru.

Members nominated Planters' Committee are T. W. F. Dominique Civil Service, and T. Hocking Williams Address of former ^{till 9th} care A. Wedderburn Nungimbarukam Madras, and

of latter Vagitti South Wynad
Malabar. Govt. proposes that
Committee assemble fifteen at
Cotacamund. Both members
^{requested} ~~to~~ be three men. Letter
follows.

(2) T. J. Roekin Williams
Vayten South Wynard.

⁴⁵ * You have been appointed ^{Hunters'} member of the Committee August 19
Hunters' Association

... report of certain matters connected with the planning in forest
... Mackworth Young
... resident Mysore is President, and
... Dumerque Civil Service other
... member. Committee assembled
... Odacamund fifteenth instant.
... kindly arrange to be present there
... then.
... (from order.)

DO 17/4⁸ April 96 12 4/4/96
To the
Hon^r Mr. H. P. Hodgson Sec^y
"Sibs reis" only
His Dear Hodgson
Desp^d 4/4/96

In reply to your letter of the
29th March suggesting that opinions
and on the subject of education
on the working of Act XII should
be called for from Native States for
the assistance of the Native
Committee, asking whether there
be any objection to your
attending the meetings of the
Committee. I am to say that
the terms of reference to the Committee
referred to by the Govt. of India do
not include the question of edu-
cation, that it accordingly appears
to Govt. that it is of little
advantage to make the inquiries
you suggest. As to your request
that you be allowed to

Nothing to
be done here.

Nothing to
be done here.

Note.
Telegram to Collector
Mr. Campbell to this effect have
already gone. Mr. Dumerque
in Madras has been informed
accordingly.

present at the Committee's sitting
I am to say that it seems best
that you should apply to the
Committee itself for the matter
... (from order) 8 1/2
... 4/4/96
order. [To come in Public Dept.]
Read again the go. above;
order.
Mr. Dumerque having been
appointed member of the Madras
General Committee, which assembled
at Odacamund on the 15th April.
Mr. G. E. L. Campbell Sub Collector &
Tomb Magistrate of Pinnerly will be
appointed to act as Dist. & Sessions
Judge Madras in order that he may
take the evening Session there, which
begin on the 18th instant.
He should join at Madras on the
seventh instant, & take the Session in
the other part of the Court until
the recess, which begins on the
10th instant, after which he will revert
to his appointment at Pinnerly.
2. The Collector of Pinnerly
will be requested to make arrangement
to carry on his Mr. Campbell's work
during this period.
... (from order)
... 4/4/96
... T. M. Pinnerly

No 666 of 4 April 96
to the Sec. to Govt. of India

Dept. of Rev. & Agriculture

date 35/4/96
Desp'd 13/4/96

Planters' grievances
Committee

Sir,

With reference to the Resolution
of the Govt. of India No 465/17-7
dated 25th March 1896, & to your
letters Nos 478/17-8 and 477/17-9
I am directed to
forward for the information of
H.E. the G. in C. a copy of
the Proceedings of this Govt. of
Madras dated No 644 Judicial.

W. A. G. (from order)
Do 27/4/96

To H. B. Higgins Esq. Esq.
Palamukottai

Desp'd 4/4/96

In continuation of my telegram,
write to ask that you will make
arrangements to release Campbell of his
case so that he may take the Madras
sessions from the 15th inst. onwards. The
arrangement is to be made by the Madras
Government after that with be sent to
the Govt. of India.

27/4 April 96

To H. B. Higgins Esq. Esq.
Palamukottai

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ask that you will make the Madras sessions
from the 15th inst. onwards. The
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Government after that with be sent to
the Govt. of India.

Office. See that Mr. Campbell is
gazetted next Tuesday to act as
Judge, Madras, & tell Public Dept.
W. A. G.

Nos. 664, JUDICIAL, 4TH APRIL 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The following papers:—

For to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue Department, dated
25th March 1896, No. 614.

From the Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Revenue
& Agriculture, No. 465—17-7 (Immigration), dated 25th March 1896.

From the Government of Madras, No. 1458, dated 10th Aug. 1892, and enclosures.
No. 1206—40-1, dated 19th May 1893.
" 3007, dated 8th December 1894.
" 592—32-1, dated 1st May 1895.
" 18, dated 13th February 1894, and enclosures.
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Viceroy's reply to the above.

RESOLUTION.

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3. Another matter with which the memorial in question dealt was and extension of the Coffee-stealing Prevention Act. Urging that cherry dried coffee, for which protection was asked, were not articles and should not be found in the possession of any one other than the carrier, the curer, and the *bona fide* merchant, all of whom could afford possession, the United Planters' Association of Southern India pray might be made into the correctness of their contention that the exemption already given was inadequate unless the possession of parchment coffee was placed under the same restrictions in section 9 as that of coffee." In replying His Excellency promised to consider whether the evidence that parchment and cherry dried coffee were not articles that it was possible to discriminate between the produce in those subsequent stage at which it does become an article of retail sale; and in any event, necessary to treat coffee differently from other merchandise of there being any doubt in the matter His Excellency considered might be inquired into simultaneously with the other matters referred to.

4. In order to fulfil the promises thus made, the Government decided to appoint a small committee to conduct an inquiry into the above. The President will be Mr. W. Mackworth Young, C.S.I., and Chief Commissioner of Coorg. Two other members will be Government of Madras and the United Planters' Association respectively. The questions into which they will inquire will be—

I.—As regards the system of advances to garden coolies—

(a) the nature of the advances

I.—As regards the system of advances to garden coolies.

- (a) the nature of the system as at present worked
- (b) the necessity for its continuance ;
- (c) the difficulties experienced in its operation ; and
- (d) the best methods of removing them.

II.—As regards the prevention of coffee-stealing—

(e) whether the conditions under which coffee is to market are such as to render it desirable to market "parchment" and "cherry-dried" coffee; and (2) to amend the provisions now applying by section 9 of Madras "green-gathered" coffee; and (2) to amend the provisions now applying by substituting the word "person" for the word "labourer" in the case of any other labourer employed on a coffee estate."

Order.—Ordered, that the above resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with a request that the Government of Madras appoint two members of the committee appointed by the United Planters' Association, Government of Madras and by the United Planters' Association.

Ordered also, that the Resolution be published in the Gazette.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)
Offg. Sec

From F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1896,
No. 475—17-8.

In reply to your telegram, No. 114, dated 20th March 1896, I am directed to refer you to the resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7, dated 25th March 1896, on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

2. The Government of India regret that they are unable to accept the proposal of the Madras Government that the inquiry into the prevention of coffee-stealing should also include tea. They adhere to the opinion expressed in Mr. Lyall's letter, No. 587, dated 1st June 1894, that it is undesirable to extend to the tea industry the protection afforded to coffee by the Madras Coffee-stealing, Prevention Act VIII of 1878. No grounds have been since put forward for re-opening the question and it was not referred to in the address presented to His Excellency the Viceroy by the Association.

3. The Madras Government also recommend that unless these questions are already included under sub-head (d) of clause I of the reference the committee should consider the additional questions of reciprocal service of processes and warrants and of extradition of offenders. The Government of India intend that the question of reciprocity in the execution of processes should be discussed under sub-head (d), but they regret that they cannot agree to any consideration of a proposal that breaches of contract which fall under Act XIII of 1859 should be made extraditable offences under section 14 of the same Act or that the procedure for extradition under section 14 of the same Act in the case of offences not ordinarily extraditable should be simplified. The delivery by Government of a person who is in its territories, and therefore under its protection, to be dealt with by courts, of which Government has no knowledge and over which it has no control, is an extreme measure, to be justified only when the offence committed is such that the general welfare would be endangered by the escape of the offender. This clearly cannot be alleged of the breaches of contract now in question, which are practically mere civil wrongs. Under the existing law an offence that is extraditable to one Native State is extraditable to all; and the Government of India are not prepared either to attempt to draw any distinction between Native States in this respect or to legislate so as to convert breaches of contract into extraditable offences.

From F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1896,
No. 477—17-9,

In continuation of my letter No. 475—17-8, dated 26th March 1896, and with reference to the resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7, dated 25th March 1896, on the subject of the inquiry to be made into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, I am directed to ask that the Government of Madras will be so good as to take general control of the inquiry and decide to what districts the inquiry will extend. It will apparently include Coorg. The committee will no doubt require a Secretary, and I am to suggest that a junior civilian or some officer on corresponding pay may be selected to perform the duties. The committee will submit its report to the Government of India and the Madras Government will then be consulted before any orders are issued upon it.

2. The Government of India are pleased to sanction a daily allowance of Rs. 10 to the official members, including the President and Secretary, and travelling allowance at the usual rates to all the members. The restrictions of article 1159 of the Civil Service Regulations have been relaxed in favour of the non-official member who will draw travelling allowance at first-class rates.

4TH APRIL 1896.

3. Mr. Mackworth Young, c.s.i., the President of the Committee, will be ready to commence the inquiry by the 15th of April next, and I am to request that, with permission of the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made for assembling the committee.

ORDER—No. 664, Judicial, dated 4th April 1896.

In deference to the strongly expressed opinion of the Government of India in the first of its letters read above, His Excellency the Governor in Council will refrain from pressing for the inclusion in the terms of reference to the committee appointed in the foregoing resolution of the subjects alluded to in the telegram of this Government, dated 20th March.

2. His Excellency in Council is pleased to nominate Mr J. W. F. Dumergue, I.C.S., to be one of the members of the committee, and the United Planters' Association of Southern India has nominated Mr. J. Williams Hockin of Vayittiri, South Wynaad, to be the other. The names of these gentlemen will be forwarded to the Government of India.

3. The second of the letters of the Government of India read above will be communicated to the members of the committee for information. The committee will be requested to assemble at Ootacamund by the 15th April, and the Council Chamber on Stonehouse Hill will be set apart for its use except on those days when it is required by the Government. The committee's inquiries should extend to the marginally-noted districts in this Presidency and to Coorg, and it will be requested to consider whether, in order to render the inquiry complete, it should not also invite evidence from Mysore, Travancore and Cochin. Mr. A. L. Hannay, I.C.S., will be appointed as Secretary to the Committee.

Coimbatore.
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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To J. W. F. Dumergue, Esq., I.C.S.
" J. Williams Hockin, Esq., Vayittiri. 3
" A. L. Hannay, Esq., I.C.S.
" the Secretary, United Planters' Association of Southern India. 4
" the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. Hodgson, Ootacamund. 3
" the Public Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Editors' Table.

Copy to W. Mackworth Young, Esq., c.s.i., I.C.S.,
Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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Recd.

Encl.

G.O., No. 664, 4th April 1896.

APRIL.

Planters' Grievances Committee.

Directing that the Government of India be informed that Mr. J. W. F. Dumergue, I.C.S., has been nominated by this Government to be one of the members of the — and that the United Planters' Association of Southern India has nominated Mr. J. W. Hockin to be the other member, appointing Mr. A. L. Hannay, I.C.S., as Secretary to the Committee, and requesting the committee to assemble at Outacamund by the 15th April.

No. 666, JUDICIAL, 4TH APRIL 1896.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

SIR,

With reference to the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 465—17-7 (Revenue and Agriculture), dated 25th March 1896, and to your letters Nos. 475—17-8 and 477—17-9, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, a copy of the Proceedings of this Government of to-day's date, No. 644, Judicial.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th April 1896.

Chief Secretary.

Ed. C. M. Thambaswamy.

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Letter, No. 666, 4th April 1896.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

EMIGRATION.

RESOLUTION.

No. 244
17-4

Dated Calcutta, the 6th March 1896.

SUBJECT.

APPOINTMENT of a Committee to inquire into the grievances of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, in regard to (1), the system of advances to garden coolies and maistries; and (2), the prevention of coffee stealing.

G. L. C. P. O.—No. 1100 R & A—3-2-96.—132.—R. N. D.

EMIGRATION.

READ—

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1458, dated 10th August 1892, and enclosures.
2. Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 1206—40-1, dated 19th May 1893.
3. " from the " " " 3007, dated 8th December 1894.
4. " to the " " " 592—32-1, dated 1st May 1895.
5. " from the " " " 18, dated 13th February 1894, and enclosures.
6. Letter to the " " " 597, dated 1st June 1894.
7. " from the " " " 3009, " 8th December 1894, and enclosure.
8. Letter to the " " " 271, dated 21st February 1895.

Read also—

9. A memorial presented to His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent tour in Madras by the United Planters' Association of Southern India.
10. His Excellency's reply to the above.

RESOLUTION.

In a memorial presented to His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent tour in Madras by the United Planters' Association of Southern India, the memorialists asked, among other things, for increased protection against "loss from wilful breach of contract and dishonesty with regard to advances" made to coolies and maistries. They admitted that certain proposals put forward with this object had recently been disallowed by the Government of India; but expressed their belief that their rejection might be attributed, at least in part, to "the fact that the radical differences existing between the conditions of labour as employed in Northern or Southern India had not been sufficiently explained," and suggested that the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter might lead to a clearer understanding of their difficulties.

2. In replying His Excellency pointed out that, as admitted by the memorialists themselves, the particular remedy which they had proposed, and which had been negatived by the Government of India, was opposed to the whole spirit of modern legislation, while the matter had often been under the consideration of Government, which was well acquainted with the broad facts. He reminded the memorialists that the origin of most of their difficulties lay in a system of advances, as to the necessity for and desirability of which they themselves were by no means agreed. He professed himself unwilling to refuse assistance to a great industry so long as there was room for doubt as to the material facts of the case; and while adhering to the views already enunciated by the Government of India on the subject of extending penal legislation to breaches of civil contract, and while reserving the fullest discretion as to future action, he expressed his willingness to institute, with the concurrence of the Madras Government, such an inquiry as would afford the memorialists the full opportunity which they desired of bringing out the whole state of their case.

3. Another matter with which the memorial in question dealt was the amendment and extension of the Coffee-stealing Prevention Act. Urging that parchment and cherry dried coffee, for which protection was asked, were not articles of consumption and should not be found in the possession of any one other than the producer, the carrier, the carer, and the *bona fide* merchant,

all of whom could afford proof of rightful possession, the United Planters' Association of Southern India prayed that an inquiry might be made into the correctness of their contention that the exceptional protection already given was inadequate unless the possession of parchment and cherry dried coffee was placed under the same restrictions in section 9 as that of "green gathered coffee." In replying His Excellency promised to consider whether there was sufficient evidence that parchment and cherry dried coffee were not articles of retail sale, and that it was possible to discriminate between the produce in those stages and in the subsequent stage at which it does become an article of retail sale; and whether it was, in any event, necessary to treat coffee differently from other merchandise. In the event of there being any doubt in the matter His Excellency considered that the question might be inquired into simultaneously with the other matters referred to above.

4. In order to fulfill the promises thus made, the Government of India have decided to appoint a small Committee to conduct an inquiry into the matters mentioned above. The president will be Mr. W. Mackworth Young, C.S.I., Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg. Two other members will be nominated by the Government of Madras and the United Planters' Association of Southern India, respectively. The questions into which they will inquire will be—

I.—As regards the system of advances to garden coolies and 'maistries'—

- (a) the nature of the system as at present worked;
- (b) the necessity for its continuance;
- (c) the difficulties experienced in its operation; and
- (d) the best methods of removing them.

II.—As regards the prevention of coffee-stealing—

- (e) whether the conditions under which coffee is produced and brought to market are such as to render it desirable (1) to extend to "parchment" and "cherry-dried" coffee the legislative provisions now applying by section 9 of Madras Act VIII of 1878 to "green-gathered" coffee; and (2) to amend that section by substituting the word "person" for the words "coolie maistry or other labourer employed on a coffee-estate."

ORDER.—Ordered, that the above Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with a request that the Government of India may be informed of the names of the two members of the Committee appointed respectively by the Government of Madras and by the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

Ordered also, that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(True extract.)

DENZIL IBBETSON,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No.

Copy forwarded to the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner, Coorg, for information.

Copy forwarded to the Foreign Department, with the suggestion that it should be ascertained from the Resident in Mysore whether the Mysore Durbar would wish that the inquiry should include Mysore.

Copy forwarded to the Home and Finance Departments for information.

By order,

F. G. SLY,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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No 437
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20 192
Department of Revenue and Agriculture,
Calcutta, The 18th March 1896

CHIEF SECRETARY
22 MAR. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my telegram No. 430/17-5, of the 17th March 1896, I am directed to forward an advance copy of the Draft Resolution, regarding the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the grievances of the Southern India Planters' Association. Upon the receipt of a reply to my telegram, to the effect that the Madras Government approve of the terms of the reference, the Resolution will issue. I am now to explain that as the services of Mr. Muir-Mackenzie could not be conveniently spared by the Bombay Government, the Government of India have appointed Mr. Mackworth Young, C.S.I., Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg, to be President of the Committee. He will be ready to commence the inquiry on the 15th April 1896, and I am to request that arrangements may be made accordingly for the assembling of the Committee.

As soon as the Resolution has issued, official instructions will be sent to the Madras Government and they will be

requested

requested to take general control of the inquiry.

Yours truly,

JFP

J. F. Price, Esq., C.S.I., I.C.S.

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Current No.

D.O. 192

DEPARTMENT.

From

Gob of India.
(Dep't of Revenue and Agr.)

No. 437
17-KW.

Dated 18
Received 22 } 3. 1896
Registered 23
Enclosures (1)

SUBJECT.

Forwarding an advance copy of the Draft Resolution, regarding the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the grievances of the Southern India Planters' Association.

Submitted for personal orders.

It seems evident that it was only by an after thought that this Govt. was consulted at all about the terms of reference. The Resolution was apparently in print before the telegram to this Govt. was ever despatched, & approval is taken for quarters.

India sits with or with not accept the additions suggested by this Govt. as soon as it finds out and does a final copy of the Resolution. - Meanwhile arrangements have to be made about the nomination of the two members of the Committee, & the place where the Committee will sit.

Mr. Dumerque has, he told the U.S., been asked to serve as the Indian member, but no papers on the subject (except the message telegram endorsement on the message telegram in the file on the top of this bundle)

X I understand from what was said in Council that it was decided that Mr. Dumerque should be nominated as the member of the Committee. & he is to write him to be able to appear before the Commission which was the 25th April.

X I should say more certainly so. It would be convenient in any way.

arranging the office. It is to be arranged to take his vacation in time enough to enable him to be at Calcutta by April 15th. It can be decided later, when it is seen how the Committee is getting on, whether it will be necessary to appoint anyone to the District at Madras.

Committee should apparently Calcutta and India. nothing on the point, & it be pleasant for the members under the heading of Indian cases. It could have Council Chamber at Stone Hill for five days a week.

The United Planters Assoc have not yet been asked whether they would like to have as representatives on the Comm. Mr. Romilly says in a Dec in the file on top of the bundle dated 14.2.96, that they would like Mr. Williams Jackson of Madras. That letter is not official. It is not enough to act on. It is submitted that Govt. should

X I am the Commission have been asked to serve as the Indian member, but no papers on the subject (except the message telegram endorsement on the message telegram in the file on the top of this bundle)

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 have received instructions on
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 The letter may also be
 that the Govt. proposes that
 committee sit at Ooty.

The way in which the
 Resolution is worded in regard
 the formation of the Committee makes
 Indian intention not by clear. In some
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 then comes "nominated" comes
 down and then in the order "appointed"
 is again used. According to some
 of the Resolution. The Govt.
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Planters' grievances
 Committee
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 DEPARTMENT

FOR ORDERS.

The names of Mr. Dunnington & of
 the gentlemen selected by the Planters
 should be wired to India as proposed.
 I do not see the matter of further
 India or we appoint -
 I don't find in the file the letter
 which came the other day as to the
 terms of reference or our reply thereto

according to the "rules". Govt. appoint one
 member and the Planters the other.
 Apparently it is difficult to understand
 exactly what the Govt. means.

23/3/96 JF
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25.3.96

26 March 1896

Dear Mr. George

The Govt. of India has decided to appoint a Committee consisting of Mr. S. Mackworth Young, C.S.I. Ret. in Mysore & C.C. in Corgy, who will be President, & two members, one nominated by the Govt. of Madras, the other by the U.P.A. of South India, to consider certain questions relating to the system of advances to cashiers & trustees by planters in South India & the prevention of coffee-stealing (the exact terms of reference have not yet been finally decided upon). The Committee will probably sit at Ootacamund from about the 15th April.

I am accordingly directed to ask that you will be good enough to let me know at an early date whether the U.P.A. (which has no doubt received an official intimation that it was probable that such a Committee would be appointed) has decided which of its members it prefers to nominate to serve upon it & if so the name of the member. The Govt. understands that Mr. Williams of Vizhin has been proposed.

If no decision upon this has yet been arrived at, I request that you will kindly

Planters' Grievances Committee

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE

W. H. R. C. H.

U.S. Civilian member, on the 2nd (except)

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office send this by hand, & tell the man sent to wait for an answer. W. H. R. C. H.

immediate action to ascertain the wishes of the U.P.A. upon the subject & to report them formally to Govt. at the earliest possible date, as the Govt. of India wishes to proceed to appoint the Committee at once.

Yours truly

G. K. Young Esq. Sec. to the U.P.A. of S. India
Farrington Buildings 2nd Lane Madras

25/3
Dated 26/3/96
DO. 26/3/96 26 March 96

My dear Danvers

The Govt. of India writes that Mackworth Young, who is to be President of the Committee on Planters' Grievances, will be ready to begin sitting on 15th April. The Committee will probably sit at Ooty. Kindly let me know by return whether you can manage to have your arrangements for some to be ready in Ooty.

Yours sincerely
W. H. R. C. H.

Plants' Guarantees

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Two D.O.s.

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Civilian member

on the 2nd (except)

80. No 207

Confidential



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Bangalore

24 Mar 1896.



My dear Sir,

As soon as Mr. two mem-
bers of the Committee for enquiring
into the coffee labour question
have been appointed by the
Madras Govt. & the United Plan-
ters Association of Southern India
respectively, will you kindly
put me into communication
with them, so that we may be
enabled to place a letter

Report we meet on 15 April,
with a view to economizing
our time.

I presume that the
Madras member will be
a whole time man - and
as I have the President-
ship of the Committee in ad-
dition to my other duties,
which happen just now to
be rather pressing, may I
suggest that it would be
very convenient if the choice

of H. the Governor fell upon
an officer who would combine
with other qualifications some
literary facility?

Yours truly

H. M. Young

Hon. F. Price C.S.

Civilian member

on the list (except)

No. 207

Just. DEPARTMENT.

From
W. Mr. Young Esq C.B.C.
Resident in Mysore

No.

Dated 24 }
Received 25 } March 96
Registered 26 }
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Re. appt. of two members
for the Committee for enquiring
into the coffee labour question

915.
To await replies from Messrs.
Sprengel & Co. Messrs.
K. S. S.

UNITED PLANTERS ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHERN INDIA.

H. J. Price Esq.
Fort St. George
Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
27 MAR 1896

1430
51. Just.
Madras, 26th March 1896

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of this date.
I note that the Government of India has decided to appoint
a committee of enquiry of which Mr. Mackworth Young will
be President, the two other members being appointed by the
Madras Government and the Association respectively.

Mr. J. Williams Hocking of Tythney is the nominee of
the Association.

I shall be obliged if you could grant me an interview
either on Tuesday or Wednesday next at any place and at
any time most suitable to you.

I am, Dear Sir
yours faithfully

G. L. G. M.
Secretary

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No. 207

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Fort St. George
27th March 1896.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt
of your letter of yesterday
date. If Wednesday
next at 4 P. M. will suit
you I shall be happy
to see you here though I
am not aware that there
is any thing to talk over.

I am Dear Sir,

yours faithfully

(Signed) J. F. Price

J. L. Yonge Esq.
Secretary.
W. Planters Association of S. I.
Disks
27/3/96

Yonge & Co.
Agents

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Current No. 1430

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

From G. Gouge Esq.
Secretary W.P.A.S.P.

J.S. Fairbrother Esq.

The following telegram to be
despatched to the Govt of India.

No.

Dated 26

Received

Registered

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Requesting the Hon. the Chief Secretary
to grant him an interview either on
Tuesday or Wednesday next.

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submitted for perusal

2. await Mr. Gouge's reply

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DISTRICT AND SESSION COURT,

CHIEF SECRETARY, MADURA

2.3.2 hand 1896.

30 MAR 1896

My dear Mr. Fairbrother

Reference to 3513

reference to your L. O.

dated the 26th instant, I

fear that, owing to the

Easter holidays, it is im-

possible for me to adjourn

my Court for the recess in

time for me to be ready

in Court by the 15th April.

Sessions cannot begin until
the 8th, three cases have
been committed for trial,
in one of which there are
16 witnesses for the prosecution
and 36 for the defence, and
I do not know yet how many
more cases will be committed.
But the Court can be closed
immediately Sessions are over,
as there are no arrears,

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Some one is appointed
to take the Sessions I can
be away at Calcutta on the
date fixed for the opening
of the Commission. I am
coming to Madras for
order and shall be much
obliged if you will kindly
telegraph instructions to me
as soon as orders are
passed

passed, so that I may

make timely arrangements

yours sincerely,

W. Dunroque.

Current No.

D.O. 2.10

DEPARTMENT.

V.E.

From

N. Dumeigues - Esq.

No.

Dated 28

Received 30

Registered 30

3. 1896.

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Requesting to give instructions
him as soon as orders are
issued re: his appointment
to the Planting Commission, in
view to making timely arrange-
ments.

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D.O. "Side View" folz.
29th March 96.
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May 12 1896
I have just heard
from George the Secretary of
the U. P. A. S. Y. that the
Planting Commission will
commence its sittings from
the 15th prox. May I be
allowed to suggest to His
Excellency the Governor that
our expression of opinion from
the Government officials of
the nature of the existing act
and on the subject of
extradition would, if laid before
the Commission, materially
assist in its deliberations.
and that if His Excellency
approves the suggestion that

Steps be taken to obtain
their views before the date
of the Commission's sitting.

The Commission will
consist, I understand, of
The President of Mysore
(President), a member
each of the Supreme & the
Madras Governments &
a Planter's member.

Could there be any objection
to my attending the
meetings as the representative
in Council of the Planters?

I should not of course
take any part in the discussions
but the information I should

acquire might be useful
to me in the future as legis-
lative member. I should prefer
out of amended legislation.
Follow the Commission's report,
as we hope will be the case.

Yours sincerely
H. R. Woodhouse

10.220

Department

DEPARTMENT.

from
Mr H. P. Hodgson.
Copy.

No.

Dated 29

Received 30

Registered 30

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Making Some Suggestions in
Connection with the Planting Commission.

Sailed to U.S.

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DEPARTMENT

1. No. 207 from Mr. Neelworth Jones
 2. Cont. No. 1430. J. from Secretary U.P.A.
 3. Do. No. 210. from Mr. Damerque
 4. Resolution No. 465 of Govt. of India
 5. Letter from India No. 475
 6. Do. No. 220. from Mr. Hodgson
- FOR ORDERS.

6. 16.2.85
4.4.85

All the above papers have been
received since the file last created and
from papers Nos 4, 5 & 6 it will
be seen that India has declined to
accept either of the Govt's proposed
additions to the terms of reference to the
Committee.

There is apparently nothing more to
be said on the point and the Govt.
must acquiesce.

The Committee must apparently begin
sitting not later than April 15th. The
date mentioned in Mr. Siga's letter of
the 18th March in the file. - Mr. M.
Jones will presumably have made
arrangements accordingly. Unless
this date can be postponed someone
will have to be found to finance Mr.
Damerque's session. Orders on
this point are solicited. (This may be

MM
JG

troublesome. May not Mr. M. Young be asked by wire if it is inconvenient him to begin later? (It does not seem to be likely to matter much to him.)

Mr. M. Young may in any case be telegraphed the names of the other two members & the fact that the Committee sits at Ooty.

India must also be informed of the names of the two members, (vide the Resolution).

The U.P.A. must also be sent a copy of the Resolution, formal orders appointing Mr. Hocken Williams as planter member, & a formal request that he will hold himself in readiness to be at Ooty on 15th.

Messrs. Hocken Williams and Damerque must be told the substance of Mr. M. Young's D.O. so that the three of them may ^{among themselves} formulate any plans that are necessary, and send copies of the Resolution and of para 2 of letter No. 477.

May the Council Chamber be put at the Committee's disposal?

Two points in letter No. 477 (paper No. 6) require orders. One

X is necessary as Mr. Campbell is to act

FOR ORDERS.

MS JG P.H. 2.4.96
H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

MS JG P.H. 2.4.96

MS JG I doubt if we are empowered to make the actual appt. We might wire the U.P.A. that the appt. have been made, leaving the actual act of appt. to the Govt. of India.
P.H. 2.4.96

MS JG This seems to me superfluous, if not undesirable. P.H. 2.4.96

X Let them have the Council Chamber occupied by Military Secy. They may be excepted on 1. Council days. 2. to transact business. 3. especially when the Council is in session.

X I sincerely hope that this is quite the case.
P.H. 2.4.96

I think the Council will also have to consider whether it is not inevitable evidence from Mysore, Travancore & Cochin. Should it should, to make the enquiry complete, as it should be.

I have written for Mysore & Travancore will be needed.

The Committee will doubtless decide this for itself. P.H. 2.4.96

X This has been settled in Council

the question to what district the enquiry will extend, & whether it will include Coorg.

Circumstances are the same in all planting Districts in the Presidency. Submitted that all should be included. It will be for the Committee to decide & from what places it will collect evidence. ~~Has the enquiry can with advantage include Coorg is not clear for legislation by India or the Govt. but affect Coorg. Limited legislation to that undertaken essentially in British India could of course be suggested to Coorg if the Committee's report shows that cases have called for it. The same would apply also to Travancore, Cochin, Mysore.~~

The other point in the appointment of a junior civilian or other officer or corresponding person to act as Secretary to the Committee orders are solicited.

There remains paper No. 7 - D.O. from Mr. Hadgeon.

As to the first part of it Mr. H. may be informed that the question of subordination won't come into the scope of the Committee's

The request to be allowed to
 use the meetings unofficially
 will be referred to the Committee
 of opinion first, perhaps. The
 evidence taken with however person-
 ally be printed & published, & in-
 formation on any points will
 be available to Mr. H. in the

W. Z. Z. Z.

31/3/96.

7 miles square.

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2.14.96

Planters' grievances

Committee

* Letting apart the question of whether this would be agreeable to the Commission. I doubt if this would be desirable as the Han Gentlemen

Kim. - arc. he desirable as the Han first mentioned
 takes a by leading back

— This seems to be the deliberations of the plaster
man, and hardly likely. I am
a matter for the select spectators
— Mr. H. could not, I imagine, be allowed
to anything but silent spectators, but by
the public had not be admitted, so as to
bring into a matter of public infamy,
I cannot (or orders) myself see.

It is a matter that must be left entirely
to the Committee

Warning 29
telegrams 11/4/96
sent. M. 2/5/6

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(1a - 10 July)

10 July

10 July

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

Chief Secretary

To

Hon. Mr. Bliss

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

Dated

4.4.1896

It is proposed to —
— in relation to the
at the head of the
— on the
Masters' Committee, this
quite little concerning
the program suggesting
additions to the terms
reference, and saying
that it would have
prepared to have had
more time to consider
them. — of an
— as to whether
there is any objection

to this the
should be put on
writing table
telephone as to
tomorrow's Sunday
the matter is urgent

W. A. B. 4/4/57

sent
C.T.
4/4/57
14/12

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NOTE FOR THE UNDER-SECRETARY.

These for order papers
belong to, &
have to be attached with
the app of 80 no. $\frac{664-66}{4-4-96}$ J²

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24/6/97.

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Chief Secy.

From Hon. Mr. Bliss

I think it will be better not to print the same order as proposed. To do so will have the appearance of wishing to put the foot of India in the wrong and can do no good.

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... of this ... to ... I have written ... Please ... all ...

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