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Government of Madras.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 437.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT,
(Legislative).

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Howell's docket, under date the 4th February last, No. 1162, forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, submitting certain observations on Madras Act No. V of 1866, I am directed to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a letter from the Protector of Emigrants at Madras, and to observe that the Act in question is at present inoperative, there being no resort of laborers from this Presidency to the Tea Districts of Bengal, and that it does not seem probable that there will be any.

2. If, at any future time, there should be an emigration of laborers from this Presidency to the Tea Districts, the Government will be in a position to determine whether such measures as those recommended by the Government of Bengal are so much wanted as to warrant recourse to further legislation; for most of those suggested by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor would require legislative sanction. The several Protectors of laborers appointed under the Act have been directed to send to the Superintendent of Labor Transport, Calcutta, lists and duplicates of the registers and engagements made under Section 10 by any persons who may hereafter be recruited under the Act.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th April 1867.

Chief Secretary.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 20th February 1867, No. $\frac{M}{3}$.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Supreme Government, on the subject of Madras Act V of 1866, forwarded to me for remark, under date the 18th instant.

2. The Bengal Government suggests—

1st.—That lists and duplicates of the registers and engagements, under Section 10, shall be forwarded by the Protector at the place of registration to the Superintendent of Labor Transport, Calcutta.

2nd.—That the person in charge of laborers shall be instructed not to disembark them at Calcutta until the Superintendent has visited them on board.

3rd.—That any complaints then made shall be dealt with by the Madras Government.

4th.—That, as soon as landed at Calcutta, the laborers would come under the local laws.

5th.—That medical attendance be provided for laborers while on board-ship; and

6th.—That each batch should be accompanied as far as Calcutta by the Recruiter, or some one having personal knowledge of their engagements, and that they shall be consigned to the Superintendent of Labor Transport.

3. The whole of these suggestions should be carried into effect in the event of labor being drawn from this Presidency for the tea plantations in Bengal. As yet, however, no laborers have proceeded from Madras under Act V of 1866, nor am I aware of any having been sent from the out-ports.

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Public Department.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,

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~~Legislation~~

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Sanction. The several
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under the Act.

For A. H. George
27 April 1867

W. L. Smith Esq. to James
May 27 of 1867

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London

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