

1. Number of pages. 6
2. Date of repair. 20. 10-3
3. Initials of Referencer
M.R.O. 1-32 400-22-11-80

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	6	Press Mis.
Dated	3-1-	1867

Not to be folded or roughly handled

To

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Mauritius.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of the 7th ultimo, No. 1138, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward, for the consideration of the Government of Mauritius, the annexed copy of a letter from the Protector of Emigrants

16th November 1866, No. 143.

at Madras, testifying to the satisfactory manner in which Mr. Burton conducted his duties as Emigration Agent for Mauritius, and drawing attention to the fact that Mr. Burton lately resigned the Emigration Agencies for Queensland and Natal, at the desire of the Mauritius Government, in order that he might devote the whole of his time to their service.

2. I am to add that the Madras Government have every reason to believe that the favorable testimony borne by Mr. Franklin to Mr. Burton's services is fully merited.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd January 1867.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Chief Secretary.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Protector of Emigrants, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 16th November 1866, No. 143M.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government, of the 17th instant, No. 1137, recording a letter from the Mauritius Government, wherein they intimate that they had resolved on dispensing with the further services of Mr. H. Burton as Emigrant Agent for that Colony—a proceeding which has caused me much regret.

2. This gentleman was appointed Agent on my resigning in the early part of 1858. He had been employed in the office as an Assistant for some time previous, as, having the intention to resign when my own promotion in the Marine Department rendered it inexpedient to continue in subordinate duties, I was desirous of seeing some one placed in the position of Agent in whom full confidence could be reposed. Mr. Burton has fully justified the opinion I then formed of him. He has invariably paid prompt attention to the instructions and suggestions that have been from time to time given with a view to the welfare of the emigrants; his duties have been conducted with kindness and consideration towards them; and he has, to the best of his ability, protected them from the rapacity of the recruiters, who, as a body, are most unscrupulous in their dealings with their fellow countrymen. I cannot, therefore, avoid regretting the removal of an Agent whose duties in connection with the Protectorship have been conducted so satisfactorily.

3. I am even in hope that, on a re-consideration of the circumstances, if the Madras Government will kindly forward this letter to that of the Mauritius, the latter may be induced to reverse their decision; for it appears to me that they can hardly be aware of the very serious injury inflicted on Mr. Burton by his sudden and wholly unexpected dismissal. It is said to have been consequent on repeated

complaints from all quarters of the mode in which the Agency was conducted; but Mr. Burton informs me that he is in entire ignorance of the nature of the complaints alluded to, as no information regarding them has been furnished to him. I am aware that, last year, Mr. Marsh was sent by the Mauritius Government to investigate certain charges preferred by recruiters against Mr. Burton, but my impression has been that the result was favorable to him. An objection was taken to his employment by other Colonies, and he had to resign the Agencies for Queensland and Natal, the salary of the latter being £300 a year, which is drawn by his successor, although active operations have been for some time in abeyance. Having thus been deprived of these sources of income at the express desire of the Mauritius Government, for the purpose of devoting his whole time to their service, they will, I trust, when this is clearly laid before them, adopt the more liberal course of replacing Mr. Burton in a position in which I feel confident he has striven honestly for their benefit, and at any rate allow him the opportunity of explaining and rebutting those fresh charges which appear to have led to his dismissal.

4. Should the revenues of the Colony render it absolutely necessary, I have no doubt that Mr. Burton would be willing to receive a reduced salary until active operations are resumed.

Edw. J. H. Burns

No. 6. Public Department
To The Honorable the Colonial Secretary
Mauritius

Sir
In continuation of my
letter of the 7th ultimo No. 138,
I am directed by the Excel.
Agency the Governor informed
to forward for the consideration
of the Govt of Mauritius,
the annexed copy of a letter
from the Protector of Emigrants
at Madras, testifying to the
satisfactory manner in
which Mr. Burton conducted
his duties as Emigration Agent
for Mauritius and drawing
attention to the fact that
Mr. Burton lately resigned
the Emigration Agencies for
Queensland and Natal at
the desire of the Mauritius
Govt. in order that he might
devote

16 Nov/66.
N. 143.

Will

devote the whole of his
time to their service.

I am to add that
the Madras Govt. have every
reason to believe that the
favorable testimony borne
by Mr Franklin to Mr Burton's
services, is fully merited.

17

For St George -
3rd January 1864.

Richard 1867 Depart
No 6.
The Honble
The Colonial Secretary
Australia

Dated 3rd January 1867.
792693.

For the Honble
The Colonial Secretary