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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
22nd June 1867.*

No. 217. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 4th June 1867, No. 1002.

Home Department.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, and for the issue of such orders as may be considered necessary, a copy of the Circular noted in the margin, relative to the prevention of obstructions to Recruiters for Emigrants, and of extortionate practices on the part of subordinate officials in Magistrates' Courts.

From Junior Secretary to Government of Bengal, No. 2211, dated 27th April, to the Commissioners of Divisions, and the extract therein mentioned.

Circular letter to Commissioners of Divisions from H. L. HARRISON, Esq., Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, (No. 2211, dated Fort William, the 27th April 1867).

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying extract (paragraphs 12 to 19) from a letter from the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, No. 127, of the 5th instant, and, with reference thereto, to request that you will be so good as to instruct the several Magisterial authorities in your Division, who are empowered to perform the duties of registration under Act XIII of 1864, to put no unnecessary obstructions in the way of the Emigration Sub-Agents and Recruiters transacting their business in the Courts of those Officers, and also to endeavour to detect and repress all extortionate practices on the part of the subordinate Officers of the Court, such as are described in the above paragraphs.

Extract, paragraphs 12 to 19, of letter from the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, (No. 127, dated the 5th April 1867).

12. Colonial emigration has nearly for the past three years been carried on under the provisions of Act XIII of 1864, and I believe it is generally admitted that much good has resulted therefrom, especially in the system of recruitment and registration; but I beg to point out the following defects :—

13. Frequent delays arise, and consequently much inconvenience and additional expense to the Agencies are incurred, from cases of which the following may be cited as some.

14. Some Magistrates object to register coolies because, in their opinion, there are too many brought for registration at one time.

15. Some object to register coolies because they are not residents of the district, although Section 30 of the Act distinctly lays down that they are to be registered in the district where the engagement was made.

16. Others refuse to register because they are not District Magistrates, although a Circular has been issued by the Bengal Government for their guidance, to the effect that all Officers performing the duties of Magistrates are authorized to register intending emigrants in the district where the engagement was made with them.

17. The Amlahs or subordinate Officers of the Magistrates' Courts exact from the Sub-Agents and Recruiters an arbitrary fee or gratuity of so many Annas per head as their own perquisites, in addition to the fee of one Rupee charged by the Magistrate.

18. These men possess the means of putting many obstacles in the way of Recruiters getting their business transacted at the Magistrates' Offices, they must therefore be propitiated by bribes, the extent of which is regulated by the urgency of the occasion and the anxiety of the Recruiter to have his business expedited.

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19. The delays arising from these and other causes have the effect of enhancing the cost of maintaining the coolies before they reach the depôts in Calcutta, and in many cases whole batches of them desert, their patience being exhausted, and distrust engendered by faith not having been kept with them in conveying them to their destination with the expedition promised.

No. 218. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1867, No. 726.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing letter, and of the Circular received with it, be furnished to the several Magistrates in the Provinces for their information and guidance.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of
" Protector of Emigrants.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To *The Secy. to Government
Port St. George*

Home Dept.
Public.

SIMLA, the 4th June 1867.

SIR,

I AM directed to forward for *the information*
of the Government of Port St. George
and for the issue of such orders as may be considered necessary,

* From Junior Secretary to Government
of Bengal, No. 2011, dated 27th April,
to the Commissioners of Divisions,
and the extract therein mentioned.

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margin, relative to the prevention of
obstructions to Recruiters for Emi-
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officials in Magistrates' Courts.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. Bayley
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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22nd June 1867 No. 725

Ordered that copies of the foregoing letter
and of the Circular be sent with it, to
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