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29th July 1867.

Read the following :—

No. 279. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 24th May 1867, No. 57.

In continuation of the Despatches of the 17th October and 15th of December, Nos. 88 and 111 of 1866, I forward, herewith, for your consideration, copy of a further correspondence* on the subject of the transmission of savings by coolies to India from the Colony in which they may be resident.

* Letter from Colonial Office, dated 30th April 1867, and enclosures.

From the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Downing Street, 30th April 1867.

With reference to your letter of 14th December last, I am directed by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the copy of Despatch† from the Governor of the Windward Islands, with one from the Administrator of St. Lucia, on the subject of the scheme for regulating the remittance to India of the savings of coolie laborers, together with the copy of a report‡ furnished by the Chairman of the Emigration Board upon these papers.

†No. 366, dated 4th March 1867.

‡London Board, dated 18th April 1867.

From His Excellency the Governor of the Windward Islands, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies; dated Windward Islands, Barbados, 4th March 1867, No. 366.

In reply to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 4th of January last, relative to a plan for the remittance of money to India by the coolie immigrants, I have the honor to forward herewith the report§ required by your Lordship from the Administrator of the Government of Saint Lucia on the subject.

§ No. 28, dated 25th February 1867.

2. I concur with the Administrator in his opinion of the benefit likely to arise from the proposed scheme, but the sphere for the experiment would be a very small one in Saint Lucia.

3. I have frequently had occasion to notice the unwillingness of the coolie to lose sight of his money, and our almost total failure to induce him to place it in a Savings' Bank. If his suspicious nature in this respect could be conquered, it would be a great advantage to him, not only as inducing thrifty habits, but as destroying the cause of continual robbery, and violence to each other.

From the Administrator of the Government of St. Lucia, to the Governor of the Windward Islands; dated Government House, Saint Lucia, 25th February 1867, No. 28.

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's Circular Despatch, No. 158, dated the 7th instant, covering one from the Secretary of State, transmitting a scheme submitted by the Emigration Commissioners for regulating the remittance to India of the savings of coolie laborers, with some correspondence on the subject, and calling upon me to report whether it can be adopted with advantage in this Colony.

2. I can have no doubt as to the advantages which will be secured to the immigrants by this plan; and, if they will avail themselves of it, I think its adoption ought to stimulate immigration, and tend to raise the standard of the immigrants; for a scheme of this nature, when once understood and in full operation, should act as an inducement to persons of industrious habits to emigrate, and tend to keep them in the Colony.

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3. I enclose copy of a Report I have received on the subject from Mr. Chadwick. The very small sum deposited in the Colonial Bank by the coolies does not encourage me to hope that the proposed scheme would be acted upon to any extent here; but, nevertheless, I think it should have a fair trial in all Colonies where these people are located. I do not understand why the remittances should be limited to 100 Dollars.

4. It is now five years since there has been any immigration to St. Lucia, and it is owing to its cessation, I presume, that the contemplated arrangement in the early part of 1862, to secure an Agent in India for the minor Colonies, has not been carried into effect as regards this Colony. I allude to Mr. Fryer's offer to act as Immigration Agent, communicated in the Secretary of State's Circular Despatch, dated 1st April 1862, (enclosed in your Excellency's Circular, dated 5th May 1862).

5. To carry out the rules it would be necessary to have an Officer of this description in India, and if his services could be remunerated by a percentage on the orders remitted, it would probably be the best arrangement for the Colony; for, in this case, if the coolies did not avail themselves of the Money Order system, no expense would be incurred.

6. I hope I have made myself understood. I consider that beneficial results must ensue generally from the adoption of those rules, although the position of this Colony, as regards immigration, at present, does not lead me to anticipate much immediate good to it from them. But I do not think that our individual circumstances should make us hold back from concurring in a scheme which, as I have explained, ought to operate favorably upon the system of immigration.

From F. M. CHADWICK, Esq., Immigration Agent, to the Administrator of the Government of Saint Lucia; dated 19th February 1867.

In answer to your Honor's letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, with enclosures, having reference to a plan projected by the Emigration Commissioners for regulating the remittance to India of the savings of coolie laborers, and calling on me for a report on the subject, I have the honor to state as follows:—

1. The advantage to the coolies of the proposed scheme of remittance would doubtless be very great, were they disposed to avail themselves of it; but I fear in this Colony it would be quite inoperative, as I have never known an instance of a coolie expressing a wish to remit money to India.

2. The industrious coolie saves money for the purpose of returning to his country; but I have never known of a coolie who had accumulated savings, and whose intention was not to return to India, being desirous of remitting any portion of his savings.

3. There are some coolies in the Island who have accumulated savings, and who, I believe, are desirous of returning to India, and, although I have repeatedly warned them of the imprudence of keeping them in their possession, and tried to induce them to allow me to place them in the Bank for them, yet have always shown an unwillingness to dispossess themselves of them: some have concealed their money, others have invested in stock, and a few have given theirs into the hands of their employers. The amount at present in the Colonial Bank to their credit is 350 Dollars.

4. As regards the provision to enable coolies to make remittances for their own use on their return to India, I feel convinced that they will be unwilling to dispossess themselves of their earnings until immediately previous to their embarkation, when they pay them into the Colony's Treasury for remittance to the Immigration Agent in India, as, I believe, has been the practice with those who have hitherto returned from other West India Colonies. I cannot pretend to inform your Honor to what extent the coolies might be induced to avail themselves of the facility that would be afforded them of making remittances under the proposed plan if adopted, and can only state that, from my experience during my tenure of office as Immigration Agent, coupled with my knowledge of the coolie character derived from a long residence at Trinidad, the necessity for such a provision never came to my notice.

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From the Chairman of the Board of Emigration, to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies; dated Emigration Board, 18th April 1867.

I have to acknowledge your letter of 10th instant, with Despatches from the Governor of the Windward Islands and the Administrator of the Government of Saint Lucia, on the subject of the scheme suggested by us for enabling coolies in the West Indies to remit money to India.

2. The Governor, the Administrator, and the Immigration Agent, whose report is enclosed, all agree in approving the scheme, but are all likewise agreed that it will have scarcely any effect in Saint Lucia. Coolies, they say, are extremely unwilling to trust their money out of their own hands, and the Immigration Agent adds that he has never known an instance of a coolie expressing a wish to remit money to India. The Administrator suggests that, to carry the scheme out to its full extent, an Emigration Agent for the smaller Colonies would be required in India. It would, however, not be worth while to incur the expense of such an Officer for results that are likely to be so insignificant; and, in fact, Saint Lucia is the only Colony which can be said not to have an Emigration Agent already in India. The emigration to the other small Colonies has been conducted by Mr. Thornton Warner, the Emigration Agent for Trinidad, and he would, of course, act for them in the remittance of coolies' savings, if there should be anything to do. He would also, no doubt, be willing to act for St. Lucia if occasion should arise, which, however, seems not likely to be the case. I would submit, however, that the Administrator of St. Lucia should be so informed.

No. 2123.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, in continuation of the communication from this Office, No. 856, dated the 28th January 1867.

By Order &c.,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
SIMLA, 10th July 1867.

(Signed) A. H. HARINGTON,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 280.

ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1867, No. 920.

Communicated to the Protector of Emigrants, in continuation of G. O., dated the 20th February 1867, No. 174.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Public.

No. 57.

INDIA OFFICE;

London, the 24th May 1867.

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(Signed) STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE.

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No. 2434

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By Order, &c.,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
SIMLA,
The 10th July 1867.

Assd. Secy.
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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