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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th January 1868.*

No. 134. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 2nd January 1868, No. 4.

Home Department,
Public.

With reference to your letter, No. 1504, dated 2nd ultimo, I am to say that the Governor General in Council does not feel justified by the correspondence before him in interfering summarily to suspend emigration to French Guiana. The date of the last report by Mr. Perry is somewhat remote, and no complaint as to the condition of more recent emigrants seems to have reached this country. I am also to point out that the additional article substituted in the Convention by the agreement embodied in Act VII. of 1862, while it gives the Governor General in Council power to suspend emigration to any French Colony, also empowers the French Government to take advantage of any such suspension to withdraw from the entire Convention. The Governor General in Council, therefore, would be very reluctant to have recourse to such a suspension, unless it be absolutely required for the protection of British subjects. The Governor General has, however, addressed the Governor of the French Settlements, and a copy of the letter is sent herewith for the information of the Government of Madras.

From His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, to His Excellency the Governor of the French Possessions in India; dated Fort William, 2nd January 1868, No. 5.

Home Department,
Public.

The Government of Madras has addressed the Government of India on the subject of emigration from India to French Guiana, and although I have not thought it necessary, as suggested by that Government, to exercise the power vested in me under the existing Convention between Her Britannic Majesty and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, I have nevertheless considered it my duty to refer the matter to Her Majesty's Government in England, with a view to the immediate adoption of measures for the appointment of a British Consular Agent in British Guiana.

2. Meanwhile, the state of affairs at Cayenne, as described in the latest papers which have been laid before the Government of India, appears so grave that, though their date is somewhat remote, and although your Excellency's remark, that the accounts seem somewhat exaggerated, may probably be correct, I deem it expedient to address your Excellency again upon the subject, and I would earnestly request your Excellency to consider whether it may not be possible without serious inconvenience to defer the despatch of any more ships with coolies, being British subjects, to that Colony, until the result of the reference which I have caused to be made to the Secretary of State for India, is made known to this Government.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1868, No. 107.

To be recorded.
(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

From

C. C. Bayley Esquire
Secretary to Govt. of India

To

R. P. Ellis Esq. C. B.
Chief Secy. to Govt. Fort St. George
Fort William 22 January 1848.

Home Departt. Sir,

Public

With reference to your letter
of 18th, dated 2^d ultimo, I am to say
that the Governor General in Council
does not feel justified by the cir-
cumstances before him in interfering
unnecessarily to suspend emigration to
French Guiana. The state of the last
report by Mr. Perry is somewhat un-
satisfactory as to the condition
of more recent emigrants seems to have
reached this country. I am also to
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of the French Settlements, and a copy
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information of the Government of
Madras.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

C. C. Dwyer

Secretary to the Govt. of India

N^o 5

To

M^r Excellency M. Roulleau
Gov. Genl. of the French

Possessions in India
Fort William 2^d January 1868.

Sir,

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addressed the Government of India on
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and I would earnestly request your
Excellency to consider whether it may not
be possible without serious inconvenience
to defer the despatch of any more ships
with coolies, being British subjects, to
that colony, until the result of the in-
quiry which I have caused to be made
to the Secretary of State for India is made
known to this Government.

Remain, &c.

Wm. John Lawrence

Governor General of India

/True copy/

C. D. Bayley

Secretary to Govt. of India

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Forward Copy of a
letter received at the
Bureau of the French
Settlement in Arabia,
and state that the
Dept. of Arabia is not
that justified in making
unnecessary & unjust
emigration & should
bequeath.

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