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Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th September 1869.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 146. From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Rangoon, 16th August 1869, No. 574-3.

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to forward a copy of a letter from the Magistrate of Rangoon, No. 268, dated the 28th July ultimo, reporting that six men arrived here by the *Punjaub* on her last voyage from Madras in a totally destitute condition. These men, from their own statement, were sent to Rangoon by the Master Attendant of Madras, who paid the amount of their passage money, and were informed that they would find no difficulty in obtaining employment here.

2. In this, I am to say, they have been altogether misled, for there is no description of work available for such a class of men in this province, and I am to request that you will be good enough to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to issue orders to the effect that no more men out of employment, or vagrants, may be sent to Rangoon, or to any other port in British Burmah.

From the Magistrate of Rangoon, to the Commissioner of Pegu, Rangoon; dated Rangoon, 28th July 1869, No. 268.

I have the honour to report that an influx of six Europeans, Mechanics, Sailors, and a Soldier, arrived in this port from Madras by the last Steamer *Punjaub*. They appear to be perfectly destitute every one of them, and have no where to go to, and no possible means of supporting themselves. I have tried to find them employment but to no effect, and the men themselves have done their best to obtain the same and have failed; they all say that the Master Attendant at Madras sent them across and paid their passages, at the same time holding out hopes to them that they would readily find employment here. I would submit that it is highly desirable that no more European vagrants, or unemployed men, should be sent over in this manner, as, on their arrival, they find themselves unable to obtain work, and are thrown destitute on the town. In the present instance I have afforded temporary relief to these six men, but would beg to solicit instructions as to what is to be done with them. There are no ships obtainable for those who are sailors, and if left to prowl about they will probably, through want, commit some offence, and have to be committed to jail.

Referred to the Master Attendant, Madras, for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd September 1869.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 147. From the Acting Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th September 1869, No. 5075.

Administrative Department.

With reference to endorsement under date 2nd September 1869, requiring a report on two letters submitted by the authorities at Rangoon, regarding six destitute Europeans recently landed there from the steamer *Punjaub*, I have the honour to state that the passage of these men in question was engaged and paid for by the President of the Strangers' Home Committee, without any communication with this Department.

2. So far from encouraging destitute Europeans, whether seamen, or otherwise, to proceed to Burmah in search of employment, I have invariably told parties who have applied to me for aid in getting across to Burmah, that I considered it

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unadvisable they should proceed there, from there being such small hope of obtaining situations.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1869, No. 1339.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing letters from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, and from the Acting Master Attendant, be forwarded to the President of the Vagrants' Home, Madras, with the intimation that no encouragement should be given to destitute Europeans to go to Rangoon.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Vagrants' Home, Madras.

„ Acting Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah.

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Secy. to the Chief Commr.
British Bazaar. of 16 August 1869. No 574/3
Ag. Master Attendant. of 6 Sept. 1869. No 5075.

Order No. 1339 - 27 Sep/69.

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- together, British Bazaar,
and from the Acting Master
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desolate Europeans to go
to Rangoon.

A. A.
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To
The President, Vagrant Home,
Madras.
- Ag. Master Attendant. Sept 30/69
- Secy. to the Chief Commr.
British Bazaar.

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To

THE PRESIDENT, VAGRANT HOME,

Madras.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 27th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 27th September 1869, No. 1339.

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