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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
28th September 1869.*

No. 158. Read the following despatch from the Government of India, Financial Department, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India ; dated Simla, 26th August 1869, No. 212.

Administration and Public Departments.

The Master of the Calcutta Mint has informed us that William Norris, the workman whose engagement was notified to us in Sir Stafford Northcote's despatch, No. 474, dated 17th November 1868, was accompanied to India by a wife and seven children.

2. As a consequence, he finds it exceedingly difficult to support his family upon the salary for which he contracted, and considers that he has been deceived as to the value to him in India of the wages given him. His discontent interferes seriously with the efficiency of his services.

3. We cannot help regarding it as a matter for much regret that Norris was permitted to bring his large family to Calcutta. The inevitable result of the importation of a family of English children to India, with a view to a lengthened residence there, is suffering and disease, which can be mitigated and prevented if at all only by costly appliances altogether out of the reach of a man in Norris' position.

4. The employment of English artizans in the plains of India is for the present indeed a necessity, which, however much we may regret it, cannot be avoided. The only remedy is the substitution of skilled native labour to the uttermost ; and we are well-persuaded that there is no handicraft, however intricate and difficult, which the natives of India are not capable of learning. Our most earnest attention will be given to this subject, with the distinct object, among others, of dispensing, so far as may be possible, with European labour of a mechanical nature.

5. But we respectfully suggest to your Grace that it be made a rule, to be departed from only under the most exceptional circumstances, that no man with a large family shall be engaged in England to proceed to India for minor civil employment under the Government there.

No. 2995.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Local Governments, and to the Military, Foreign, and Public Works Departments, in order to the issue of particular instructions for the avoidance, by every possible expedient, of the importation of English mechanics whose employment in this country is beset with evils. Especial attention should be given to the object of training native skilled labourers whenever possible.

(By Order,)

SIMLA, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
26th August 1869.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERRY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1869, No. 1343.

Communicated to the Revenue, Military, and Public Works Departments, for observance.

(True Extract.)

To the Revenue Department.

„ Military do.

„ Public Works do.

Exd. J. Wright.

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

No. 212 of 1869.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Administration and Public Departments.

To

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T.,

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

SIMLA, THE 26TH AUGUST 1869.

MY LORD DUKE,

THE Master of the Calcutta Mint has informed us that William Norris, the workman whose engagement was notified to us in Sir Stafford Northcote's despatch No. 474, dated 17th November 1868, was accompanied to India by a wife and seven children.

2. As a consequence, he finds it exceedingly difficult to support his family upon the salary for which he contracted, and considers that he has been deceived as to the value to him in India of the wages given him. His discontent interferes seriously with the efficiency of his services.

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4. The employment of English artizans in the plains of India is for the present indeed a necessity, which, however much we may regret it, cannot be avoided. The only remedy is the substitution of skilled native labor to the uttermost, and we are well persuaded that there is no handicraft, however intricate and difficult, which the Natives of India are not capable of learning. Our most earnest attention will be given to this subject, with the distinct object, among others, of dispensing, so far as may be possible, with European labor of a mechanical nature.

5. But we respectfully suggest to your Grace that it be made a rule, to be departed from only under the most exceptional circumstances, that no man with a large family shall be engaged in England to proceed to India for minor civil employment under the Government there.

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient, humble Servants,

MAYO.

W. R. MANSFIELD.

H. M. DURAND.

H. S. MAINE.

JOHN STRACHEY.

B. H. ELLIS.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT
NO. 212 OF 1869

26th September, 1869.

26th.

S.O. 26th September 1869, No. 1818.

Communicative copy of a despatch addressed to the Secretary of State for India, dated 26th September 1869, No. 1818, and containing the following text: "The Master of the Calcutta Mint has informed us that William Norris, the workman whose engagement was notified to us in Sir Stafford Northcote's despatch No. 474, dated 17th November 1868, was accompanied to India by a wife and seven children. As a consequence, he finds it exceedingly difficult to support his family upon the salary for which he contracted, and considers that he has been deceived as to the value to him in India of the wages given him. His discontent interferes seriously with the efficiency of his services. We cannot help regarding it as a matter for much regret that Norris was permitted to bring his large family to Calcutta. The inevitable result of the importation of a family of English children to India, with a view to a lengthened residence there, is suffering and disease, which can be mitigated and prevented if at all only by costly appliances altogether out of the reach of a man in Norris's position. The employment of English artizans in the plains of India is for the present indeed a necessity, which, however much we may regret it, cannot be avoided. The only remedy is the substitution of skilled native labor to the uttermost, and we are well persuaded that there is no handicraft, however intricate and difficult, which the Natives of India are not capable of learning. Our most earnest attention will be given to this subject, with the distinct object, among others, of dispensing, so far as may be possible, with European labor of a mechanical nature. But we respectfully suggest to your Grace that it be made a rule, to be departed from only under the most exceptional circumstances, that no man with a large family shall be engaged in England to proceed to India for minor civil employment under the Government there."

No. 95

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Copy of above

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By Order

W. A. Murray

Asst. Secretary
to the Govt. of India

Serial
Serial Department
The 26 August
1869

Recd
21/8

Copy.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Administration and Public Departments.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

To

THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA.

No. 212.

Dated Simla, 26th August 1869.

Received

Police Brg Dept
From
Under Secy Brg Dept
Secy, Brg Dept
29/8/69

28/8/69
No 2067

24/8/69 with enclosure
same copy of order of Home
Govt. regarding men with
large families not being
engaged in England
for minor civil employ
- sent in London

With an order

10/1343-28 Sep/69
Communicated to the Revenue
Military and Public Works
Departments for observation
11/11

Brings to notice the case of William Norris,
employed in the Calcutta Mint, who came out to
India with a wife and seven children; and requests
that, except under the most exceptional circum-
stances, no man with a large family should be
engaged in England for minor civil employment
in India.

To the Secy Brg Dept
- Civil & -
- Public Works, &c.
10/1343-28 Sep/69

10/1343-28 Sep/69

Cont. of {1869} ~~General~~

Public

To

The Revenue Dept.

Seco

Dated Sept. 28.

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G. O. 28 Sept.

1869, No 1343

Nos. 158-159.

Coming. Copy of a Despatch
addressed to the Home Govt.
by the Govt. of India request-
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most exceptional circum-
stances no man with a large
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Employment in India.