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Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

13th November 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 83. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1869, No. 7493.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd September 1869, No. 962.

Adverting to the Order of Government, No. 922, of the 7th July last,* I have

* Communicating Procs. of Govt. of India, Home Dept., (Public,) dated Simla, 15th June 1869, No. 2768. the honour to request you will be good enough to instruct me under what legal authority I can force parties to enter into an agreement or contract binding them to provide return passage for natives of India, taken to England for service out of the country.

2. At Calcutta, the Collector of Sea Customs is ex-officio Shipping Master; but at this port, an Officer of the Master Attendant's Department performs that duty. The Custom-house has nothing to do with passengers, or their shipment, and the lists of intending passengers are sent to the Master Attendant's Department.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In view of the difference pointed out by Mr. Blair between the positions of the Collector of Sea Customs here and at Calcutta, the Board think it desirable that the duty of assisting domestic servants in arranging for return passages should devolve on the Master Attendant's Department.

3. The order of the Government of India does not contemplate any coercive measures, and the Board apprehend that all that was intended, was to warn servants embarking for Europe to stipulate for return passages, pointing out the probable inconvenience resulting from the omission to do so.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
for Actg. Secy.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

No. 84. Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 25th August 1869, No. 71, (Public.)

The Despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated the 24th of June, No. 52 of 1869, on the subject of the measures to be adopted for insuring the provision of a return passage for all natives engaged in India for service out of the country, has been considered by me in Council.

2. I trust that the arrangements which will be made at the various ports in India, under the instructions issued by your Lordship's Government, will be successful in checking the serious evil which has for some time attracted attention.

No. 4525.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras in continuation of the communication from this Department, No. 2768, dated the 15th June last.

By order of the Governor-General in Council,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC, 5th October 1869.

(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th November 1869.*

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1869, No. 1552.

Ordered, accordingly, that the duty of giving effect at the port of Madras to the instructions of the Government of India as contained in the last paragraph of their Resolution under date 15th June 1869, No. 2768, recorded in the Order of this Government, dated 7th July 1869, No. 922, be transferred to the Master Attendant.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Board of Revenue.

„ Collector of Sea Customs.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 11869 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE MASTER ATTENDANT.

Madras.

Sec., Sec., Sec.

Dated November, 18th.

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G. O., 13th November 1869, No. 1552.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 83—85.

Trusting to the Master Attendant, Madras,
the duty of assisting domestic servants proceeding
to England, to arrange for their return passage.

No. 7,493.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th October 1869.

Read the following letter from J. H. BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd September 1869, No. 962:—

ADVERTING to the Order of Government, No. 922, of the 7th July* last, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to instruct me under what legal authority I can force parties to enter into an agreement or contract binding them to provide return passage for Natives of India, taken to England for service out of the country.

* Communicating Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department, (Public,) dated 15th June 1869, No. 2,768.

2. At Calcutta, the Collector of Sea Customs is ex-officio Shipping Master; but at this Port, an Officer of the Master Attendant's Department performs that duty. The Custom House has nothing to do with passengers, or their shipment, and the lists of intending passengers are sent to the Master Attendant's Department.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In view of the difference pointed out by Mr. Blair between the positions of the Collector of Sea Customs here and at Calcutta, the Board think it desirable that duty of assisting domestic servants in arranging for return passages should devolve on the Master Attendant's Department.

3. The order of the Government of India does not contemplate any coercive measures, and the Board apprehend that all that was intended, was to warn servants embarking for Europe to stipulate for return passages, pointing out the probable inconvenience resulting from the omission to do so.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Blair
for Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Ed. G. A Turton.

By order of the Secy to the Govt of India
1869

Secy to the Govt

INDIA OFFICE;
London, the 25th August 1869.

Public.
No. 71.

To His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council.

MY LORD,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated the 24th of June, No. 52 of 1869, on the subject of the measures to be adopted for ensuring the provision of a return passage for all Natives engaged in India for service out of the country, has been considered by me in Council.

2. I trust that the arrangements which will be made at the various ports in India, under the instructions issued by your Lordship's Government, will be successful in checking the serious evil which has for some time attracted attention.

I have the honor to be,
MY LORD,
Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,
ARGYLL.

No. 4525
COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras in continuation of the communication from this Department, No. 2768, dated the 15th June last.

By Order of the Governor General in Council,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC;
The 5th October 1869.

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Public 1869. 1869
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH OCTOBER 1869, No. 7,493.

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OCTOBER
No. 7,493.

Return passage for Natives of India—taken to England for service.—Letter from Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, requesting to know under what legal authority parties can be forced by him to enter into an agreement or contract for provision of, submitted for orders of Government, with expression of Board's opinion on subject.

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Memorandum from Secy.
Regarding the measure
adopted for ensuring a
return passage for all pa-
sengers engaged on the R.R.
since Oct of last year.

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Ordered accordingly
that the same duty
at the port of Madras,
of giving effect to
the instructions of the
Govt of India as contained
in the last para of
their resolution under
date 15 June 1869 No 2768,
referred in the order
of the Govt dated 7 July
1869. No 422, be transposed
to the Master Attendant,
at the port of Madras.

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to the Master Attendant
"Board of Revenue"
"Collector of Madras"

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Govt. of 1869 Madras.

Resol.

To the Master of the
Madras
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dated 18 Nov

1869, No. 1552

Nos. 83-85-

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Entrusting to the Master
Attendant Madras, the
duty of assisting domestic
servants proceeding to England
& arrange for their
return passage