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Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated	16-12-1869	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th December 1869.

No. 92. Read the following letter from the Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th December 1869, No. 38-W.

With reference to the remarks in paragraphs 9 and 10 of my letter to you of October 20th, 1869, No. 25, on the subject of advances of emigrants from Pondicherry by the *Eugenie* and *Anna*, I have the honour to forward copies of letters from the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, and the British Consular Agent, Réunion.

2. The latter Officer reports that the emigrants in the *Anna* have complained that they were defrauded by the Maistries of the advances made to them at Pondicherry.

3. This is one of the two ships, regarding which Mr. Reade made the statement quoted in paragraph 9 of my letter aforesaid; the result is a complaint by the emigrants of being defrauded of their advances.

4. I agree with the Consul at Réunion, that the system of advances should be done away with, or if that cannot be done, it should be modified. I entered fully into this point in the latter part of my letter of October 20th, 1869.

5. It also appears from the Consul's letter, that the lists sent with the *Anna* were very carelessly drawn out, and full of mistakes.

From the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 2nd December 1869, No. 403.

I have the honour to forward you copies of two letters received from the Consul at Réunion, Nos. 39 and 40.

2. No. 40 refers to one of the ships despatched by Mr. Reade, and which he alludes to in the latter part of paragraph 15 of his Memorandum, viz.,

It is gratifying to record that, at the last embarkation of emigrants to Réunion, very many of the coolies on examination were found to have from 7 to 10 rupees in hand—an unprecedented fact since French emigration commenced. The above complaint is the result.

3. I request you will forward this to Government, as the Consul makes reference to the stopping of future advances. This, you are aware, has already been proposed and objected to by the French Government.

From the Consul at Réunion, to the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, dated Réunion, 20th October 1869, No. 39.

I have the honour to inform you that the French vessels *Eugenie* and *Anna* have arrived safely; the former on the 3rd instant with 471 immigrant coolies all told, and the latter on the 8th instant with 147. No sickness worth mentioning, or any deaths occurred during the voyage, and the coolies expressed themselves well pleased with their treatment on board these ships.

From the Consul at Réunion, to the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, dated Réunion, 20th October 1869, No. 40.

Referring to my Despatch, No. 39, of the 20th instant, I have to acquaint you that the immigrant coolies on board the French Ship *Anna* have very generally complained to me of having been defrauded by the Maistries of the advances made to them at Pondicherry. This abuse has been the subject of former correspondence between this Consulate and the Foreign Office, and I now

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propose to suggest to Lord Clarendon, that for the future no Indian coolie be permitted to embark for this Colony, to whom it is proved that any advance in money has been made on any pretence whatever. I should feel obliged if more care be taken for the future in making out the lists of emigrants. It was extremely difficult to identify the coolies by *Anna*, and you will understand the difficulty when I mention that the larger proportion of those marked as children varied in age from nineteen to twenty-nine years. Numbers of women were described as men, and *vice versa*.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1869, No. 1730.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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G. O., 16th December 1869, No. 1730.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 92-93.

Recording letter from the Protector of Emigrants forwarding copies of others from the Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal, regarding the advances made to the emigrants per *Eugenie* and *Anne*.

Pro 30 November/69 Nos 189 & 192

Per the 1869 Sept

From

The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

To The Honble Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 14th } Decr 1869
Recd 14th }
By the ✓
No 2649.

With reference to the ^{remarks in} 9th & 10th
of my letter 10th Octr/69 on the
Subject of advances of
Emigrants from Pondicherry
by the Eugenie & Anna
forwards Copies of letters
from the British Consular
Agent Pondicherry and
British Consular Agent
Reunion 10 Decr 1869/30

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Govt. of (1869) Madras.

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Dated 16 Decr

Recd.

G. O. 16 Decr 1869, No. 1750

No. 52293

According letter from the
Protector of Emigrants forwarded
copy of letter from the
Consular Agents at Pondicherry
Marshall regarding the ad-
vances made to the Emigrants
by Eugene & Anna

N^o 35

Protectors Office
Madras 4th December 1869

From

J. Hunter Blair Esq^r
Protector of Emigrants

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Hunter Blair

Protector of Emigrants

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The latter Officer reports that the Emigrants in the "Anna" have complained that they were defrauded by the authorities of the advances made to them at Pondicherry.

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This is one of the two ships, regarding which Mr. Reade made the statement quoted in Para 9 of my letter aforesaid, - the result is a Complaint by the Emigrants of being defrauded of their advances

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I agree with the Consul at Pondicherry, that the system of advances should be done away with, or if that cannot be done, it should be modified. I entered fully into this point in the latter part of my letter

of

N^o 403

From

B. T. Norfor Esq^r
British Consular Agent Pondicherry

To
The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

Sir

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and objected to by the French Government

I have, &c

Consular Agents Office

Pondicherry

2nd
December 1869

Signed B. T. Norfor
British Consular Agent

N^o 39

British Consulate,
Reunion 20th October 1869

S^r.

The British Consular Agent
Pondicherry

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or any deaths occurred during the
Voyage, and the Coolies expressed
themselves well pleased with their
treatment on board these ships.

I have, &c

(Signed) G. T. Sepaire

(True Copy)

(Signed) B. T. Norfor
British Consular Agent

N^o 40

British Consulate
Reunion 20th October 1869

S^r.

The British Consular Agent
Pondicherry

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I now propose to suggest to Lord Clarendon,
that for the future, no Indian Coolie be
permitted to embark for this Colony, to
whom it is proved, that any advance in
money has been made, or any pretence, whatever;

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of Emigrants. It was extremely diffi-
cult to identify the Coolies by "Anna"
and you will understand the difficulty
when I mention that the larger
proportion of those marked as
children...

Children varied in age from 19 to 29
years. Numbers of women were described
as men, and Vice Versa. —

I have ^{seen}
/Signed/ G. T. Sepane

/ True copy /

/Signed/ B. T. Norfor
British Consular Agent

True copies

Wm. H. H. H.

Protector of Emigrants

1730 of December 9

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[Signature]

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