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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
12th February 1869.*

No. 105. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 8th December 1868, No. 173, (Public).

With reference to the Despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated the 20th of August last, No. 114, in connexion with the expected cession of the Island of St. Croix by Denmark to the United States, I forward, herewith, a copy of a correspondence noted in the margin, which has taken place upon this subject between this Department and the Foreign Office.

Letter to Foreign Office, 16th October 1868.

Letter from Foreign Office, 19th October 1868, with enclosure.

2. Your Excellency in Council will perceive that the necessary steps were taken by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, both in February and May last, with a view to the protection of Indian immigrants at St. Croix, and to the observance of the stipulations agreed upon between Great Britain and Denmark, should the negotiations for the cession of the Island to the United States be renewed. You will at the same time observe that Lord Stanley has been recently informed, by Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, that the Senate of the United States has not yet taken into consideration the treaty for the sale of the Danish Islands of St. Thomas and St. John.

From the Under Secretary of State for India, to the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; dated India Office, 16th October 1868.

With reference to Mr. Merivale's letter of the 21st of February last, with its enclosed despatch from the Government of India, No. 3 of 1868, and to your communication of the 22nd of June, I am directed, &c., to forward to you a further despatch* which has been received from the Governor General of India in Council, relative to the position of the British Indian immigrants now at St. Croix in the event of the expected cession of the Island by Denmark to the United States.

* No. 114, 20th August 1868.

2. Sir Stafford Northcote is aware of no objection to the continuance, in future, of emigration from India to St. Croix, should the transfer in question take place, on the same terms and conditions as were agreed upon with Denmark in 1862-63, if the Government of the United States so desire; and I am, therefore, to request that you will move Lord Stanley, should His Lordship concur in this opinion, to make to the Danish Government the necessary communication, in order to ensure a careful regard to the interests of the coolies during the progress of the negotiations with America, and provide for the fulfilment of their contracts and for their proper treatment should the transfer take effect.

From the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated 19th October 1868.

With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, I am directed by Lord Stanley to state to you, for the information of Secretary Sir Stafford Northcote, that, on the receipt of Mr. Merivale's letter of the 21st of February last, instructions, of which a copy is enclosed, were sent to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Copenhagen,

Strachey, No. 7.

desiring him, should the negotiations be renewed for the cession to the United States by Denmark of the Island of St. Croix, to ascertain what arrangements had been made by the latter Government to secure the observance of the stipulations, as agreed upon between Denmark and Great Britain for the protection of Indian laborers emigrating to that Island.

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2. The attention of Sir Charles Wyke, Her Majesty's Representative at the Court of Copenhagen, was directed to this matter previous to his departure for his post in the month of May last, and he will doubtless remind the Danish Government of their engagements towards this country, when the proper time for so doing arrives.

3. In a report recently received from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, Lord Stanley was informed that the treaty for the sale of the Islands of St. Thomas and St. John was not yet ratified, the Senate of the United States not even having taken the treaty into consideration.

From LORD STANLEY, to G. STRACHLEY, Esq. ; dated Foreign Office, 27th February 1868,
No. 7.

You are doubtless aware of the arrangement entered into last year by the Government of Denmark for the cession to that of the United States of the Islands of St. Thomas and St. John's. In this Despatch, No. 51, (confidential,) of the 20th November last, Sir Charles Murray speaks of the desire of the Danish Government to come to a similar agreement with reference to St. Croix ; and in consequence of a rumour to that effect having reached the Government of India, an inquiry has been addressed to this country for information as to what arrangements, if any, have been made with the Government of the United States respecting the treatment of the coolies now on the Island.

2. I have to instruct you, in the event of negotiations on this subject being renewed, to remind the Danish Government of the engagements into which it has entered with Her Majesty's Government for the protection of coolies who may emigrate to St. Croix, and you will request to be informed what understanding may be come to with the Government of the United States to secure the observance of the stipulations as agreed upon between Great Britain and Denmark.

No. 177.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, in continuation of endorsement,
No. 3499, of the 27th August 1868.

(By Order of the Governor General in Council,)

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC,
23rd January 1869.

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

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1869, No. 194.

Communicated to the Protector of Emigrants, in continuation of G. O., 12th September 1868, No. 1139.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.

India Office;
London, 8th December 1868.

Public,
No. 173.

To His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the GOVERNOR
GENERAL of India in Council.

SIR,

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I have, &c.,

STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE.

From H. MELVILL, Esquire, Under Secretary of State, India Office, to E. HAMMOND, Esquire, Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office,—Dated India Office, the 16th October 1868.

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Sir—Stafford Northcote is aware of no objection to the continuance in future of emigration from India to St. Croix, should the transfer in question take place, on the same terms and conditions as were agreed upon with Denmark in 1862-63 if the Government of the United States so desire, and I am, therefore, to request that you will move Lord Stanley, should His Lordship concur in this opinion, to make to the Danish Government the necessary communication, in order to ensure a careful regard to the interests of the coolies during the progress of the negotiations with America, and provide for the fulfilment of their contracts and for their proper treatment should the transfer take effect.

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THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS.

Dated February, 12th.

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G. O., 12th February 1869, No. 194.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 105-106.

Communications received from the Government of India on the subject of the cession of the Island of St. Croix by Denmark to the United States.

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Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, in continuation of endorsement No. 3499 of the 27th August 1868.

FORT WILLIAM;
HOME DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC,
The 23rd January 1869.

By Order of the Governor General in Council,

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Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 194. 12 July 1869.

Communicated to the Protector

of Emigrants, in continuation of G. O.

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To

The Protector of Emigrants.

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