

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	343	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	18-3-	49 1869

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Read the following papers :—

No. 133. From the Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th February 1869, No. 8M.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order of 28th January 1869, No. 127, calling for my opinion as to whether the legal amount of Emigration fees should be limited, or not.

2. It is very certain that the amount received in fees is, and always will be, insufficient to meet the expenditure incurred by the Emigration Funds, unless the amount of the said fees are increased.

3. Section 4 of the Draft Bill “to amend the Law relating to the Emigration of Native Laborers” provides that the Governor General of India in Council may increase, or reduce the amount of fees by Notification, &c. It is to be presumed an increase or decrease of fees will be made unnecessarily, or without full consideration : why then should there be any limit to the amount thereof.

No 134. From the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 18th February 1869, No. 232.

Book Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government in the Public Department, No. 127, dated 28th ultimo, referring for my opinion a letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India of the 9th idem, drawing attention to the Draft Bill “to amend the law relating to the Emigration of Native Laborers,” and inquiring whether, in the opinion of the Madras Government, it is desirable to place any restriction on the powers of the Governor General in Council to raise the fees on account of emigration to the British and French Colonies, as proposed in the Draft Bill.

2. In reply, I beg to subjoin a Memorandum showing the receipts and charges of the two Funds during 1865-66 to 1867-68, from which it will be observed that, to make the receipts and charges balance each other, it would have been necessary to raise the Emigration fees on account of the British Colonies at least 50 per cent., and those on account of the French Colonies upwards of 200 per cent., the former Fund having, however, had, on the 30th April 1865, a credit balance in its favor of Rupees 1504-4-6, while the latter had, on the same date, a debit balance against it of Rupees 25,006-15-0.

3. If, then, it be desired to place these Funds on a solvent footing, and to make them self-supporting hereafter, it is clear that a higher fee must be levied than the maximum fee proposed in the Draft Bill. It must be remembered, too, in determining the value of the fee to be levied, that while the charges vary but little, whether many or few emigrants be shipped to the Colonies, the receipts are almost wholly dependent on the numbers sent away, and consequently in those years in which emigration is slack the charges will, as a rule, be much in excess of the receipts.

4. There may be cogent reasons, of which I am unaware, for imposing a limit on the powers of the Supreme Government to raise these fees; but regarding the matter in its financial bearing only, and with a view to save further legislation, it certainly seems to me very desirable that the action of the Government should be altogether unfettered in this respect.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th March 1869.*

MEMORANDUM.

British Colonies.

	RS.	A.	P.
	1,504	4	6
Receipts from 1865-66 to 1867-68.....	11,579	9	8
Total...	13,083	14	2
Charges do. do. do. ...	17,423	8	1
Excess charges in do. do. ...	4,339	9	11

French Colonies.

	25,006	15	0
Charges from 1865-66 to 1867-68.....	36,142	15	11
Total...	61,149	14	11
Receipts do. do. ...	17,253	3	7
Excess charges.....	43,896	11	4

No. 135. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,
dated Fort Saint George, 18th March 1869, No. 343.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of letter, No. 120, dated 9th January 1869, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, inquiring whether, in the opinion of the Government of Madras, the restriction contained in Section 4 of the Draft Bill, "to amend the Law relating to the Emigration of Native Laborers," should be retained.

2. In reply, I am directed to forward the enclosed communications received from the Accountant General and from the Protector of Emigrants, and to state that, from the Statement annexed to the Accountant General's letter, it appears that it will be necessary, in order to secure the solvency of the Emigration Fund, British Colonies, to raise the present rate of fees 50 per cent., and in the case of the Emigration Fund, French Colonies, 200 per cent. It may not be considered expedient, for other than financial reasons, to make so large an increase in the rate as that suggested by the Accountant General; but, under any circumstances, it seems to His Excellency in Council desirable that it should rest with the Governor General in Council to determine, from time to time, the rate of these fees, and that the restriction contained in Section 4 of the Bill should be removed.

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

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 brief of Nature & Labourers Bill
 No. 25 of 1868. 424. Aug 1868.

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 Protest of *[illegible]*
 No *[illegible]*

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Since it is his opinion
 that the legal amount
 of compensation for land
 not be limited
 He over rules the
 Act. General's opinion
 is received

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From Government of
 Port St. George.

Dated 18th Nov. 1869.

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Nos. 133-135.

Forwards to the
 Attorney General
 for his opinion
 on the bill
 for the
 compensation
 for land
 taken for
 the
 construction
 of the
 railway
 from
 the
 Port
 of
 St.
 George
 to
 the
 Port
 of
 St.
 John
 and
 the
 Port
 of
 St.
 Peter
 and
 the
 Port
 of
 St.
 Paul.

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Public Department.

No. 343.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of letter No. 120 dated 9th
Jan'y/09, from the Under
Secretary to Government of
India, Home Department,
enquiring of the Government
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Fort St George
18 March 1869.

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No.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of
Department.

Dated

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From Government of

Fort St. George.

Dated March 18.

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Forwarding with remarks letters
from the Accountant Genl. and
Protector of Emigrants concerning their
opinion on certain points in con-
nection with the Draft Bill, "to
amend the law relating to the
immigration of Native Laborers."