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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
11th November 1870.

Read the following papers:—

No. 70. From the British Consul, Réunion, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Réunion, 22nd August 1870, No. M-56.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 744, of the 10th June last, having reference to the deposition made before me by an immigrant from Pondicherry named Mahomed Ahmed.

2. I may mention, as a reason for placing some confidence in the truth of his statement, that, in the Nominal Roll sent from the Consular Office at Pondicherry, he is returned as “not embarked,” thereby proving that the customary vigilance was not exercised in his regard, and which formed an essential element in his complaint.

3. Mahomed Ahmed has since succeeded in obtaining the funds he required, and left the colony by the last mail steamer for Aden.

4. Ibrahim Sahib, the person said to have been his servant, is since dead.

5. I regret having troubled you with the mendacious statements of these individuals, but I had no other means for ascertaining the truth.

6. I beg to append copy of an extract from the Nominal Roll above alluded to.

COPY.

Embarked on board the French Ship *Francois Cail* at Pondicherry on 23rd October 1869:—

Name.	Father.	Distriet.	Taluq.	Village.	Remarks.
1040...Mahomed Mestry...	Ahmed...	Egypt.....	Cairo.....	Bagdad.....	Not embarked.

Referred, with papers, to the Protector of Emigrants, for inquiry into the irregularity noticed in paragraph 2 of the letter above recorded.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17th October 1870.

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

No. 71. From the Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th November 1870, No. 117-W.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, of 10th June 1870, also letter from the British Consul of Réunion of 22nd August 1870, with your endorsement thereon calling for a report on the irregularity referred to in paragraph 2 of the aforesaid letter.

2. I forwarded all the papers to the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry, with instructions to make a full inquiry and report on the alleged kidnapping of Mahomed Ahmed.

3. The result of the inquiries, fully reported by the British Consular Agent in his letter* of 28th October 1870, clearly proves, when taken into consideration with the memorandum of the Commissioner of Police, that Mahomed Ahmed's story was fabricated by him with the assistance of Ibrahim Saib, his supposed servant.

* Copy sent.

4. It might be interesting to trace out who furnished the funds required by Mahomed Ahmed when he left Réunion, whether he has re-paid the lender thereof, and what became of him after his arrival at Aden.

Paragraph 3, British Consul of Réunion's letter of 22nd August 1870, No. 56.

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11th November 1870.

5. With reference to the irregularity* of allowing Arnachellum Pillay to recruit without a license, I have informed the British Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal that such proceedings are illegal and should at once be prohibited.

* Paragraph 2, British Consular Agent's letter of October 28th, 1870, No. 507.

From the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 28th October 1869, No. 507.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant with enclosures.

2. According to your request, I have made full inquiries regarding the reported case of kidnapping of one Mahomed Ahmed. He was regularly recruited by one Arnachellum Pillay, a French maistry, who is allowed to recruit in the French Settlements only without license. I have had the maistry before me, and he remembers having recruited Mahomed Ahmed at the bandy-stand in Pondicherry on the 16th October 1869. Mahomed Ahmed expressed himself willing to emigrate, and was taken at once on the same day before the Consular Agent, by whom he was registered. He was also taken before the Emigration Agent on the same day. He had no other person with him at that time.

3. According to the books in the office, Mahomed Ahmed was duly examined and passed by the Consular Agent on the 16th October 1869, and engaged on the very same day by the Emigration Agent. He was visited and admitted by a French 1st Class Surgeon of Marine on the 16th October 1869; visited again the next day by the Doctor of the ship in charge of emigrants at the dépôt, where he remained eight days; visited and examined again on the day before embarkation by the Doctor in chief and the Doctor of the ship; and, on the day of embarkation, the Consular Agent questioned each man regularly whether he was willing to go on boardship and whether he had any complaint to make.

4. On my demand, the Commissary of Government for Emigration and the Emigration Agent sent me their Registers, the latter countersigned by the Ordonnateur, and I observed that Mahomed Ahmed was entered in both the books as willing to embark as an emigrant, and he accordingly embarked, on the 23rd October 1869, on the French Ship *Francois Cail*, as mentioned also in our Register. Under these circumstances, I suppose that the remark made in the Column of Remarks of the Nominal List, "not embarked," must evidently be an error.

5. I can find no mention made anywhere in any of the books relative to Ibrahim Saib, his supposed servant.

No. 71-A. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1870, No. 1465.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

N^o 117.

Protectors Office

Madras 10 November 1870

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J. Hunter Blair Esq^r

Protector of Emigrants

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The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq

Chief Secretary to Government

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G. O., 11th November 1870, No. 1466.

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Nos. 70-71-A.

Recording papers on the subject of the kidnapping of one Mahomed Ahmed, an emigrant at Pondicherry.

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Sir,
Your Most Obedt^t Servt.

Hunter Blair
Protector of Emigrants

1870 ~~Sept~~

From

The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

To The Honble Chief Secretary
to Government.

Dated 1 Nov 1870
No 3. —

No 117
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No 1839

Report on the irregularity
reported in para 2 of letter

10th Dec 1865

from the Honble Secy to Govt

22 Aug 1870 with

enclosure suggesting

the issuing of cheques

to meet the expenses

of the office

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Dated Nov 11.

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Encl:

G. O. 11 Nov.

1870, No. 445.

Nos. 70. 71. 72.

Recorded papers on the subject
of the kidnapping of one
Mahomed Ahmed
son of one at Pondicherry.