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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	29-12-1870	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
29th December 1870.*

No. 156. Read the following letter from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 16th August 1870, No. 39:—

I am directed by the Governor of Ceylon to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras in Council, the enclosed copy of a correspondence with the Principal Collector of Customs, from which it will be seen that, in future, in reckoning the number of passengers on board native crafts bringing coolies to Ceylon, children under one year will not be reckoned, and that two children above one and under fourteen years of age will be counted as equal to one adult.

From the Principal Collector of Customs, to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated Colombo, 15th July 1870, No. 80.

In the Passengers' Ordinance, No. 1 of 1860, there is no definition of the word "passenger." Tindals of native craft bringing coolies to the Island consequently render themselves liable to punishment when they bring children, thus having an apparent excess over the numbers they are licensed to carry; each person, even a child in arms, being, according to the letter of the law, considered a passenger. I doubt whether this effect was intended, and submit that adults only should be counted as passengers as in the Imperial Passenger Act.

2. In the Act 15 and 16 Vic., Cap. 44, Section 3, a "statute adult" is defined to be a passenger of the age of fourteen years or upwards, or two passengers above the age of one year and under that of fourteen, children under one year old being apparently not counted.

From the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, to the Principal Collector of Customs, Colombo, dated Colombo, 15th August 1870, No. 174.

In answer to your letter of the 15th ultimo, No. 80, I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you that the omission to define the word "passenger" in the Passengers' Ordinance, No. 1 of 1860, can be supplied when the Ordinance comes next under revision, and I am to instruct you, in the meanwhile, that children under one year old are not to be counted as passengers, and that two children above the age of one year and under fourteen years are to be counted as equal to one adult as in the English Passenger Act.

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 29th December 1870, No. 1682.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be communicated to the Master Attendant at Madras, to the Collectors of the several maritime districts, and to the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras, for information and guidance, with reference to the provisions of Act XXV. of 1859 and of Madras Act II. of 1862.

2. It is observed that the Government of Ceylon have decided that two children above one and under fourteen years of age shall be counted as one adult passenger, and that children under one year are not to be counted as passengers.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
" Collector of
" of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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dated 16th August 1879, at 39.

Order thereon, 29 Dec/70 R=168.

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To
THE MASTER ATTENDANT, MADRAS,
Sec., Ac., Ac.

Dated December, 29th.

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G. O., 29th December 1870, No. 1682.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 156-157.

Communicating papers received from the Ceylon
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" Collector of Sea Customs Madras

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P.M.

To The Hon. Secy of War

Dated Nov. 29. } 1877, No. 100

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