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29th March 1870.*

No. 114. Read the following letter from the Protector of Emigrants, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd March 1870, No. 24-W.

On the 9th December 1869 I requested the British Consular Agent, Karikal, to send me monthly returns, showing the amount of advances to emigrants, and the amounts paid by them to maistries, and others, the same as have been sent for sometime from Pondicherry.

2. No returns having been sent, I again wrote on the 22nd February 1870, and received in answer the letter of 26th February 1870, of which I send a copy.

3. It appears from paragraph 1 that Mr. Sam is not allowed by the French officials to send the required returns. I cannot understand this, as they have been regularly sent by the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, for sometime back.

4. The Karikal Dépôt appears, from Mr. Sam's account in paragraph 2, to be a perfect elysium, but that is no reason why the returns should not be sent, in order that the proceedings there regarding advances, and payments to maistries, and others, may be compared with the Pondicherry reports. Possibly, the comparison might prove unfavourable to Karikal.

5. I, therefore, report the matter for the information of Government, in order that steps may be taken to procure the submission of the returns.

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From A. SAM, Esq., British Consular Agent, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Karikal, 26th February 1870, No. 180.

In answer to your letter of the 22nd instant, No. 19, I have the honour to say that I have been unable to send you such a statement of advance to the emigrants as was required by your letter of the 9th December last, because the French officials, under orders from their Governor, object to our interfering with their advances. They say the emigrants are at liberty to do as they like with their own money, and consequently we have no right to interfere in that respect, and thereby throw obstacles and difficulties in the way of their emigration.

2. As far as the Dépôt of Karikal is concerned, I can say that everything is done and conducted in a fair and just manner, and with every regard for the comfort and well-being of the emigrants. They are all paid their advances in my presence. The money is given into their hands, and they with their own hands give what they like to the maistry. The latter is not allowed to ask any thing, but only to receive what they are inclined to give, and many of them do not give more than two or three rupees. I visit the Dépôt regularly three or four times a week, and never have the emigrants had any complaint to make; on the contrary they are all quite contented and happy, and amuse themselves with certain games and singing and dancing after their admission into the Dépôt; no maistry or any one else can have access to them, and none even of the gentlemen of this place unconnected with emigration can enter the Dépôt without permission from me or the Emigration Agent. At each embarkation, the emigrants are individually questioned by me, if they have any complaint to make against the Superintendent or their treatment in the Dépôt; but no complaint has ever been made hitherto, and they always take leave of the Superintendent in a very grateful manner.

3. Recruiting is stopped for the present to re-commence in about two or three months hence.

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29th March 1870.*

No. 115. To His Excellency M. BONTEMPS, Governor of the French Settlements in India, dated 29th March 1870, No. 361.

From a communication received from the Protector of Emigrants, I am informed that, owing to objections raised by the French officials at Karikal to supply the required particulars, he has been unable to obtain from the British Consular Agent there, monthly returns, similar to those furnished by the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry, showing the amount of advances made to the emigrants, and the amount paid by them to maistries and others.

2. I have the honour, therefore, to request that your Excellency will be good enough to instruct the authorities at Karikal to afford the Consular Agent there the information necessary to the preparation and submission by him of the returns called for by the Protector of Emigrants.

I accept, Sir, &c.

(Signed) NAPIER.

Copy to the Protector of Emigrants.

No 361.

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Governor of the French Settlements  
in India

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Dated March, 29th.

Recd.

Encl.

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(Signed) Major

Fort St. George  
24 May 1870.

Copy to the Collector  
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Port of (1870) Madras.

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