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4th April 1870.

No. 27. Read the following letter from the Protector of Emigrants, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd February 1870, No. 18-W.

With reference to the Order of the Madras Government of 4th February 1870, No. 147, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, giving the explanation required from him.

From the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 17th February 1870, No. 450.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order of 4th of February 1870, No. 147, calling on me for any explanation I may have to offer regarding paragraph 3 of Mr. Reade's letter.

2. I beg to say that what I have written in paragraph 7 of my letter to you, No. 377, of 27th September 1869, is strictly correct. Government are aware that I was absent on leave when these things happened, and therefore I rely on information furnished by others; but when I state that one party is Secretary to the Governor and Commissaire for Emigration, and the other the Agent for Emigration, I think I cannot be very far wrong.

3. Mr. Gribble says in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his letter to the Collector of South Arcot of 6th January 1870, No. 4, speaking of the *Eugenie* I was present "in the Recruiting Office from the time" the first recruit was mustered until the "last had appeared." This is not true, the Commissaire for Emigration, and the Agent for Emigration, both agree that he did not make his appearance till nearly all the men were gone on board. He did follow the men on board as mentioned in paragraph 3 of his letter; but the Agent for Emigration says he appeared to have gone to look at the accommodation for the men; he walked over the ship with him and certainly no examination of the men took place; he was close to Mr. Gribble all the time, and would certainly have known it, if it had occurred!

4. With respect to the *Anna*, the same gentlemen state that Mr. Gribble did not arrive till all the men had embarked, and this is proved beyond doubt by the "procès verbal" in which his absence is recorded, but which he was afterwards allowed to sign at his own request. He went on board the *Anna* it seems alone; and what passed there he ought to know; but the following letter from the Consul at Réunion shows that his examination of the men could not have been very efficiently performed. Yet Government are told by Mr. Reade, that "these men had seven to ten rupees in hand—an unprecedented fact since French emigration began:—

"From the Consul at Réunion, to the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, dated Réunion, 21st October 1869, No. 40.

"Referring to my Despatch, No. 39, of the 20th instant, I have to acquaint you that the immigrant coolies on board the French Ship *Anna* have very generally complained to me of having been defrauded by the maistries of the advances made to them at Pondicherry.

"This abuse has been the subject of former correspondence between this Consulate and the Foreign Office, and I now propose to suggest to Lord Clarendon that, for the future, no Indian coolies be permitted to embark for this Colony, to whom it is proved that any advance in money has been made on any pretence whatever.

"I should feel obliged if more care be taken, for the future, in making out the lists of emigrants. It was extremely difficult to identify the coolies by *Anna*, and you will understand

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the difficulty when I mention that the larger proportion of those marked as children varied in age from nineteen to twenty-nine years. Numbers of women were described as men, and *vice versa*."

5. The paragraphs 5 and 6 of Mr. Reade's letter also require some explanation from me, and will form the subject of another letter.

GOUVERNEMENT
DES ETABLISSEMENTS,
Francaisdans l'Inde.
CABINET
DU
GOUVERNEUR.

PONDICHERRY, 17th February 1870.

MONSIEUR M. NORFOLK,

In reply to your note of this morning I lose no time in letting you know that Mr. Gribble, one of the Assistants I think to the Collector of Cuddalore, arrived towards the end of the shipment of the emigrants on the French Ship *Eugenie*, Captain Moyses. There were, as far as I can recollect, only sixty to eighty men remaining when Mr. Gribble came to assist in the operation.

As to the shipment of the emigrants on the *Anna*, Captain Mace, he was not present; he arrived just as I was going away, some twenty minutes after the last boat left. I know this well as I was rather put out having no English authority present to sign the *procès verbal* of embarkation.

(Signed) S. DECHAMPMOREN.
(True Translation.)

(Signed) B. T. NORFOLK,
British Consular Agent.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1870, No. 383.

The Government resolve to forward copies of this letter and enclosures to Mr. Gribble, Assistant Collector of South Arcot, with a view to that gentleman having an opportunity of reconciling the contradictions contained in the Consular Agent's letter, paragraphs 3 and 4, supported by the statement contained in M. deChampmoren's letter, with the facts set forth in Mr. Gribble's letter to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 4th January 1870, No. 4. In that letter Mr. Gribble stated that, as regards the ship *Eugenie*, "he was present in the Recruiting Office from the time the first recruit was mustered until the last had appeared, and after they embarked that he went on board and himself inspected the arrangements of the ship and questioned a large number as to the advance they then had in hand."

2. - In reference to the Ship *Eugenie*, M. deChampmoren states that "Mr. Gribble arrived towards the end of the shipment of the emigrants. There were," M. deChampmoren adds, "only sixty to eighty men remaining when Mr. Gribble came to assist in the operation." As regards what took place when the emigrants were shipped on board the *Anna*, Mr. Gribble's statement is not clear. He states that he visited the second ship, the *Anna*, but it seems doubtful whether he was present at the Recruiting Office when the coolies were mustered. As regards the *Anna* M. deChampmoren states that Mr. Gribble "was not present at the shipment of the emigrants, he arrived just as M. deChampmoren was leaving, some twenty minutes after the first boat left." M. deChampmoren adds, "I know this well as I was rather put out having no English authority present to sign the *procès verbal* of embarkation."

3. It appears that Mr. Gribble afterwards signed this *procès verbal*.

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4. Mr. Gribble will see the necessity of laying before the Government, with as little delay as possible, any explanation he may have to offer on the discrepancies above detailed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

1880

From

B. J. Kerfor Esquire
British Consular Agent
Pondicherry

To
The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order of 1st of February 1870 No 147 calling on me for any explanation I may have to offer regarding Para 3 of Mr Rad's letter.

2 I beg to say that what I have written in Para 7 of my letter to you No 377 of 27th September 1869 is strictly correct. Government are aware that I was absent on leave when these things happened, and therefore I rely on information furnished by others; but, when I state that one party is secretary to the Governor and Commissaire for Emigration and the other the Agent for Emigration I think, I cannot be very far wrong.

3 Mr Gribble says in Paras one and two of his letter to the Collector of South Arcat. of 6th January 1870 No 4 speaking of the "Ougnia"

Govt. of 1870, Athens.

PUBLIC.

THE COLLECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Dated April, 1870.

Recd.

G. O. 11th April 1870, No. 383.

APRIL.
Nos. 27-28.

Calling upon Mr. Gribble for an explanation of certain discrepancies between his statements and those of the Commissaire for Emigration regarding his presence on board the ships *Arena* and *Lugere*, on the occasion of the embarkation of emigrants.

"Eugenia" I was present in the recruiting office from the time the first recruit was mustered until the last had appeared. This is not true, ^{See note from the Commissaire for Emigration, and the Agent for Emigration, both agree that he did not make his appearance till nearly all the men were gone on board. He did follow the men on board as mentioned in Para 3 of his letter - but the Agent for Emigration says, he appeared to have gone to look at the accommodation for the men; he walked over the ship with him and certainly no examination of the men took place, he was close to Mr. Gribble all the time, and would certainly have known it, if it had occurred!}

With respect to the "Anna", the same gentlemen state, that Mr. Gribble did not arrive till all the men had embarked and this is proved beyond doubt by the "Procès Verbal" in which his absence is recorded, but which he was afterwards allowed to sign at his own request. He went on board the "Anna" it seems alone; and what passed there, he ought to know - but the following letter from the Consul at Réunion shows, that his examination of the men could not have been very efficiently performed - Yet Govt. are told by Mr. Reade, that these men had 7 to 10 Rupees in hand, on unprecedented fact since French Emigration began

British Consulate
Réunion 21st October 1869

N^o 40

To

The British Consular Agent
Pondicherry

Sir

Referring to my despatch N^o 39 of the 20th Instant, I have to acquaint you that the Immigrant Coolies on board the French Ship "Anna" have very generally complained to me of having been defrauded by the Master of the advances made to them at Pondicherry.

refer to Para 2
Mr Reade's letter
under notice

This abuse has been the subject of former correspondence between this Consulate and the Foreign Office, and I now propose to suggest to Lord Clarendon, that for the future, no Indian Coolies be permitted to embark for this Colony, to whom it is proved, that any advance in money has been made, on any pretence whatever.

I should feel obliged if more care be taken for the future in making out the lists of Emigrants. It was extremely difficult to identify the Coolies by "Anna" and you will understand the difficulty when I mention that the larger proportion of those marked as children varied in age from

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19 to 29 years. Numbers of women were described as men and vice versa.

I am, &c.
/Signed/ J. F. Segrave

5 The Paras. 5 and 6 of Mr. Reader's letter also require some explanation from me and will form the subject of another letter.

I have, &c.

Consular Agent's Office.
Pondicherry.
17th February 1870 }
/Signed/ B. T. Norfor
British Consular Agent.

True Copy.

Hunter Man
Protector of Emigrants

Gouvernement
des Etablissements
Franco-Indians

Cabinet
du
Gouverneur.

Monsieur M. Norfor

Pondicherry 17th February 1870
In reply to your note of this morning I lose no time in letting you know that Mr. Gribble one of the assistants I thence to the Collector of Cuddalore arrived towards the end of the shipment of the Emigrants on the French ship "Eugenie" Capitaine Moyses. There were as far as I can recollect only 60 to 80 men remaining when Mr. Gribble came to assist in the operation.

As to the shipment of the Emigrants on the "Anna" Captain Macie, he was not present - he arrived just as I was going away, some 30 minutes after the last boat left. I know this well as I was rather put out having no English authority present to sign the Procès Verbal of Embarkation.

/Signed/ J. de Champmoren

True Translation.

/Signed/ B. T. Norfor
British Consular Agent.

True Copy.

Hunter Man
Protector of Emigrants

From the of Imports - 22 Feb 1870. J

No 383 - 4 April 1870

The Govt writes to forward
copies of this letter and
enclosures to Mr. Pitt
Assistant Secretary of the
and to a with a view to
that gentleman, having
an opportunity of ^{reconsider} ~~consider~~
the contradictions contained
in the Circular Agents
letter para 3 and 4. and
supported by the statement
contained in Mr. de Cham
mon's letter. with the
facts at fault in Mr.
Cribble's letter to the

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Alfred J. Ault

12/10 January 1870. New York

In that ~~letter~~ ^{as regards the ship Eugenie} Mr. Gibble stated that he was present in the recruiting office from the time the first recruit was mustered until the first had appeared, and after they embarked that he went on board & himself inspected the arrangements of the ship and questioned a large number as to the advance they then had in hand.

In reference to the ship

Eugenie. Mr. de Champmon states that "Mr. Gibble arrived toward the end of the shipment of the Emigrants. There were only 60 to 80 men remaining when Mr. Gibble came to assist in the operation. As regards what took place when the emigrants were shipped in board the Aima Mr. Gibble's statement is not clear. He ~~with~~ ^{states} that he visited the ~~second~~ ^{third} ship but it seems doubtful

and to his examination

Whether he was present at
the receiving office when
the copies were mistreated.
As regards the "bona" M. de
Champeron states that
Mr Gribble was not present
at the shipment of the
emigrants. He arrived just
as M. de Champeron was
leaving, some minutes
after the first boat left.
M. de Champeron adds "I know
this well as I was rather put
not having no English authority
present to sign the piece verbal
of embarkation."
It appears that Mr Gribble
afterwards signed this piece
verbal.

Mr Gribble will be
the recipient of laying
before the Govt with
as little delay as possible
for any explanation
he may have to offer
on the discrepancies
above detailed

WE

Collector of Madras 11/1/78

Recd 10
11/1/78

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

again
Read the following letter from the
Collector of South Arcot re-
corded in Pres. of Govt. dated
4th February 1878. N. 147.

Read also the following
letter from the Protector of
Emigrants.
N. 8. 22nd February 1878. N. 178

Order thereon N. 383. 4 April 1878.

This is an authorized
writing, but I fancy
that nothing will be gained
by our going with it
further. R. J.

JOH

I don't agree with the
Draft. The person
honour of a member of the

There appears to be
great discrepancies between
the statements made by
Mr Gribble in his letter to
the Collector of South Arcot
of the 4th January last, &
with regard to his examina-
tion of the Emigrants who
embarked

embarked on the "Eugenie"
and the "Anna"; and those
made by the British Con-
sular Agent at Pondicherry
on the authority of the Com.
= ~~inspire~~ for emigration
and also the agent for
emigration for the French
Government. As it is
not likely, however, that
any satisfactory conclusion
can be arrived at on the
question at issue, it is
needless to pursue the
subject further.

and I am bound to state
that I have cast an
the least confidence in the
character or conduct of
Mr. Gribble while he
has under the compulsion
cast upon him by Mr.
Champlain.
Mr. Gribble has distinctly
affirmed in his letter to
Mr. Meade of Jan. 4th that
he was present at the
recruiting office for the time
the first recruit was mustered.
until the last had appeared.
Mr. Champlain as
distinctly affirms that Mr.
Gribble "arrived towards the
end of the shipment". -
By the phraseology of
Mr. Champlain's letter
to the Protector of Emigrants
Collector of South Arcot.

It would appear that
he was present.
Mr. Porfior also refers
to the Agent for Emigration
as a witness of the same
fact that he does not give
any letter.
Thus there are apparently
two French official authorities
affirming that Mr. Gribble has
made a false statement.
Mr. Gribble's letter to
Mr. Meade of Jan. 4th does
not appear to me to be quite
ingenuous. In that letter he
alludes to going on board the
"Anna". He does not point
out that he was absent when
the emigrants were mustered.
He asked leave to sign a
"Provis verbal" which had been
framed in his absence. I should
like to see the Provis verbal.
I would send down a
search the list of states
members of the Council
some.

Mr. Gribble states that on
the occasion of the "Eugenie"
he was present in the
recruiting office from the
time the 1st recruit was
mustered, until the last had
appeared, after which he
went on board. He makes
no statement regarding
the "Anna".
The Commissioner for
emigration states that in
the case of the "Eugenie"
he arrived towards the end
of the shipment, & in that
of the "Anna" after all the
coolies had embarked.
Mr. Porfior's strong language
is founded on this testimony.
It seems incredible that
an English gentleman as, in
Mr. Gribble's position could
make a false statement
on such a subject.
The ill feeling between
the Colonial Agent Mr.
Porfior & Mr. Meade & his
apt. is evident. There are
no important persons, who
could conduct an enquiry
into their allegations. A
neutral draft is therefore
circulated. J.M.

into the case. There must
 be ample means of getting
 evidence as to the presence of
 Mr. Grotte in the
 command of the ~~expedition~~
 master of important for the
 Eugene. The proceedings did not
 take place in a corner.

Mr. Grotte takes
 credit for carrying the surf
 but I remember seeing in some other
 letter that he purchased or
 accepted liquor for the
 Captain & came back in the
 boat carrying bottles himself,
 having very indecent in a manner of
 his (and service especially also
 in relation to Mr. Grotte himself the expiring
 should be made, in any other. It may be
 that it would turn out to his advantage
 that he is made in a good spirit in my
 judgment.

Dated
 Recd.
 18, No.

Boat of 18 3 Murders.

Public
 The Coll. of S. Coast.

April 4
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27 + 28.
 Nos 350 & 582

and Eugene on the
 occasion of the sailing
 of the ship.

calling upon Mr. Grotte for
 an explanation of certain
 discrepancies between his
 statements & those of the
 Commissioner of Emigration
 regarding his presence
 on board the ship ~~Barrow~~
 and