

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 845

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Dated 8-7-1870.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th July 1870.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Acting Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Palmanair, 18th June 1870, No. 35 :—

I have the honour, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 19th November 1869, No. 1585, Public Department, to report that inquiries have been instituted into the manner in which coolies for the Godavery works have been recruited by the individuals named Abraham and Joseph in this district.

2. It appears that Abraham entered into a sort of contract with Mr. De'Grossilieres, Executive Engineer, 2nd Barrier Division, to recruit and send coolies to the Upper Godavery works, and that, in fulfilment of that contract, he sent off 100 coolies *via* Kurnool and Hyderabad. Of these coolies four died on the road. The telegram of Murugasa Pillay to the effect that forty had died was incorrect.

3. Mr. De'Grossilieres states both in his letter to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 18th February last, and in his telegram enclosed in the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 2nd instant, that it was entirely his fault that Abraham was not provided with a license, the Protector of Emigrants having informed him that, if the coolies proceeded by land, they were not emigrants, and the Recruiting Agent would not need a license.

4. Mr. De'Grossilieres' letter was forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants, who replied that there was nothing in his office to show that Mr. De'Grossilieres had ever been so informed, and that it was clearly laid down in Government Order, No. 1533, of 6th December 1867, that Act V. of 1866 is applicable to the recruitment of labourers for employment on the Upper Godavery works.

5. There is nothing to show that Joseph was in any way engaged in the recruiting of coolies. Abraham admits having sent off coolies, but pleads ignorance of the fact that a license was necessary, and says he acted quite openly, under the orders of the Executive Engineer, in whom, as a Government official, he had full confidence.

6. It was only possible to procure the attendance of one cooly, and he confirms the statement of Abraham that four, and not forty, coolies died on the road. The coolies from Abraham's statement seem to have received liberal advances, and to have been well taken care of. A Taliari (village servant) of Arconum, who was examined, stated that the coolies received advances of two and three rupees each. Most of the coolies recruited are still in Godavery, so that it was not possible to learn much as to the method of recruiting; but as no complaints have been received, I think it may be concluded there was no cause.

7. Under these circumstances, I do not think it necessary that Abraham should be put on his trial under Section 17, Act V. of 1866.

8. I may add that I met Mr. De'Grossilieres not very long ago in Tanjore, and he informed me that he had established agencies in that and the Trichinopoly Districts, from whence coolies were to be sent up to the Godavery works by the local agents he had appointed. It is, therefore, probable that these unlicensed men are now engaged in the same business as Abraham and Joseph were until taken into custody.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.

8th July 1870.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1870, No. 845.

Resolved that copies of the foregoing letter from the Acting Magistrate of North Arcot, and of G. O., dated the 6th December 1867, No. 1533, be furnished to the Magistrates of Trichinopoly and Tanjore, and that their attention be drawn to the last paragraph of Mr. Whiteside's letter, as to the possibility of unlicensed recruiters being employed at present in recruiting coolies in those districts for the Upper Godavery works.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Magistrate of Trichinopoly, } with No. 1533.
„ „ of Tanjore,
„ „ of North Arcot.
„ Protector of Emigrants.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE MAGISTRATE OF TRICHINOPOLY.

Dated July, 8th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 8th July 1870, No. 845.

JULY.
Nos. 9-10.

Drawing the attention of the Collectors of Tanjore and Trichinopoly to a statement by Mr. White-side of the probability of coolies being recruited in those districts for the Godavery works by uncensed maistrics.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the ^{Master} ~~Collector~~ of District of
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Wm. L. L.

To

The People of the District of Columbia
Am

Dated July 8. }
Recd. 1870, No. 845.

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Drawing the attention of
the College of Surgeons &
the University to a statement
by Dr. Prichard of the
probability of God's being
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by William L. Prichard

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