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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
12th July 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 104. From the Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st June 1871, No. 90-W.

With reference to Government Order, dated 27th May last, No. 717, I have the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of Government, copy of a letter, with its enclosure in original, from Captain B. Fischer, British Consular Agent at Karikal, requesting the Government to reconsider their order and permit him to live at Tranquebar during the hot months from April to September.

2. During the two months of the hot season Captain Fischer states that there is no emigration at all, and that during the other four it is very languid.

3. As there appears to be no house available at present at Karikal for Captain Fischer's residence, I think he might be allowed to live at Tranquebar, which is only six miles from Karikal—a distance which need not necessarily interfere with the punctual discharge of his duties.

From Captain B. FISCHER, British Consular Agent, Karikal, to the Acting Protector of Emigrants, dated Karikal, 10th June 1871, No. 31.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 717, dated 27th May 1871. I regret extremely the decision that has been arrived at, but I submit that, if instead of consulting the Collector of Tanjore—who until he wrote to me knew nothing about the nature of my duties—Government had consented to test for a certain time—say six months—my performance of these duties in the manner proposed by me, the result would have been more satisfactory, not only to myself but to the State. It may seem “ simply ridiculous to a high dignitary like the Collector of Tanjore that any one should travel twelve miles along a *not very* bad road to and from office; but I submit that to a young, active, and zealous officer the feat is as feasible as it is for gentlemen at Madras to drive every day from the Adyar to their Offices on the North Beach. I have done this with great ease for the last month. I have left Tranquebar in the cool of the morning long before the sun was up, commenced office at 6 o'clock and remained in Karikal until about 6 o'clock in the evening. The French authorities here have never had occasion to complain about remissness on my part, while you, sir, I know have ever found me most punctual in all my dealings with your office. I should perhaps have mentioned that I only wished to live at Tranquebar during the hot months from April to September, during two of which months there is no emigration at all, and during the other four of which emigration is very languid. For the rest of the year—when my house at Karikal would be tolerably habitable, and emigration at its height—I proposed to reside at Karikal.

2. With regard to the allegations of the Acting Sub-Collector of Tanjore with reference to the non-existence of emigration to Mauritius, I am sorry to say that I cannot agree with him. The testimony of many respectable inhabitants of that place points to the existence of illicit emigration, but they do not like to interfere with what, they say, does not concern them; and I submit that the best way of testing the truth of these assertions would have been to appoint me as Protector *pro tem* for six months say. It need not have cost Government an anna extra, and would not have interfered with the discharge of my other duties.

3. Since, however, I fear that Government will not be inclined to reconsider their decision, may I beg that you will, at any rate, procure me their permission to live at Tranquebar for two months? As it seems inevitable that I must reside permanently at Karikal, I have made arrangements to take an old house situated about a mile out of Karikal, and the proprietor of which has promised to rebuild and repair so as to have ready for me to occupy in two months. The enclosed certificate from the Chef de Service de Sante at Karikal will, I trust, convince you that it is impossible for me to live in the house in which I now hold my office at Karikal; and I regret to say that the accommodation lately offered me by the Secretary to Mr. Blum is no longer available.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

12th July 1871.

No. 105. From the Acting Protector of Emigrants, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st June 1871, No. 91-W.

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the British Consular Agent at Karikal, dated 14th instant, No. 86, together with a true copy of a letter addressed to him by the French functionaries, for the consideration of Government.

From Captain B. FISCHER, British Consular Agent, Karikal, to the Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Karikal, 14th June 1871, No. 86.

As I believe, from what I have just heard, that Government are inclined to construe my request to be permitted to live at Tranquebar into a settled design to keep out of Karikal altogether, I have the honour to direct your attention to the fact that, in the certificate which he gave me, Dr. Croe declared that the house I at present possess is the only one vacant in Karikal." The house outside that town which I shall now be forced to take, I shall take at great personal inconvenience to myself. Apart from the fact that it is in a ruinous condition, and that I shall have to pay from my own private purse towards making it habitable, it is so far from the market, from the Dépôt, and from the houses of the residents in Karikal that I shall always inhabit it at great inconvenience.

2. I am extremely pained to find that Government could think] me, even by implication, capable of neglecting my duties; and I enclose, therefore, the copy of a letter on this subject addressed to me by the French functionaries with whom I am more frequently brought into daily contact, and who would certainly be the first to complain did I so neglect these duties. It is, perhaps, a misfortune that I should ever have mooted the question of Tranquebar either as an eligible place for living in, or as a desirable field for further work; but even had I had a suitable house at Karikal, I should still have suggested that I might, while living at Karikal, have been appointed to watch the interests of those poor credulous creatures who, I am told, are cajoled into uncertain servitude at Tranquebar, as I thought that I might, without interfering with my other duties, mitigate or suppress this evil; but it is evident that I have been too zealous.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1871, No. 1041.

The Government cannot recede from the orders already passed on this subject. They deem it essentially necessary that Captain Fischer should make his permanent residence at Karikal, where his services are required and among the community with whom he is placed in official relations, but they will not object to his residing for two months at Tranquebar while his house at Karikal is under repair.

2. The Government notice with regret that Captain Fischer has apparently applied for, and obtained, from the French authorities, testimony to the efficient manner in which he performs his duties—a course which the Government deem very unbecoming on the part of a British Officer holding the position of Consular Agent at a Foreign Port. An officer so situated should not place himself under any description of obligation to the authorities of the place at which he is stationed, and should look for approval of his conduct to his own superiors alone.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

Ed. J. Wright.

Obit. of 1871 ~~at~~ *Madras*.

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To
THE ACTG. PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras.

Dated July, 12th.

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G. O., 12th July 1871, No. 1041.

JULY.
Nos. 104—106.

Sanctioning the residence of Captain Fischer, Consular Agent, Karikal, at Tranquebar for two months, but considering his permanent residence at Karikal essentially necessary, and disapproving the course adopted by him in obtaining from the French authorities testimony of the efficient manner in which he performs his duties.

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à

Monsieur le Capitaine Fischer

Agent Consulaire Britannique

à Kankal

Monsieur,

En réponse à votre lettre, je me fais un devoir de venir vous exprimer fidèlement que depuis mon entrée en fonction j'ai toujours opéré avec vous et sans jamais éprouver aucun retard dans tout le service relatif à votre émigration Française. Vous avez toujours été présent à chaque internement d'émigrants, et dans aucune occasion, de quelle nature elle ait pu se rencontrer, vous n'avez jamais fait défaut. Je suis heureux Monsieur,

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de profiter de cette circonstance, pour vous
exprimer la juste et haute estime que vos
actes méritent; nos relations ont toujours
été à la hauteur de la mission que vous
a été justement confiée. Votre mission, ~~maritime~~
est parfois difficile, mais, avec la distinction
de votre caractère loyale et dévouée à votre
devoir, vous avez toujours eu, en toutes
occasions, représenté les intérêts internationaux
et également le droit et l'humanité. Ma
haute estime, ajoutée à celle de mes supérieurs,
vous sont un sûr garant de toute attaque,
et je ne manquerai pas, en toutes circonstances,
d'exprimer le sentiment que ~~je vous en~~
veille, agréer, ~~mon~~ ~~le~~ ~~mon~~ ~~mon~~
mon dévouement.

Votre dévoué et serviteur

(Signé) Edmund Sheehan
Agent Français d'Immigration

(Le true copy)

Brownes Fischer (apt. ll)
British Consular Agent, Karikal

N^o 86.

British Consular Agency
Karikal 14th June 1871.

From

Captain Brownes Fischer
British Consular Agent
Karikal

To
The Honorable L. Erskine
Protector of Emigrants
Madras.

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Signed / Bowness Fischer
Captain
L.C.
British Consular Agent
Karikal

True Copy

J. H. Knott
Acting Protector of Emigrants

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Monsieur Soussigné, Médecin de la Marine, Chef
de service Des hôpitaux à Hospital, artifice que M. le
Capitaine Fischer est atteint d'une hypertrophie
du foie; cette affection est en outre compliquée
d'un affaiblissement notable des organes respiratoires
et nous estimons que, pendant la saison chaude, le
séjour de Monsieur Fischer dans la maison qu'il
occupe actuellement à Hospital et qui est la seule
vacante ne peut que être préjudiciable à la
santé de cet officier.

En foi de quoi nous avons de l'avis et signé
le présent certificat.

La. Médica de la Marina. Chef. De servicio
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British Consular Agency,
Karikal 10th June 1871

From

Captain Downes Fischer
British Consular Agent
Karikal

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The Honorable D. Arluthuott
Protector of Emigrants
Madras

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With regard to the allegations of the Acting Sub Collector of Tanjore with reference to the non-existence of emigration to Mauritius, I am sorry to say that I cannot agree with him. The testimony of many respectable inhabitants of that place points to the existence of illicit emigration, but they do not like to interfere with what, they say, does not concern them; and I submit that the best way of testing the truth of these assertions would have been to appoint me as Protector pro-tem - for six months say. It need not have cost Government an Anna extra and would not have interfered with the discharge of ^{my} other duties.

Since however, I fear that Government will not be inclined to reconsider

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

/Signed/ Bownefs Fischer Captain
British Consular Agent Harikal

True Copy.

A. H. H. H.
Acting Protector of Emigrants

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No 90
Protector's Office
Madras 21st June 1871

From
The Honorable D. Arbuthnot
Acting Protector of Emigrants
Madras

To
W. Huddleston Esq
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant!

A. A. Thruott

Acting Protector of Emigrants

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MARDAS GOVERNMENT.

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The Acting Protector of Emigrants
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