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No. 1359.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce.

SIR,

In reply to Mr. Under Secretary Geoghegan's letter, dated 11th August 1871, No. 14, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter received from the Protector of Emigrants furnishing the information required. From this letter, it appears that the Sub-Agents do not exercise any direct or personal influence in recruiting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Captain, R. E.,

*Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
 for Chief Secretary.*

OOTACAMUND,

11th September 1871.

From the Acting Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 28th August 1871, No. 124-M.

With reference to a letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, dated 11th August 1871, No. 14, I have the honour to inform you that Sub-Agents are employed at Cocanada and Vizagapatam in connexion with the Mauritius Emigration Agency established here. These Sub-Agents obtain recruiting licenses for their recruiters from this office through Dr. Conran, M.D., the Agent at this port. All intending emigrants are taken before the District Magistrate, who, after examining them, sends a list, giving their names, fathers' names, caste and ages, to the Protector of Emigrants. These emigrants on arrival at Madras are produced before the Protector, who calls over their names according to the list supplied by the District Magistrate.

2. It is then fully explained what work they are expected to do, what wages they will receive, and what food they will be supplied with. Any questions they ask are replied to, and, on their declaring their willingness to go, they are moved to the depôt, where they are well fed and cared for till their embarkation.

3. The emigrants are in no way confined to the depôt. They come and go at their own convenience; any restraint would be impossible. There are only four peons kept, and there are frequently three or four hundred emigrants in the depôt at one time. The depôt itself is a large piece of ground with four large sheds on it, and it is merely surrounded with a hedge. The detention of any one at the depôt against his or her will is simply impossible. There is no reason to suppose that the Sub-Agents use any direct or personal influence in recruiting, or that, if they did, any particular evil would arise therefrom.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

1871.

AGRICULTURE, REVENUE, AND
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce
Department.

Dated 4th September 1871.

Recd.

No. 1350.
Revenue.

Containing letter from the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, stating that the Agents in the Presidency do not exercise any direct or indirect influence in recruiting.

No. 14.

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From

J. Gough, Esq.
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department of Agriculture,
Revenue and Commerce

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of India,
Fort St. George,
Simla the 11 August 1871

Sir,

(Emigration)

I am directed to forward
~~an extract~~ from a letter from
the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta,
to the Government of Bengal,
and to enquire whether the
practice of employing sub-agents,
therein stated to have been identified
by the Jamaica Emigration Agency
in Bengal, is resorted to by
the Agencies in Madras.

2 The Government of India
would also be glad to receive
an expression of opinion of His
Excellency the Governor in Council
as

Handwritten notes at the top of the left page, mostly illegible.

*I have the honor to be
Your most Obedient*

Yr. Obedient

Respectfully to the Govt of India

*Refused for up to
the Ag. Protector of Emigrants
R. S. Ellis
Chief Secretary*

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Protector's Office
Madras 28 August 1871*

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Extract para. 4 of letter from Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, to Officiating Junior Secretary to Government of Bengal, No. 210, dated 17th May.

4. Regarding the employment by Mr. Anderson, Emigration Agent for Jamaica, of Messrs. Bird and Co. as sub-agents of emigration, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, the letter, with its enclosures, noted in the margin (a.)

The practice of employing sub-agents has been in force for some years, and from the correspondence marginally noted (b), it is clear that they have, or ought to have, nothing whatever to do with the actual recruiting of labourers, but are employed merely to supervise generally, and to furnish the necessary funds for the work of recruiting, conducted only by licensed recruiters subordinate to them.

From the office registers it does not appear that the recruiter Baldeo, licensed by my predecessor, Captain Burbank, ever held a license before.

*Subject Magistrate,
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Respectfully
The Ag. Protector of Ind
R. S. ...
Chief Sec

R. S. ... 29 July 1871 4 Pg

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From

The Under Secy, Govt of
India, Dept of Agri.
Culture & Simla

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No 1798.

Forwarding an extract from
a letter from the Prot. of India
grants, Calcutta, to the Govt
of Bengal, & enquiring whe-
ther the practice of employ-
ing Sub Agents therein stated
to have been adopted by the
Jamaica Emigration Agents
in Bengal, is referred to
by the Agents in Madras
and requesting the opinion
of Govt, as to whether such
Sub Agents, if they exist,
do not interfere with
hold entirely aloof from
the business of recruiting.

Referred to

The Ag. R.

Rd 22/12/71

N^o 124.

Protectors Office
Madras 28th August 1871

From

The Honorable D. Ananthuott
Acting Protector of Emigrants

To The Honorable R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

Wm. Smith

Acting Protector of Emigrants

P. O. 1871

From
Hon. J. P. Smith, Secretary
of the Interior

to the President of the
Senate

Washington
D. C.
August 1871

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That the Agents are
employed at Coanacast
Bogaga, a town in connection
with the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Agency at the same place
the Secretary desires for
the accounts obtain from
this Office that the Bureau
the Agent at this Post.
The said Agents in no way are
any direct or personal influence
in accounting.

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Public Department.
No. 1359.

To
The Secretary to Government
of India,

Sir, *Department of Agri-
culture, Revenue & Commerce.*

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J.P.S.

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To
The Secretary to the
Government of
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Dated 187

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Agricultural Res. Commission
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Forwarding letter from the Pro-
-tector of Emigrants stating
that the ~~Sub~~ Agents in this
Presy. do not exercise any
direct or personal in-
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