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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 302.

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
(*Emigration*).

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under-Secretary Geoghegan's letter, dated 12th September last, No. 45 (*Emigration*), calling attention to the communications, Nos. 35 and 36, dated 31st August, respectively, addressed to the Administrator of the Straits Settlement and to this Government.

2. As regards the proposal to obtain labour required at Penang from Madras instead of from the Tanjore District, in which case the importers of labour would then only have to bear their share of the expenses of the Protectorate, and would probably be able to obtain, for a moderate remuneration, the services, as Agent, of one of the gentlemen employed in that capacity by other Colonies, I am to observe that there would be no objection on the part of this Government to this arrangement. It will, however, probably not meet the wishes of the importers of labour to Penang, who take advantage of the long-established communication by Native Agency between the Ports of Negapatam, Nagore, Karikal, and Penang, to procure labourers for the latter island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Captain, R. E.,

*Acting Joint Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.*

OOTACAMUND,
23rd October 1871.

Ed. J. Wright.

**AGRICULTURE, REVENUE, AND
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.**

*The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,*

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

Dated 23rd October 1871.

Recd.

No. 1002.

Enclosure.

Communicating the views of this Government
as regards the proposal to obtain labour required
at Penang from Madras instead of from the
Canjore District.

It is requested that
the following number be
quoted in the reply to
this letter.

Governor 2947

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Singapore, 25 Augth 1871

Sir,

I am directed by His
Excellency the Administra-
tor of the Straits Settlements
to inform you that by a
Despatch from the Secretary
of State for the Colonies.

His Excellency has been
directed to place himself
in communication with
the Government of Madras
regarding Coolie Immigration
to

To The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Fort St George

21 - memo respectively addressed
to

to this Colony, and that
His Excellency trusts that
that Government will be
ready to meet the wishes
of this Colony by sanc-
tioning the Emigration
to it of Indian Labourers
at an early date.

I am to request to be
informed under what con-
ditions it is proposed to
allow of this Emigration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

E. A. Irving

Asst Colonial Secretary
for Colonial Secretary
Straits Settlements

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Notwithstanding that
that Govt has been
directed to place itself
in communication with
the Govt of Madras re-
garding Native Emigrants
to that colony and in-
quiring under what
conditions it is proposed
to allow of their emigration.

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S.D. No. 1602. 723 Act
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The Hon. Secretary
Straits Settlements
Dated 25. Sept
Recd. 14. Oct. 71
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From

J. Geoghegan Esqre
Under Secretary to the Govt of India
Department of Agriculture,
Revenue and Commerce

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Fort St. George
Simla the 12 September 1871

Sir,

Emigration

I am directed to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter No. 1313
dated the 25th ultimo, on the
subject of emigration of Native
laborers from the Madras Presidency
to the Straits Settlements, and in
reply to state that orders thereon
will be deferred until the Governor
General in Council is informed
of the views of the Government
of the Straits Settlements and of
the Madras Government on the
proposals contained in the com-
munications Nos. 35 and 36 dated
31st ultimo respectively addressed to

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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 S. L. No 1602
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FROM

A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

TO

THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
SINGAPORE.

Dept. of Agriculture,
Revenue, and Commerce.
(Emigration.)

SIMLA, the 3/ August 1871.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 24th ultimo, urging the Government of India to expedite the measures necessary for continuing the emigration of laborers from India to the Straits Settlements.

2. A despatch upon the subject has also been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, enclosing, among other documents, a letter dated the 15th May last, from His Excellency Sir Harry Ord, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley, which, it is presumed, expresses generally the views of the Colonial Government as to the admissible restrictions upon emigration. In case, however, that letter should not be before His Excellency the Administrator, a copy is enclosed.

3. In that letter, it will be seen, Sir H. Ord proposes a course intermediate between the enforcement, in its integrity, of the law* applicable to emigration to Mauritius and the West Indian Colonies, and the absolute freedom of emigration to Ceylon. The precautions suggested are, that the Colonial Government should establish, at any port which with the consent of the Indian Government might be opened for the purpose, a Protector of Emigrants and a depot whereat intending emigrants could be received prior to embarkation, and that emigrants should only be embarked on ships which had received the approval and license of the Protector. The main objection to the introduction of the whole machinery of the Act is the expense which would be entailed on the Colony. This argument is based on the assumption that the emigration must take place from some other port than Madras. But I am directed to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency the Administrator, whether the needful labour might not be obtained from the port of Madras, which is not much further from Penang than is Negapatam, whence the immigration has hitherto for the most part been carried on. The importers of labour would then only have to bear their share of the expenses of the Protectorate, and would probably be able to obtain, for a moderate remuneration, the services, as agent, of one of the gentlemen already employed in that capacity by other Colonies. Should this suggestion commend itself, His Excellency the Administrator might place himself in communication with the Government of Madras, in order to ascertain the exact cost of the scheme. It is believed that the average annual number of

* Now embodied in Act VII., 1871, a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.

laborers emigrating (e. g.) to Jamaica from Madras, does not exceed that estimated by Sir H. Ord as needed for Penang; and the former Colony finds it worth while to bear its share in the expenses involved in compliance with the Emigration Act, while the cost of transport must be much greater than in the case of any of the Straits Settlements. If such an arrangement were adopted, the Governor General in Council could, without having recourse to legislation, by an executive order permit emigration from Madras to the Straits Settlements.

4. But, should it appear open to insurmountable objections, I am to request that His Excellency the Administrator will have the goodness to state, for the information of the Government of India, exactly on what points and to what extent he desires a relaxation of the law in favour of the Colonies under his care. The port from which it is desired that the emigration should take place ought also to be specified. It would probably save time, if, should such a communication prove necessary, it were transmitted by the Colonial Government, through the Government of Madras, which, in forwarding it to the Governor General in Council, could thus have an opportunity of expressing its views.

5. A copy of this communication will be forwarded to the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. O. HUME,

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 20.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, with reference to the communications cited in the margin, and with a request that

From Government of Madras, to Government of India, No. 859, dated 16th June 1871.

From Secretary of State, to Government of Madras, No. 14, dated 23rd idem.

the Government of India may be favored with the views of His Excellency the Governor in

Council on the plan proposed in paragraph 3.

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

[Emigration.]

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
SINGAPORE.

No. 26.

Dated 31st August
Recd 11th September 1871.

No 1925

EMIGRATION of laborers from India to the Straits
Settlements.

To

The Secretary to Government
of India,

Sir,

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated
12th September last.
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Continued
23^d Oct. 1871.

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From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Port of George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department.

Dated Oct. 23. 1871.
Recd.

No. 1602.
Enclosure.

Nos. 123. 126.

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The views of the Govt. as
to the proposal of
the labor required at
the port of Madras
and the proposed
scheme of the port.

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