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8th March 1871.

No. 39. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., President of the Committee for the Management of the Vagrancy Home, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th February 1871:—

The three destitute Europeans whose names are given in the margin have been sent to Madras at different times by the Magistrate of Canannore, and have been received into the Home on the belief that the orders of Government had been sought by the Magistrate who is stated to have caused these men to execute the agreement required by the Vagrancy Act. The Commissioner of Police, however, has received no communication on the subject, and I can only conclude that the Magistrate of Canannore has made no application to Government. I request orders as to the deportation of the men.

2. I have also the honour to apply for passages for the persons named in the separate list which accompanies this letter.

3. It will be observed that most of these men came to India from the Australian Colonies on ships bringing horses, and it is notorious that a considerable number of persons, wholly without means of support, are in this way landed in India every year, and become chargeable in most cases on the Indian community or on the State. The matter has been already brought to the notice of the Colonial Governments, but no means have apparently been taken to secure to those wishing to return to Australia the means of doing so.

4. I further beg to submit, for the information of Government, copy of a letter received from the Committee of the Bombay Strangers' Home, from which it will be observed that the deportation clauses of the Vagrancy Act are apparently not in operation in that Presidency, and that men who wish to leave India find their way here from Bombay in order to get the benefit of the system which has been initiated here. I beg to be favoured with the Order of Government on the proposal to constitute the Royapoorum Home a Government Work-house.

Statements of Inmates who have requested the President and Committee to obtain them free passages to England and Australia, under the European Vagrancy Act.

1. THOMAS CLARK.—States he is a seaman shipped from England, on board the Ship *Shields*, in July last, for Ceylon, where he was paid off but received no discharge. He has a brother in Melbourne who is willing to assist him. Wants to go to Melbourne.

2. FRANK REAMOND.—States he belongs to Wexford, and is by trade a Smith. Came to Bombay in 1867, and was employed three years by Government at land reclamation. Was attacked with paralysis about twelve months ago, which has rendered him incapable of working. Came from Bombay to Madras for change. Has a brother and also a married sister in Sydney, who are able and willing to assist him. Wishes to be sent to Sydney.

3. WILLIAM BELL.—States he belongs to Melbourne, where his parents at present reside. He is by trade a slater. Came to Madras in the Ship *Antiope* with horses, and with a view of obtaining employment. Has no testimonials. Wishes to return to Melbourne.

4. GEORGE RIDLEY.—States he was born in London. Came to Australia, where he has relations, in 1855. Left in the Ship *Antiope* with horses, and came to Madras with a view of improving his condition. No testimonials. Wants to return to the Colonies.

5. J. O'CONNOR.—Born in Queen's County, but brought up in Australia. Is a labourer. Came to Madras in the Ship *Antiope* with horses, and with a view of bettering his condition. No testimonials. Wants to return to the Colonies.

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6. DUNCAN MCGILVER.—Native of Scotland and a labourer. Came to Australia in 1852, and has been employed in the bush there. Came to Madras with horses in the Ship *Antiope*, and with a view of obtaining employment. Has no testimonials. Wishes to return to Australia.

7. G. J. WALLER.—Belongs to London. Is an Engine Driver. Worked his passage to Ceylon in Steamer *Livonia*, and came to Madras to look for employment on the Railway. Has testimonials. Can get no employment. Wishes to go to Melbourne.

8. J. DEMPSEY.—Belongs to Manchester, and is a labourer. He came to Australia about two years ago. Came to Madras in the Ship *Antiope* with horses; can get no employment. Has a ship testimonial. Wishes to return to England.

9. J. WRENSTED.—Belongs to London. Is a warehouseman. He worked his passage to Australia last year, and was employed there for a short time at labouring work. Came to Madras with horses in the Ship *Antiope*, and with a view to obtain employment. He has no testimonials. Wishes to be sent to London.

10. WILLIAM DRISCOL.—Belongs to Ireland, and is a labourer. He emigrated to Australia in June last, and was employed there for a short time. Came to Madras with horses in the Ship *Antiope*, and also to look for employment. He has no testimonials. He is only 18 years of age. Wants to be sent to England.

11. J. PURVIS.—Born at Kilmarnock. By trade a moulder. Emigrated in 1867 to Australia. Went to Calcutta in charge of horses, and was temporarily employed at that place and in Bombay. Wants to be sent to Sydney where he has relations.

STRANGERS' HOME,
MADRAS, 16th February 1871.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
President.

From the Honorary Secretary, Strangers' Friend Society, Bombay, to the President of the Strangers' Friend Society, Madras, dated Bombay, 21st February 1871.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 31st ultimo, in which you state that information has reached you that certain destitute men have found their way from this Presidency to Madras, in order to take advantage of the deportation clauses under the new Vagrancy Act which are in force at Madras and not in Bombay.

2. With regard to this matter, I am desired by the Committee of the Bombay Strangers' Friend Society to point out that no facilities are given to inmates of the "Strangers' Home" here to leave this Presidency, excepting in occasional cases where it is clear that men have obtained *bonâ fide* employment, and the Committee, therefore, disclaim all responsibility for any burden which may be cast upon the Madras Society owing to the incomplete operation of the Vagrancy Act in Bombay.

3. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Bombay Government, who will doubtless represent the matter in the quarter where the real responsibility rests.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1871, No. 283.

Under the provisions of Section 17 of the European Vagrancy Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the grant of free passages to the eleven persons named in the margin, to the places specified opposite their respective names.

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| 1. Thomas Clark | } To Melbourne. |
| 2. William Bell. | |
| 3. G. J. Waller. | |
| 4. Frank Reamond. | } To Sydney. |
| 5. J. Purvis. | |
| 6. George Ridley. | } To the Colonies. |
| 7. J. O'Connor. | |
| 8. Duncan McGilvery. | |
| 9. J. Dempsey. | } To England. |
| 10. William Driscoll. | |
| 11. J. Wrensted. | To London. |

2. The Commissioner of Police will cause these persons to execute the agreement prescribed by Section 17 of

the Act, and arrange with the Master Attendant for the provision of passages at an early date.

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3. The charge will be met from the Budget assignment of Rupees 20,000 for the current year.

4. Orders will be issued separately regarding the Vagrants' Home at Royapuram.

5. The Cantonment Magistrate of Cannanore will be requested to expedite the transmission of his report to Government regarding the three persons named in the margin of paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter.

6. The attention of the Governments of Victoria and Bombay will be respectively requested to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Mr. Forbes' letter.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 41. To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Melbourne, dated Fort Saint George, 8th March 1871, No. 284.

Referring to my letter, dated the 9th March 1870, No. 288, I am directed to transmit a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, number and date as per margin, and to request the attention of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria to paragraph 3 of the letter from the President of the Vagrants' Home at Madras, with a view to measures being taken to protect Europeans in the position of grooms being taken away from Australia without adequate provision being made for their return.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 42. To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 8th March 1871, No. 285.

I am directed to transmit a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, number and date as per margin, and to request the attention of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to paragraph 4 of the letter from the President of the Vagrants' Home at Madras, with a view to measures being adopted in that Presidency for carrying out the provisions of Section 17 of the European Vagrancy Act.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Obbt. of 1871 *Madras*.

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To

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MANAGE-
MENT OF THE VAGRANCY HOME,
Madras.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated *March, 8th.*

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G. O., *8th March 1871*, No. 283.

MARCH.
Nos. 39-42.

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to eleven inmates of the Vagrants' Home to cer-
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Governments of Victoria and Bombay to para-
graphs 3 and 4, respectively, of a letter from the
President of the Vagrants' Home at *Madras*.

Stranger's Home
Madras 28 February 1871.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

Sir,

James Williams
Alfred Smith
O'Hara

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant

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President. -

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28th Dec 1871
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2nd Dec 1871

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 1st Jan 1872

Requesting notice
 relative to the depen-
 dence of 3 children of
 John and Mary, who have
 been in the hands of the
 Magistrate of London since
 and also applying for
 passages for their return
 to London and to
 return to England and
 Australia.

My dear Sir - The children
 belong to a Papist
 letter of yesterday's date.
 kindly send it into office
 to be addressed there. I
 am sorry to say I forgot
 it. I think it would
 be quite as well our
 should require that
 Pombay is a not

gone; to ship off her own
baggage. If the
letter of yesterday has
early despatch it will
improve our chances
of shipping these ^{we have}
I don't intend to
collect any more
subscriptions of fort
with not pass order
about taking over

to Home.

to me

to the

March.

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Bombay 21st February 1871.

To The Honorable G. F. Forbes
President
Strangers' Friend Society
Pogamporram
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 31st ult. in which you state that information has reached you that certain destitute men have found their way from this Presidency to Madras in order to take advantage of the Deportation Clauses under the New Vagrancy Act which are in force at Madras and not in Bombay.

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Sir,

Your Most obedient Servant

Richard. L. Fry

Hon. Secy. Stranger's Friend Society

Stranger's Home 16 February 1871

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He has a brother in Melbourne who
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Wants to go to Melbourne.

Frank Reamond. — States he belongs to Oxford and is
by trade a Smith, came to Bombay in
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incapable of working. Came from Bombay
to Madras for change. Has a brother
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obtaining employment: has no testimonials.

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George Ridley. - States he was born in London. Came to Australia, where he has relations in 1855, left in the ship Antiope with horses and came to Madras with a view of improving his condition. No testimonials.

Wants to return to the Colonies.

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Wishes to return to Australia.

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Strangers Home
Madras February 1871

E. J. Jones
President

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

the President Strangers
Home Committee dated
28th February 1871 No. 11.

Order thereon ~~shortly~~ ~~to be~~

Under the pro-

visions of Section 1 of the

European Vagrancy Act,

His Excellency the Governor

in Council sanctions the

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2 - The Commissioner

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3. J. Waller. }

4. Frank Beaumont } To Sydney.
5. J. Lewis. }

6. George Ridley } To the
7. J. O'Connor } Colonies.

8. Duncan } To Australia.
9. M. Gilbey. }

9. J. Dampney } To England.
10. Wm. Driscoll. }

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Section 17 of the Act, and
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Attendant for the pro-
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an early date.

3 The charge will be
met from the Budget
assignment of Rs. 20,000
for the current year.

4 Orders will be issued
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The Officer for the management of the Vagrants Home, Madras.
The Commr. of Police Madras.

" Master Attendant Madras.

" Accountant-General.

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To be printed with the annual report
of the Paymaster General

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Reference is made to the
report of the Paymaster General
made by the Paymaster General
in relation to certain claims of
the State of California and
San Francisco 374 and
in relation to a letter from
the State of California
in relation to the same.