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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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No. 90. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 9th March 1871, No. 15 (Public):—

I have had before me in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, dated the 28th of December last, No. 134, and its enclosures, relative to the form in which the engagements of coolies for service in Réunion are drawn up in India.

2. I have forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the Despatch and its accompanying papers, with a request that, should Earl Granville see no objection, they may be communicated to the Queen's Consul at Réunion.

3. I have informed Lord Granville that I concur with your Lordship's Government as to the validity of the objections entertained by the Governments of Bengal and Madras to the adoption of the changes in respect of the wording of the engagements in question recommended by Mr. Segrave in his Immigration Report for 1869.

4. I desire that your Excellency in Council will take the necessary measures for causing intending emigrants for Réunion, whether from Bengal or the Madras Presidency, to be distinctly informed, as suggested by the Bengal Government,* as to the probabilities regarding the nature of their employment in the colony.

* Extract from paragraph 2 of letter from Government of Bengal, to Government of India, No. 3202, dated 16th September 1870.

* * * "If it is thoroughly explained to intending emigrants that field labour will, in all probability, be exacted from each of them, and that any one proceeding to the colony in the hope of other employment may or may not succeed in procuring it, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks that matters might remain as they are."

5. Adverting to the concluding paragraph of the letter of the 27th of July 1870, from the Protector of Emigrants at Madras, relative to the conveyance of time-expired coolies from Réunion to Calcutta, I have suggested to Lord Granville the expediency of furnishing Mr. Segrave with a copy of the communication upon this subject from the Provisional Government of France, which was enclosed in my Despatch, No. 109, of last year to your Government, should His Lordship not have already communicated to the Consul the letter in question.

No. 2215.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to previous correspondence ending with the letter from that Government, No. 1258, dated the 10th October last, and special attention drawn to paragraph 4.

By Order of the Governor-General of India in Council,

HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC,
SIMLA, the 8th May 1871.

(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1871, No. 684.

Communicated to the Protector of Emigrants with reference to his letter, dated the 27th July 1870, No. 72-W.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
22nd May 1871.

2. The Protector of Emigrants will draw the special attention of the Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal to paragraph 4 of the foregoing Despatch.
(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

INDIA OFFICE;
London, the 9th March 1871.

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I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

ARGYLL.

No. 2215
Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to previous correspondence ending with the letter from that Government, No. 1253, dated the 10th October last, and special attention drawn to paragraph 4.

By Order of the Governor General of India in Council,

HOME DEPARTMENT,

PUBLIC;

Sindh, the 6th May 1871.

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

GOVT. OF INDIA

PUBLIC.

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras.

Dated May 22nd.

Recd.

G. O. 22nd May 1871, No. 684.

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