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No. 205

From

Protectors office
Madras, 28th July 1881.
Despatched 29th 1881

A. W. Barlow Esq^r

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Ag Protector of Emigrants
Madras.

To

C. G. Master Esq^r

Offs Chief Secretary to Govt

Public Department

Cotacamund.

Sir,

With reference to the remark made by Government, in G.O. No. 45 dated 13th July 1881, that "special enquiry by the Protector" is necessary as to the prevalence of desertions from the Natal Emigration Depot, I have the honour to observe, that, prior to the receipt of the G.O., I had noticed the number of desertions from this Depot, and made enquiries, which resulted in my concluding that such arose from the causes noted below, rather than from false inducements to enlist, or defective arrangements as to food, and general comfort at the Depot.

(a) The bulk of the emigrants are recruited at Madras, and destitution is often the cause for enlisting; when their wants are satisfied after a few days' good feeding, they begin to feel the restraint, and make off

off to their old haunts close by. (6) Those -
whether from Madras or upcountry - who
enlisted from causes other than destitution,
such as family quarrels, intrigue, disgrace
&c, are often followed by their friends
or relatives and induced to change their
minds; and frequently desert in
preference to repaying the charges
incurred on their account by the Depot,
or running the risk of legal proceedings.

2. The Emigration Agent for Natal,
whom I have consulted since the receipt
of the G.O., not, of course, as regards defects
in the Depot arrangements or recruitment,
but as to outside causes at work,
adds another reason (C). He says "some are
"tampered with by the Recruiters of
"Emigration Depôts established
"elsewhere, and are carried away by
"them clandestinely, holding out to
"them better prospects, the immediate
"one being, the payment of a certain
"sum of money into their hands before
"embarkation, which the Natal Govt
"do not allow." No case of the kind
has ever been substantiated in my
time, but that such causes may
occasionally be at work seems, by no
means, improbable; an advance of
three

three months' wages must be a tremendous
inducement to a poor coolie to change
his destination.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

W. W. Gordon
Ag. Protector of Emigrants

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have known
many of this
sort

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From

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George.

CURRENT No. 1577

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ENCLOSURES.

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Subject.

Reporting on the causes for
the prevalence of desertions from
the Natal Emigration Dept.

W. H. Miller

W. H. Miller

*at the Protector of
Emigrants, Madras
Despatch 10/8*

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