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Mr. H. 898.

In reference to his letter
no 43 dated 12 May 1887
the President of the Managing
Committee, J. E. W. Brown
is requested to report
the authority under which
R 3 was sanctioned
as the daily allowance
to dependants during their
detention in prison

S. J. Jones

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CORRESPONDENCE No. 903

Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo, 23rd April 1881

no. 47
Sir,

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I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ceylon to transmit to you the annexed copy of a letter from the Government Agent of the Southern Province of this Colony and to request you to be good enough to lay it before the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor of Madras in Council in order that arrangements may be made for the future subsistence of any deported vagrants who may unexpectedly be detained in Ceylon on their way to Australia or elsewhere.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant

Geo W. Whittier
for Col Secy

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George
Madras.

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No 203

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Government Agents Office
Dalle 13 April 1881

Sir,

A man of the name of Robert Ransom and four other Europeans have applied to me under the following circumstances for aid or assistance which beyond making them a small pecuniary gift I had no power to afford them.

They state that under the Indian Vagrancy Act they have been given free passages to Australia and produced a passage ticket by P & O Steamer in proof of this.

On information obtained they state from the P & O agent at Madras they were given subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs 1 each per diem for ten days detention here while awaiting the departure of the steamer for Australia. They landed here on the 2^d Instant from the steamer Verma and have therefore been now eleven days here and are they state without any further funds.

The Honble

The Colonial Secretary Colombo.

funds.

They have applied to the P & O Agent here to be allowed to go on board the Steamer Sydney now in harbour but this he declines to permit until after the arrival of the outward bound mail Steamer from Aden or until the Australian Steamer is on the point of departure.

These men say that others similarly deported from India are likely to follow. I would therefore suggest that the Madras Government should be requested in such cases to communicate with this Government and make provision when necessary for payment of such subsistence allowance as may be required.

I have &c

W. W. Hume

Govt Agent

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Jo. 375-19-2-M.
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Public (1001) Dept.
(Vagrants)

R.D.

4 MAY 81

Thru

Ceylon Govt.

No. 27

of 23 April 81
of 4 May 81

CURRENT No. 903

Regarding subsistence
of deported Vagrants mis-
-peatedly detained in Ceylon
on their way to Australia
or elsewhere -

Refused.

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No. 825

Refused to the
Commissioners of
Police as President
of the Committee for
management of the
Govt work house,
for criminals.

By the Secy.

Costs amount
7th May 1881.

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Government Work House

Madras 12 May 1881

CURRENT No. 10/10

From

The Prison Management Committee

Government Work House

To

The Chief Secy.

To Government.

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Sir,

I have the honor to return
the enclosed correspondence to you as
follows.

1. When Vagrants declare to be desirous
to Australia they are sent from here to Cattle
to a Port Steamer. There to await the arrival
from Bombay of the Steamer to Australia.
According to the present rates of sailing of
these Steamers there is an unavoidable
delay of ten days at Cattle. To meet their
subsistence expenses while there each Vagrant
has a sum calculated at Rs. 3-0-0
per diem for ten days or Rs. 30-0-0 paid
into his hands on the Madras Pier before
he is embarked besides Rs. 10-0-0 for
his London expenses when he arrives at

Australia, so that the statement made by
the man Ransom is not true, that he only
had he only received at the rate of Rs 1-0-0 per
day for his subsistence when at Cattle. I am
certain that these Vagrants receive the money
~~the money~~ I state, because it is paid into
their hands by the Governor of the Work House
in the presence of the Superintendent Native
Police who signs a certificate to say it has
been so paid. This man Ransom was with
four others deported on the 31 March for
Australia, he got drunk on board the
Steamer, managed to get ashore, and was
arrested and taken back by the Native Police.

3 We have lately had another similar
case. a man Jones, was, with four others put
on board the Steamer Kaiser-i-Hind for
deportation to Australia, but he got so drunk
on board that the Captain handed him
over to the Police who brought him ashore,
he was very violent. He was placed before
the Magistrate and was sentenced to 12 days

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rigorous imprisonment. He has been sent off
in the Porch and the remains of his sub-
-sistence allowance Rs 25-4-0 with his
ten shillings landing money handed over
to the Purser to be given to him at Cattle,
this will prevent him getting any liquor on
board the Steamer unless the Steward gives
him credit.

4 I have arranged with the Agri-
-culture Company here that in future, in all cases
of Vagrants deported to Australia their
Cattle subsistence money and landing money
shall be given in charge of the Purser on board
who will hand it over to the man on arrival
at Cattle, which would be a most excellent
plan if the Government of Ceylon would take
(would take) charge of such Vagrants during
their stay in Cattle see them put on board
the Australian Steamer, and bill us for
any expenses for subsistence and boat-
hire they may incur. In present we
take the passage for these men, give them
Rs 30-0-0 and ten shillings in their pockets,
a good kit and start them off, which becomes

of them after they leave Madras God knows,
whether they do go to Australia, or hang
about Ceylon, or return to India we know
not, we have at present no means of
knowing. They are, when they leave us
without any control, and at liberty to do as
they like, so as they don't turn up in Madras
again where they would be probably re-
cognized.

Yours most truly

Sir

Genl. M. H. D. S. S. S.

Secretary to the

Committee of Management

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Public (1881) Deps.
(Vagrants)
R.D.

From
The President of Committee
Government Workhouse

6 MAY 81

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

For order.

The suggestion of the President
to deposit the Vagrants to
understand the duty of
looking after the Vagrants
during their supposed de-
tention at Galle might be
submitted to that pt. for
consideration

In the particular
instance in question the
man's story seems to have
been a falsehood. So long
however as we supply them
with so large an amount of
cash to hand these Vagrants
are liable to spend it in a day
and it is to be distributed for the rest

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Dated 12 May 1881 No 43
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CURRENT No 1010
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According explanation as to
the rates of subsistence money
paid to Vagrants deported to
Australia while awaiting
arrival of Steamer for destination
and the means now adopted
in paying the same

21st MAY 1881, No. 688, PUBLIC.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the
Chief Secretary to Government, dated Colombo, 23rd April 1881, No. 27:—

I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ceylon to transmit to you the
annexed copy of a letter from the Government Agent of the Southern Province of this
Colony, and to request you to be good enough to lay it before the Right Honorable the
Governor of Madras in Council in order that arrangements may be made for the
future subsistence of any deported vagrants who may unexpectedly be detained in
Ceylon on their way to Australia or elsewhere.

ENCLOSURE.

From W. W. HUME, Esq., Government Agent, to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
Colombo, dated Galle, 13th April 1881, No. 203.

A man of the name of Robert Ransom and four other Europeans have applied to me, under
the following circumstances, for aid or assistance which, beyond making them a small pecuniary
gift, I had no power to afford them.

2. They state that under the Indian Vagrancy Act they have been given free passages to
Australia, and produced a passage ticket by Peninsular and Oriental Steamer in proof of this.

3. On information obtained they state from the Peninsular and Oriental Agent at Madras
they were given subsistence allowance at the rate of Re. 1 each per diem for ten days' detention
here while awaiting the departure of the steamer for Australia. They landed here on the 2nd
instant from the Steamer *Verma* and have therefore been now eleven days here and are, they
state, without any further funds.

4. They have applied to the Peninsular and Oriental Agent here to be allowed to go on
board the steamer for Sydney now in harbour, but this he declines to permit until after the
arrival of the outward bound Mail Steamer from Aden, or until the Australian steamer is on
the point of departure.

5. These men say that others similarly deported from India are likely to follow. I would
therefore suggest that the Madras Government should be requested in such cases to communicate
with this Government and make provision, when necessary, for payment of such subsistence
allowance as may be required.

Reference on the above, dated 7th May 1881, No. 825.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police as President of the Committee for
Management of the Government Workhouse for remarks.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secretary.

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. O. SWANSTON, President of the
Managing Committee, Government Workhouse, to the Chief Secretary to
Government, dated Madras, 12th May 1881, No. 43:—

I have the honor, in returning the enclosed correspondence, to report as follows.

2. When vagrants declare to be deported to Australia they are sent from here to
Galle by a Peninsular and Oriental Steamer, there to await the arrival from Bombay of

the steamer to Australia. According to the present dates of sailing of these steamers there is an unavoidable delay of ten days at Galle. To meet their subsistence expenses while there, each vagrant has a sum calculated at Rs. 3 per diem for ten days, or Rs. 30 paid into his hands on the Madras Pier before he is embarked, besides 10 shillings for his landing expenses when he arrives at Australia, so that the statement made by the man Ransom is not true, that he only received at the rate of Re. 1 per diem for his subsistence when at Galle. I am certain that these vagrants receive the money I state, because it is paid into their hands by the Governor of the Workhouse in the presence of the Superintendent, Marine Police, who signs a certificate to say it has been so paid. This man Ransom was, with four others, deported on the 31st March for Australia; he got drunk on board the steamer, managed to get ashore, and was arrested and taken back by the Marine Police.

3. We have lately had another similar case: a man Jones was, with four others, put on board the Steamer *Kaiser-i-Hind* for deportation to Australia, but he got so drunk on board that the Captain handed him over to the Police, who brought him ashore; he was very violent. He was placed before the Magistrate and was sentenced to seven days' rigorous imprisonment. He has been sent off in the *Poonah*, and the remains of his subsistence allowance, Rs. 25-4-0 with his 10 shillings landing money, handed over to the Purser to be given to him at Galle; this will prevent him getting any liquor on board the steamer unless the Steward gives him credit.

4. I have arranged with the Agent, Peninsular and Oriental Company here, that in future, in all cases of vagrants deported to Australia, their Galle subsistence money and landing money shall be given in charge of the Purser on board, who will hand it over to the men on arrival at Galle; but it would be a most excellent plan if the Government of Ceylon would take charge of such vagrants during their stay in Galle, see them put on board the Australian Steamer, and bill us for any expenses for subsistence and boat-hire they may incur. At present we take the passage for these men, give them Rs. 30 and 10 shillings in their pockets, a good kit and start them off; what becomes of them after they leave Madras God knows, whether they do go to Australia, or hang about Ceylon, or return to India we know not; we have at present no means of knowing. They are, when they leave us, without any control and at liberty to do as they like, so as they do not turn up in Madras again where they would be probably recognized.

LETTER—to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated Ootacamund, 21st May 1881, No. 688, Public.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 27, transmitting copy of a letter from the Agent at Galle bringing to notice that five Europeans, deported by this Government under the Vagrancy Act to Australia, had complained of the provision for their subsistence during their detention at Galle, I am directed to inform you that the statement made by them, that the allowance was only Re. 1 per diem per man, is incorrect. They were each paid on the date of their embarkation a sum of Rs. 30, calculated at Rs. 3 per diem, for a detention of ten days at Galle, and were given besides 10 shillings each for landing expenses on arrival at Australia; but as the Government are informed that this pecuniary assistance is frequently abused and spent by the vagrants in dissipation during the voyage to Galle and after their arrival there, I am instructed to inquire, in view to checking such abuses, whether the Ceylon Government would be willing, in communication with this Government, who would of course repay the expenditure incurred, to undertake the duty of looking after vagrants similarly deported during their enforced detention at Galle and of seeing them put on board the Australian steamers.

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

Edw. T. O'Connor.

[Office-paper Form.]

Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers in hand down to date:—

X No. 1070 of 1881
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DRAFT ORDER.
NOTE FOR ORDERS.

Memo. to Secy.
of Govt. Workhouse
sent on the 21st May 1881.

Ask flyler Govt if they
were talking to
in communication
in the matter
Tell what sum the
sanctd. P. 3 - daily
detention allowance
It seems far too large
for the class of people
N.H.

Despatch 1/6/1871

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The Hon. the Secy:

Idaho.

Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ult., No. 27. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Agent at Galles informing to inform that 5 Europeans departed by the Goth under the Papuaney Act to Australia had complained of the provision for their subsistence during their detention at Galles. I am directed to inform you that the State made by them that

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The amount was only £1:1 per diem per man in circumstances. They were each paid on the date of their embarkation a sum of £1:30⁰ calculated at £1:3 per diem for detention of 60 days at Galles & were given besides ten shillings each for landing expenses on arrival at Australia, but as the Goth are informed that this pecuniary assistance is ^{not} based on a speech by the Papuaney in circumstances of dissipation before during the voyage to Galles, I am directed to inform in order to

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Hayward ✓

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21 MAY 51

BY G.O. NO. 688 (Public)

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checking such abuses
L. H. Govt. has been
teasing & payment
of all expenses incurred,
Shelton the Ceylon

Govt. would be
in communication with the Govt.
being to understand
the Govt. of course repay the expenditure incurred
the duty of looking after

prisoners similarly
deported during their
imposed detention

Stay at Galle & leaving
them fresh on board
the Australian Steamer

from notes

P.S.

2 to 1 scale + 2.25

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