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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

28th May 1881, No. 716.

Emigration.

Read the following papers :—

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd March 1881, No. 608 [Current No. 466].

I have the honor to state that there is reason to believe that illegal recruiting of coolies for Burma is carried on in the Ramnad and Sivaganga Zemindaries in this district. Some cases of unlicensed recruitment were also lately tried by the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, and the accused were convicted by him. To check such malpractices, I think it would be desirable to appoint, under the Burma Labor Law, Emigration Agents at the principal ports of Pamban in this district and Negapatam in Tanjore, where there are no such officers at present. If Government think it proper, I would suggest that the Master Attendant at Pamban be appointed an Emigration Agent at that port.

2. It is very desirable that emigration from this district should be encouraged.

No. 481.

Referred to the Collector of Tanjore for early remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th March 1881.

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Under Secretary.

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Tanjore, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Tiruvallur, 25th March 1881, No. 209.

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, No. 1337, I have the honor to inform you that I learn that a large number of passengers embark from Negapatam to Burma, and that a majority of them pay their passage money on reaching their destination. I also learn that one party hires a steamer or vessel for a lump sum at certain rate per head, and issues tickets at rates over and above the actual rate of charter, and that some of these tickets are paid for on the spot; but a large portion of them are bills payable within certain periods which extend to months and years.

2. From these facts, I strongly suspect that many of them are not *bona fide* free passengers, and illegal recruiting of coolies to Burma is going on here.

Years.	No. of Passengers.
1876-77	6,177½
1877-78	5,840
1878-79	4,304½
1879-80	5,073½
1880-81	4,450½
Total	25,846

3. I, therefore, think it advisable to appoint an Emigration Agent here under the Burma Labor Act.

4. A statement of passengers proceeded to Burma from Negapatam and Nagore during the past five years is given in the margin.

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No. 1677 [Current No. 677].

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, with reference to his Under Secretary's endorsement, No. 481, dated 10th March 1881.

2. It appears clear from Mr. Austin's letter that illegal recruiting of laborers for Burma is carried on at Negapatam to a considerable extent, and it, therefore, seems desirable that an Emigration Agent for that Port should be appointed as soon as practicable.

3. The enclosure is returned.

TANJORE,
28th March 1881.

(Signed) F. WEBSTER,
Collector.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1881, No. 716.

Ordered that copy of Proceedings, dated 24th July 1878, No. 1143, be furnished to the Collectors of Madura and Tanjore, from which they will see that the provisions of the British Burma Labor Law have not approved themselves in practice, and the Government doubt whether any real necessity exists for interfering with what would seem to be free export of laborers to the Burma market.

2. The report will, however, be communicated to the Chief Commissioner, British Burma, in view to the repression of any abuses which may possibly exist there in the matter of recovering passage money from cooly laborers migrating to Burma.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura, }
" " of Tanjore, } with copy of G.O., No. 1143.

Ed. J. Wright.

Office of the Chief Commissioner

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BURMA.

Recd. 28th May 1881

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17.0, 28th May 1881 No. 716.

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Emigration - Letter to the
Madras and Tanjore Collectors
recommending the collection of
to the Chief Commissioner in view to the
the collection of the same.
The letter is enclosed for the
reference of the Chief Commissioner
to the Madras and Tanjore Collectors
for their consideration and
report to the Chief Commissioner.
Madras 28th May 1881.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Emigration.

No. 717.

To
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BRITISH BURMA.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for your information, the Proceedings of Government.
No. 716, dated this day, embodying communications from the Collectors of Tanjore
and Madura, and to invite attention to the allegations contained in the letter from the
Sub-Collector of Tanjore in view to the expression of any abuses which may possibly
exist in the matter of recovering passage money from cooly laborers migrating to
Burma.

have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
28th May 1881.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF
BRITISH BURMA

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Intelligence.—Forwarding to the papers in
view to the repression of any abuses which may
possibly exist in British Burma in the matter of
recovering passage money from cooly laborers
migrating to that place.

Madura Collector's Office
3rd March 1881

No 608

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1881

A. J. Stokes Esq
Collector of

Madura

Mr. R. Davidson Esq
Chief Secretary to Govt

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that
there is reason to believe that illegal
recruiting of coolies for Rammah is
continued in the Rammah and Si-
nganga panchayats in this District. Some
cases of unlawful recruitment were
reported to me by the Submagistrate
of the District and the accused were
convicted at times. To check such mal-
practices, I think it would be desirable
to appoint, under the Rammah Labor
Law, Emigration Agents at the principal
ports of Pamban in this District and
Negapatam in Tanjore where there are
no such officers at present. If

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 Master Attendant at Simban be
 pointed an emigrants agent at that
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 2. It is very desirable that emigra-
 tion from this District should be
 encouraged.

I have the honor to be
 Yours faithfully
 J. H. M.

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* Public Dept.

Letter from the Collector of Madras

18. No 608 dated 3 March 1881.

Endorsement No 1, 81.

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Referred to the collector
of Tanjore for early remarks.

To Mr George }
 10 March 1881.

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The collector of
 Tanjore. } Dec 1881

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Emigration

Public

C. No. 466

G. L. No. 481

27 10 March 1887

[Office-paper Form.]

Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers in hand down to date:—

There is reason to believe illegal recruitment of coolies of Burma goes on from
No. 466 of 1881. From Colr. of Madras - that
No. 481 of 1881 his district & that Emigration
No. 644 of 1881 at Pamben & Neppatam
From Colr. of Tanjore forwarding Sub Colr's report that there is
found briefly apt. of agent at Neppatam

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NOT FOR ORDER.

Ordered that the Chief
Commissioner of Burma be
addressed with a view
to his appointing under Sec
4 Act II of 1876 Emigration
agents at Neppatam
in the Tanjore District
at Pamben in the
Madras District

To the Chief Commissioner
San. Secy. to Govt.

In your consideration
 the correspondence has
 been in the enclosed
 Proceedings of this
 Port, and in the reference
 Dec 4 of Art. 10 of 1878
 (the British Burma Labor
 Law) to suggest the
 appointment of two
 officers to be Superintending
 Agents at the ports
 of Rangoon & Moulmein
 whose names should be
 submitted to the
 H.C. for its sanction
 for approval
 J. J. 7

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in 28th May 1881/18710

I have that copy of the ... with reference to the Hon. Secy
 in July 78. H. 1143 is provided. Under the Note, 24 July
 & the H.C. of the Hon. Secy
 in 1878 no 1143. Pub. is put up
 with the H.C. of the Hon. Secy
 Labor Law is not applied from which it will be
 in practice & the H.C. Commos
 in that year had acted to
 recruitment under the
 British Burma Labor Law
 of 1876 - the scheme of
 for importation having
 proved too costly, voluntary
 labour in sufficient
 quantity being easily
 obtained.

procurable, & there being
no proof of the necessity
of clothing immigrants
with special protection.

The Burma Emigration
Act & the Straits Act
differ materially. The
former Emigration
means Emigration under
the Act is under a labour
contract entered into with
all the advantages & safe
guards given by the Act.
In the latter, emigration
means departure out of
India under any en-
gagement to labour.

The Burma Act was
not a disabling Act but
one to encourage & foster
emigration, and which
was not meant to
interfere in any way

Money from ~~the~~
Early Labour Migration
to Down.

24/5/87

The collector of Madras
to the collector of Tanjore

743 } Sept 2/6

with the importation of
free labor (vide debates
Hansard 73 p 311, 25 Jan 76
p. 12).

Unless therefore the
Govt of Tanjore can
bring forward sufficient
specific evidence that
emigrants to Burma
are being ill-treated, or
cajoled into contracts, or
otherwise require special
precautions for their
protection, it seems
unnecessary to interfere.

The large number
of 25,850 passengers to
Burma during the
last 5 years, without
the interference of Govt
being demanded, rather

kind to prove that special
of protection is not required.

British Burma is
administered by British
Magistrates.

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No. 209.

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Tanjore Sub-Collector's Office
Camp Tirunelveli, 25th March 1884.

From
CURRENT No. 77.

The Sub-Collector of
To, Tanjore.
The Collector of
Tanjore.
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the
14th Instant, No. 1387, I have the
honour to inform you that I learn
that a large number of passengers
embark from Nagapatam to Bussat,
and that a majority of them pay
their passage money on reaching their
destination. I also learn that one
party hires a steamer or vessel
for a lump sum at certain rate
per head and issues tickets at rates
over and above the actual rate of
Charter and that some of these tickets
are paid for on the spot but a
large portion of them are bills of

payable within certain periods
which extend to months and years.

2. From these facts, I strongly
suspect that many of them are
not bona fide free passengers,
and illegal recruiting of coolies
to Burmah is going on here.

3. I therefore think it advisable
to appoint an emigration agent
here under the Burmah Labour Act.

4. A statement of passengers proceeded
to Burmah from
Negapatam and Nagore
during the past
5 years is given
in the margin.

Years. No. of passengers Burmah.

1876-77	6177½
1877-78	5840
1878-79	4304½
1879-80	5043½
1880-81	4450½
Total	26,846.

1677.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary
to Government with reference to his

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Signed, W. Austin,
of Sub-Collector.

(True Copy)

Under Secretary's endorsement, No 481,
dated 10th March 1881.

2. It appears clear from Mr Austin's
letter that illegal recruiting of
labourers for Burmah is carried
on at Negapatam to a considerable
extent and it therefore seems desir-
able that an Emigration Agent for
that Port should be appointed as
soon as practicable.

3. The enclosure is returned.

Superintendent
Office
28th March 1881
J. M. Welby
Collector

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Public (1887) Department
of (Emigration)

From

The Collector of

T. D. Tanjore

MAR 31

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 28

March 1888

No. 466 of 1877

CURRENT No. 677 Genl.

Submits Copy of Collector's letter informing the appointment of an Emigration Agent, Nagapattinam, is necessary under Burmah Labour Act.

Despatched 14/6/88
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No 717.

To the Chief Secy. P. B. B. B.

Hi

I am directed to forward for your information the forwarding of pt no 716 dated this day embodying communications from the Collectors of Tanjore & Madras, and to invite attention to the allegations contained in the letter from the Subcollector of Tanjore in view to the repression of any abuses which may possibly exist in the matter.

These are not to be
sent to work.

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Personnel passing
from cooly
workers migrating to

Burma (from
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28 May 1911.

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Public (1081) Department
(Immigration)

From

The Collector of
Madras.

No. 608.

Dated 30
Dec. 7 } March 1881.

No. 466.

Subject.

Stopping with illegal recruiting
of Coolies for Burmah is carried
on in the Rangoon & Singapore
Territories in Madras & Rega
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To - *Morison*
Govt. of *1887* Madras.

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BY G.O. NO 716/77



Exempt Letters from the
offices of Madras & Tanjore
regarding the illegal recruit-
ing of laborers for Burma,
as to the Chief Commissioner
view to the repression of any
abuses which may possibly
exist in British Burma in the
matter of recovering passage
money from coolie laborers
migrating to that place, copy
of Pro. of 24th July 1881, No 1143,
furnished to the offices of
Madras & Tanjore.