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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. 469].

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 Tiruválar, 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 papers 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 coolie laborers migrating to Burma.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Edw. J. Wright.

Office of the Chief Commissioner

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BRITISH BURMA.

Recd. 28th May 1881

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11.1, 28th May 1881 No. 716.

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Explanation - Letter from the
Madras and Tanjore Districts
regarding the collection of money
to the Chief Commissioner in view to the
recovery of the same from the
Districts of Tanjore and Madras.
The letter is dated 28th May 1881.
It is a copy of the letter from the
Madras and Tanjore Districts
to the Chief Commissioner dated
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 repression 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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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
BRITISH BURMA

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28th May 1881 No 717

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Emigration.—Forwarding of 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.

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Madras Collector's Office
3rd March 1881

No 608
Sir,

4th March 1881

A. J. Stokes Esq
Collector of
Madras

Mr. H. 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 Burmah is
continued in the Ramanath and Si-
ringanga Panchayats in this District. Some
cases of unlicensed recruitment were
recently laid by the Acting Head
Quadrant Magistrate and the accused were
convicted of them. To check such mal-
practices, I think it would be desirable
to appoint, under the Burmah Labor
Law, Emigration Agents at the principal
ports of Parban in this District and
Negapatam in Tanjore where there are
no such officers at present. If you

* Public Dept.

think it proper, I would suggest that
Master Attendant at Simban be
appointed an emigrants agent at that
place.

2. It is very desirable that emigra-
tion from this District should be
encouraged.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt. Servt.

H. L. ...

Letter from the Collector of Madras

No 608 dated 3 March 1881.

Endorsement No 1,81.

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Referred to the collector
of Tanjore for early remarks.

For Ld George }
10 March 1881.

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The collector of
Tanjore. } Desp 10/3

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Emigration

Public

C. No. 466

Encl. 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
x No. 466 of 1887 From Col. of Madras - that
Ref No. 481 of 1887 his district & that European
x No. 644 of 1887 at Pamben & Neppatam
should be appointed
From Col. of Tanjore forwarding Sub Col. report that there is
found British agent at Neppatam

DRAFT ORDER.

Not for Orders.

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

To the Chief Commissioner
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Proceedings of this
port, and with reference
Dec 4 of Act ~~the~~ of 1871
(the British Burma Labor
Law) to suggest the
appointment of two
officers to be Surveyors
Agents at the ports
of Mergu and Rangoon
whose names shall be
submitted to the
H.C. the Govt. in Council
for approval

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in 28th May 1881, N. 710.

2.
know that copy of No. 4
in July 78. No. 1163 is provided
to the G.O. of Madras & India
and they will see that the
division of the B. Burma
Labor Law is not applied
in practice & the
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the firm in the labor
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market. The paper will of 1876 - the scheme of
owners to commit to
Ch. Com^{rs} ^{British Bureau} in view of the
pulling of any abuses
B. may possibly not
live in the matter of
wing passage

procursable, & 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 & proper
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.

24/8/81

The collector of Madras
to the Collector of Tanjore

7/11/81
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with the importation of
free labor (vide debate
Haupt 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
coerced 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 ^{so far as known} ~~the~~
being demanded, rather

a kind to prove that special
of protection is not required.

British Burma is
administered by British
Magistrates.

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Sangre Sub Collector's Office
Camp Siamulone 25 March 1884.

CURRENT No. 77.

From
The Sub-Collector of
To, Sangre
The Collector of
Sangre
Sir

In reply to your letter of the
14th Instant, No 1339, I have the
honour to inform you that I learn
that a large number of passengers
embark from Negapatam to Bussamah,
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
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2. From these facts, I strongly
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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 this margin.

Years	No. of passengers	Remarks
1876-77	6177½	
1877-78	5840	
1878-79	4304½	
1879-80	5043½	
1880-81	4450½	
Total	25,846	

I have the honour to be,

Signed, W. Austin,
of Sub-Collector

(True Copy)

1677.

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
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.

For the Collector
Office
28th March 1881
F. W. Webster
Collector

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Public (1887) Department
of (Emigration)

From

The Collector of

T. D. Tarpine

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To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 28

Read 29, 3 March 1888

Re: 466 u.s. 1877.

CURRENT No. 677 Ecu 1.

Submits copy of the
Collector's letter inform-
ing the appointment
of an Emigration
Agent, Negapatam.
is necessary under
Burnside Labour Act.

Desp. with Encl.
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No 717.

To the Chief Secy. B. Anna

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I am directed to
forward for your in-
formation the enclosing
p/s no 716 dated this day
embodysing communications
from the Collectors of Tanjore
& Madurai, and to direct
attention to the allegations
contained in the letter
from the Sub-Collector of
Tanjore in view to the
suppression of any abuses
which may possibly
exist in the matter

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for the purpose of
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recovery from
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birds migrating to
Burma (from
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28 May 1951.

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Public (1081) Department
(Immigration)

From _____
The Collector of
Madras.

11/11/1907

No. 608.

Dated 3rd }
Dec. 7 } March 1908.

No. 466.

Subject.

Shipping with illegal recruiting
of Coolies for Burmah is carried
on in the Rangoon & Singapore
Generalities in Madras & require
to be stopped. Immigration officers
at the ports.

To - *Mouru*
Govt of *ISS/ Madras.*

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~~Private~~
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BY G.O. N^o 716/7/7



Exempted 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 passages
money from coolie laborers
migrating to that place, copy
of Pro. of 24th July 1901, N^o 1143,
furnished to the offices of *Madras & Tanjore*.