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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. D. BURGESS, Esq., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burma, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Rangoon, 5th June 1882, No. 105-1 E.I.

In continuation of this office letter, No. 363-1 E.I., dated the 11th ultimo, to your address, relative to the arrangements which have been entered into between the Chief Commissioner and the Agents of the British India and Asiatic Steam Navigation Companies, respectively, in the view of encouraging, by means of

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reduced rates of passage-money, the immigration of agricultural and other laborers into this province from Bengal and Madras, I am directed to submit, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of further correspondence\* which has taken place on the subject.

2. Now that the fares are so very light, it is hoped that laborers will pay their own passages and will come over to Burma without having to incur liabilities of Rs. 25 or upwards to the headmen or managers who used generally to bring laborers over. There is ample employment on the railway and other public works, as well as at the seaports and in the rice-fields, for immigrant laborers. The current rates of wages for unskilled labor range from eight annas to one rupee eight annas a day. If the Government of Madras should be pleased to make these facts about steamer fares and wages of labor known to the laboring classes in the inland and coast districts in the manner proposed in my letter, No. 363-1 E.I., dated the 11th ultimo, much good might result not only to Burma, but also to its own poorer subjects.

3. The best time for emigrant laborers to start is October to December. If immigrants will bring their families with them, and will agree to settle in British Burma, the Chief Commissioner will refund to the immigrants the full cost of the passages of wives, and of children under twelve years of age, and will also enable the immigrants to get 10 to 12 acres of culturable land on which to settle at the end of the working season. The land so given will be revenue-free for five years. The offer to refund the passage-money of women and children is, for the present, open for one season 1882-83 only. If it can be renewed next year intimation will be sent.

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Communicated to District Magistrates, &c., in continuation of G.O., dated 17th June 1882, No. 414; the additional information now supplied by the Burma Government should be published in the same manner.

(True copy.)

C. G. MASTER,  
Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates.  
„ the Protector of Emigrants.

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burma, to Messrs. TURNER, MORRISON and Co., Agents, Asiatic Steam Navigation Company, Calcutta, No. 1100-1E.I., dated the 31st May 1882.

In forwarding herewith for your information a copy of my letter No. 361-1E.I., dated the 11th instant, to the address of Messrs. J. S. G. Landers, Arbuthnot and Co., the Rangoon Agents of the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company, on the subject of the arrangements entered into with the Company for assisting immigration into this province, I am directed to ask you to be good enough to state—

- (1) whether the new tariff of passenger rates alluded to in paragraph 2 actually came into force on the 1st of June at all ports;
- (2) whether steps were taken, by means of vernacular posters or otherwise, to make the reduced fares known in Calcutta and the coast ports whence immigrant labourers come.

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British Burma.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—No. 105-1E.I.

(Emigration & Immigration.)

FROM

G. D. BURGESS, Esquire, C.S.

SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRITISH BURMA.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

FORT ST. GEORGE,

MADRAS.

Dated Rangoon, the 5th June 1882.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary.

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