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Recruitment of Labourers.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. M. BARTON, Esq., Acting Secretary, Indian Tea Association, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 26th July 1889.

On the 29th May last this association addressed the Government of India on the subject of the recruitment of coolies in the Ganjam district for employment in the tea districts of Assam, and, in reply, were informed that the letter had been forwarded to the Government of Madras for consideration.

2. The association would therefore wish to place before you their views more fully than they have thought it necessary to do when addressing the Government of India, as that Government is thoroughly aware of the present condition of coolie labour on Assam tea gardens and of the benefits which have accrued from the working of Act I of 1882.

3. Under this Act well-defined contracts are entered into for periods of three or five years at rates of pay fixed by law and which must contain a clause stating the price at which rice will be supplied to the labourer. Then again under rules framed by the Government of Bengal and the Administration of Assam every care is taken for the prevention of sickness both while the coolie is on the journey to the tea districts and also while working on the gardens. In this connection, it may be stated that, since the last batches of coolies were recruited from Ganjam, the tea districts have been more opened out and have become more healthy, so that in place of the great mortality, which sometimes occurred in former times, the death-rate, according to the most recent official returns for the year 1877, on all the tea gardens in Assam, Cachar and Sylhet was 36.44 per mille.

4. In conclusion, I am desirous to say that, if the Government of Madras should now give its sanction to the recruitment of coolies in the Ganjam district, it is not proposed to recruit them from among the people living on the low lands in the vicinity of the coast but from the inhabitants of the interior high lands, who are a class of people resembling those of Chota Nagpore, which part of the country provides the best kind of labour employed in the tea districts. These hill tribes are better suited to stand the climate of Assam than the people living in the plains near the coast which were the class of people who furnished the recruits sent to the tea districts in former years.

ORDER—No. 681, Public, dated 12th August 1889.

The Secretary, Indian Tea Association, will be informed that the question of permitting recruitment of labourers for the tea districts of Assam in this Presidency is under correspondence with the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Secretary, Indian Tea Association.

For the Secretary.

From G. M. Barton Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Bengal Chamber of Commerce
Calcutta 26th July 1889

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant
E. J. Baston
Acting Secretary

From

The Secretary

Indian Tea Association

Dated 26 July

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