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Addressing Mr McGregor, Indian
Immigration Agent, Straits Settlements,
on the subject of his letter requesting
that the provisions of Sections 93 and 94
of Act III of 1883 may be extended
so as to embrace indentured emigrants
proceeding to the Straits Settlements,
and that the officer in charge of the
depot may be empowered to suspend
and can also ~~revoke~~ ^{issue} licenses to
recruiters. Copy to the Government of
India and the Straits Settlements.

Gobt. of {1889} Madras.
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Letter, &c, 5th November 1889,
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Emigration.

Addressing Mr. MacGregor, Indian Immigration Agent, Straits Settlements, on the subject of his letter requesting that the provisions of sections 93 and 94 of Act XXI of 1883 may be extended so as to embrace indentured emigrants proceeding to the Straits Settlements, and that the officer in charge of the depôt may be empowered to suspend and cancel licenses issued to recruiters. Copy to the Governments of India and the Straits Settlements.

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APPENDIX.

From A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq., Indian Immigration Agent, Straits Settlements, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th September 1889.

The Government of the Straits Settlements in their letter, No. 8446 of 1889, dated 8th ultimo, informed you that I had been deputed to arrange for a depôt at Negapatam for indentured emigrants proceeding to that colony.

2. There is, however, a point of considerable importance for which I am directed to solicit the favorable consideration of the Government of Madras.

3. Many coolies agree to emigrate, receive advances, and proceed to Negapatam, and after considerable expenditure has thus been incurred, they decline to embark or leave the depôt, well knowing that we have no means of recovering the money from them.

This practice has now become very prevalent, causing heavy loss to all concerned and a serious impediment to recruiting.

4. By Act XXI of 1883, sections 93 and 94, emigrants to all other colonies can be compelled to repay such expenses or be punished in default.

5. His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements therefore trusts that the Government of Madras will be able to extend the provisions of these sections to "indentured" emigrants proceeding to that colony.

6. I am further directed to request that the power to suspend and cancel recruiters' licenses for misconduct or breach of the rules may be granted to the officer in charge of the depôt under paragraph 6 of the rules regulating emigration to the Straits Settlements, as it is considered that he would not otherwise be able to control the action of recruiters.

5TH NOVEMBER 1889, Nos. 884—886, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

A. M. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
Indian Immigration Agent, Straits Settlements.

SIR,

With reference to paragraphs 3 to 5 of your letter, dated 16th September 1889, I am directed to point out to you that the measure therein suggested would be entirely opposed to the policy in regard to emigration to the Straits Settlements which your Government has so long advocated and which has been accepted by this Government and the Government of India. Its adoption would moreover involve fresh legislation, which His Excellency the Governor in Council has no desire to undertake. I am therefore to express the regret of the Government of Madras that it cannot comply with your request.

2. In regard to paragraph 6 of your letter, I am to point out that under sections 2 and 3 of the supplementary rules issued in G.O., dated 15th May 1888, No. 510, licenses to recruiters are issued only by Magistrates, and His Excellency in Council considers that the power to cancel should not be wider than the power to grant. His Excellency in Council is, however, willing to permit the cancellation by a qualified Magistrate, on the demand of an officer deputed by the Straits Settlements Government to be in charge of an emigration depôt, of a license to a recruiter granted on the application of such officer and will be prepared to amend sections 5 and 6 of the rules above referred to in this sense. The rules would then run thus:—

Rule 5.—Such license shall only be granted to the following persons:—

(a) Persons appointed in India by Agents for estates in the Straits Settlements who are recognized by the District Magistrate.

(b) Persons producing a letter of recommendation from the Indian Immigration Agent in the Straits Settlements, or from an officer deputed by the Straits Settlements Government to be in charge of an emigration depôt in India.

Rule 6.—License may, in proof of misconduct or breach of these or other rules prescribed by the Government from time to time, be cancelled within the period for which it is in force by any Magistrate exercising first-class powers, and in the case of a license granted on the application of an officer deputed by the Straits Settlements Government to be in charge of an emigration depôt, the license shall be cancelled on the demand of such officer.

3. I am to ask whether these alterations will meet your views.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th November 1889.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 5th November 1889, No. 885, Public.

Copy to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Singapore.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 5th November 1889, No. 886, Public.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Emigration).

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

[Appendix.

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Emigration to Straits Settlements

Letter to Mr. Macgregor

(From Madras)

Note for Mr. Macgregor

The alterations made by Mr. Macgregor in the draft letter would require the following addition to clause (b) Sec 5 of the supplementary rules is cancelled in G.O. 15.5.88 (No. 510)

or from an officer deputed by the S.S. Govt. to be in charge of an emigration depôt in India" may this amendment also be suggested to Mr. Macgregor?

Yes. 4/11
J. F. Price
Chief Secy.

C. 30/10/89 C. 2/11

comply with your request
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(7 lines)

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Despatch No 885
 16/11/89
 Copy to the Hon the Colonial Secy
 Singapore

Despatch No 886
 16/11/89
 Copy to the Secy of Indian, Revenue
 & Agricultural Dept. (Emigration)

DEPARTMENT.

From

The Indian Immigration Agent
Strait Settlements

No.

Dated 16 }
Received 17 } September 1889
Enclosures

* in file

SUBJECT.

Requesting that the provisions of sections 93 and 94 of Act No. 11 of 1883 may be extended so as to include indentured recruits proceeding to the Straits Settlements and that the officer in charge of the depot may be empowered to suspend and cancel recruit licenses.

For orders

Para 5 of Mr. Macgregor's letter.

This is another illustration of the policy of the Straits Settlements - i.e. "free" emigration tempered by restrictions in the interests of their planters.

See notes in file 15-5-88
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Subm? that Mr. Macgregor has been answered as at the beginning of para 3 of that letter, stated that his proposal is not only inconsistent with free emigration, but that it involves past legislation, which this Govt. has no desire to undertake.

Para 6 Licenses to recruiters are granted only by the Assistant Secy. See § 2 & 3 of the Supplementary rules in file 15-5-88, & also, it is

subm? to be cancelled only by the same authority. The officer in charge of the depot will have official of the Straits Settlements, & it is undesirable that he should have power per se to forbid persons to recruit labour in his district. If he has cause of complaint at a recruiter he can always apply to a competent authority for cancellation of the licence. See over 12/11/89

Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

188 , No.

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188 , No.

Current No. 2906

of 1889, dated

16 Sept

from

The Indian Immigration Agent, Straits Settlements

Current No.

of 188 , dated

from

Letter of 5th November 1889 No 884

T. A. Macgregor Esq
Indian Immigration Agent. SS

Despatch 351
16/11/89

Sir,
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Ge.
M. f

What Mr. M. means is the transfer
from Section 10 to the 11th can be
the whole expenses incurred in
visiting a man & his record.
from the District after receipt.
of the same. & these expenses
should be added to the account.

[Handwritten signature]

I can't find 80. 11570-4
15-5-88 in the file - 249
Harris was present
and had a letter (see)

Plumier van Planchet
and his wife and children

Yes - I think
my home
H. J.

[illegible]

As to the other point, I cannot
think that a license would be
to be at least considered in
deserving when the officer
even if he is not allowed to
act when he is only a holder
in the question how far he
is bound to the principles of
justice, some of these
must come to the license. The
license, as the holder of the
who is not really a holder of the
trust of the license. The
best example of this, beyond
at least, would be a case where
the license would be given to
a license granted to a man
in his application. The law

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[Handwritten note:]
The Supplemental
Rules issued
in G.O. 1555-88
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Madras
September 16th
1889

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