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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Back Paper, No. of 188 .

Further Paper, No. of 188 .

Read again Order of Government, dated 188 , No. , Miscellaneous.

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Re recruitment of coolies
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Public Dept.

Letter of 10.1.90 No 15.

To The Hon: the Colonial Secretary, Singapore

Sir,

With reference to ~~para 2 of my~~ 2nd letter No: 999 dated ~~29th Sept~~ 17 Sept: 1889 (4627/89) I am directed ~~to suggest~~, with a view to obviating complaints regarding the physique of coolies for labor in ~~the~~ 2nd Native States, that when the Govt Emigration depot at Negapatam is opened, the Medical Officer in charge be instructed to be equally careful in his exam[n] of coolies recruited for labor in the Colony itself and in the Native States under its jurisdiction.

I am directed to suggest

The ~~question~~ selection of coolies is now committed in jurisdiction which this Govt or the Govt of India may exercise control.

WO 27/Dec.

Govt of India, and the remarks therein made regarding the proposed physique of the Indian

Recruitment of coolies for work in the Native States attached to the Straits Settlements

Vide Sir Hugh Low's letter dated 4th Feb 1882 C. 3352

It is for the Colonial authorities and for this Govt to deal with the matter

Govt 13/12

1857

(Letter of 7th Feb. 1857 forwarded under this)

consulted are of opinion that the coolies referred to, although not to be compared to the Tamils the Indian-born Tamils, are yet a fair sample of the Tamil cooly. Their inferiority to the free Tamils is explained in the circumstances which is not to be considered as

Quantum desired

to be supplied

from the Coast Settlements but when their Emigration Depot at Negapatam is opened the Medical Officer in charge shall be instructed to be

equally careful in his recruitment of coolies for

the Colony itself as in labor in other parts of Coolie ships under the Straits Settlements jurisdiction. His opinion that under the present system of having Emigrant Depots at Settlements impossible

under the present system the Selection of coolies and their fitness to labour rests with the Officers of the Govt of the S.S. and the Govt of Madras Exercises no control in the matter.

G.O.B. 12-89.

Public Dept.

Letter dt 10.1.90 No 14.

To The Secry: to the G. of India
Rev: & Agri: Dept (Emigrn).

Sir,

In reply to your office letter no: 175/49-4 E. & 18th Oct: 89, I am directed to forward copy of the proceedings noted in the margin and to say that the Govt of Madras is disposed to agree with the Emigration Agent, Negapatam, for the reasons stated by him, that it is advisable to keep coolies in depots at Penang for some little time after landing in order that they may completely recover from the effects of the voyage before being put to hard work.

2. It will be seen that the local authorities

(1 × Encl to Mr Campbell's letter dtd, and to the Govt)

No dated Dec. 1889.

Encl from the Asst Magr Tanjore in which an Application is supported of the superior artisans, in which recruited emigrants are found on arrival.

In the Copy Dept. Tanjore Dist.

Head Assistant Collector's Office
No. 890 Kondachcherri 3d December 89

From R. H. Campbell Esquire
Actg Head Assistant Collr
of Tanjore

Do The Collector
of Tanjore

Sir,

(Herewith returned) With reference to your Endorsement No 6,997 of 18th November 1889 on Government order No. 3352 dated 6th November 1889, I beg to make the following remarks on the subject of the High Rate of Mortality which prevails among the Tamil Emigrants who go to the Straits Settlements. The High Rate is in my opinion due to the following Causes.

The Coolies who Emigrate to the Straits Settlements are nearly all recruited from the interior and are not acquainted with the sea-

Congestion in

Consequently a large proportion of them are prostrated by the discomforts of the Sea Voyage by the time they arrive in Penang and are utterly unfit for the hard work which they have to do.

2. Also the Physique of the Tamil Coolies who Emigrate from here you will see from the enclosed letter which I have received from the Emigration Agent here, that the coolies are a fair sample of the Tamil Cooly, but as they are not Coast men they are not able to clear up during the Sea Voyage in the same way as Free Emigrants who are mostly Coast men and acquainted with the Sea.

3 I Recommend for the Consideration of the Straits Government Mr. Jones's suggestion that

Coolies on Landing be kept for some time in Depots at Penang and given a chance to recruit their strength before being drafted up country. I am convinced that the high Rate of Mortality Complained of is not due to any deficiency in the Physique of the Coolies.

I have &c

(Signed) R. H. Campbell

Ag Asst Col Sec & Protr

True copy

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department with reference to the Endorsement dated 6th November 1889 on C No 3352 of 1889

2 I concur in the opinion of the Head Assistant Collector

3 The Enclosures are returned.

Dampier Collectors Office
Vellam Decem 1889

Ag Collector

Public dept.

From The Collector of Tuticorin

Chief

To The Secretary to Government Public dept. Madras

Dated 7th Dec 1889.

Rec'd

Regd to —

No.

Encl: Two - (Encls to Ch No 3352 retd)

Subject

Reporting on the subject of High Rate of Mortality which prevails among the Tamil Emigrants who go to the Straits Settlements -

C. Nos. 3352, ~~3575~~ 3827.

Order dd 10-1-90 No 13A

The following letters will be addressed to the Govt of India the Govt of the Straits Settlements

Law 12/2

Ch 3575 need not be read with these Nos. Home & Judicial

GOVERNMENT OF MA

Straits Settlements Emigra
— tion office

No $\frac{E}{241}$ Negapalam 5/25 Nov/89

From The Emigration Agent
Straits Settlements
Negapalam

Do
The Head Assistant
Magistrate, Tanjore.

Sir

With reference to your
Endorsement No 586 dated 21st Inst
on the letter from the Under Secretary
to the Government of India to the Secre-
- tary to the Government of Madras
forwarding the letter from the Colo-
- nial Secretary S. S. to the Secretary
to the Government of India Revenue
and Agricultural Department
I have the honor to state that per-
- sonally I have no knowledge as
to which Emigrants are sent to the
Protected Native States as - all

(all herewith returned)

Embark

Embark here for Penang direct, and are afterwards distributed.

2. Taking them all round I Consider them a fair sample of the Tamil Cooly but in my opinion they should not be compared with free Tamils.

3 The majority of the Emigrants are caught fresh in the Jungle and brought down to the Coast, few, if any, ever having ever seen the sea before. They are put on board the Steamer have to voyage from five to ten days, the whole time being sick and unable to eat, and it is scarcely a matter of surprise if they arrive in an emaciated Condition at their destination.

4 Free Tamils on the other hands are mostly dwellers on the Coast and are well accustomed to sea-voyages as well as being acclima-tised to the Straits.

5 The Colonial Secretary S.S points out that Coolies thrive in prison where they have good food and light labour &c., and I can only suggest that the lot of Emigrants might be ame-liorated if, before they are drafted on to the Estates and turned to hard labour at once (and mostly on short Commons as they Commence heavily involved) they were kept in Depots in Penang for a time to give them a chance to pick up their strength, doing only such work as would suffice to pay for their main-tenance

I have &c
(Signed) James
Immigration Agent
Penang

Public Department
Encls. No 1
to a letter

From

The Collector of
Tanjore

To

The Secretary to Govt
Public Department
Madras

Dated
Recd } December 1889

No

Copy of a letter supplying remarks as to the physique of the Coolies who emigrate to the Straits Settlements.

1889 Public Department

From the Dt Registrar
Madura

No 63

E -
Dated 11 December 1889

Subject

Reporting on the reference
to G.O. 979 12 September 1889
that there has been no
shipment of emigrants
to Straits Settlement during
1888

Ref to G.O.

No 65.

Madura District Magistrate's Office
11th November 1889.

From

E. Turner Esquire
District Magistrate
Madura.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price
Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to the instructions contained in G. O. No. 979 dated 12th September 1889 Public Department, I have the honor to state that there has been no shipments of Emigrants to Straits Settlement from any of the ports in this District during the year 1888 and I am therefore unable to furnish the information therein called for.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient &c
E. Turner
District Magistrate

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DEPARTMENT.

From

The Govt. of India
Revt. and Agrl. Dept.

No. 195 C
49-4

Dated 18
Received 24 } October 1889
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Straits Govt. and requesting that to be furnished with any info. that the Madras Govt. may be able to furnish regarding the apparent preference there which exist in the selection of Emigrants of strong physique for labour in the Protected States.

17/9/189 Dep 979 Routine

In order

Apparently the only thing on this is to refer the papers & the Collr. of Tanjore for remarks. The orders are evidently examined from a public point of view, & has been pointed out to that admin. [illegible] on a previous occasion, the Madras govt. is not responsible for their fitness

hsm
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No C 3352 27 Nov 1889
Rep? Letter Collr Tanjore
remarks hsm
Dr Hospitals & Sanitation Dept 2/11

Enclo. No. 2
In a letter

Public DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

TANJORE,

TO

THE Chief SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Dated 7
Received December 1889.

No. 27

~~ENCLOSURE.~~

Subject.

Letter from the Under Secy. to the Govt. of India with its enclosure read with reference No. 3352 of 1889.

promote the health of the coolies brought to the Colony and Native States from India; and it is deeply regretted that even in exceptional instances the mortality should be excessive; but where it is excessive it is to be attributed rather to the class of men received than to climatic conditions or want of proper precautions.

It is confidently anticipated that the returns for the current year will be altogether more satisfactory than those for 1888, and that still better results will be achieved when the Government Depot is opened in Negapatam and greater care is taken in the selection of the coolies.

I have &c.

(Sd) A. Skinner

Ag: Colonial Secretary.

(True copy)

Arthur

Offg: Registrar,

Revenue & Agricultural Department.

"great, as many as 70 of them having been in Hospi-
"tal at one time.

" Messrs: Hill and Rathbone have however, acting on
"my advice moved all the Tamils to the sea coast
"and have built them good substantial lines, with
"the result that the number of cases of sickness does
"not exceed 25.

"Coolies employed by Government.

"About 40 coolies are now working on the roads, their
"health is very satisfactory and there have been no deaths."

6. In June last year, the Resident of Sungei Ujong
in reporting on an abstract from the half-yearly In-
spection Report of the Acting Indian Immigration
Agent; Mr. H. A. Thompson commented as follows
on the poor physique of the coolies sent over from India
for service in Sungei Ujong.

" Messrs Hill and Rathbone caused a shipment
"of Immigrant coolies to be medically examined at
"Penang. The result was that 12½ per cent were rejected
"one on account of old age and the rest on account of
"general debility.

7. The Governor desires to assure His Excellency the
Viceroy in Council that every endeavour is made to

promote

"speak favorably of them.

"(14) Unlike the other Pepper and Gambier Estates
"in the State which are worked by Chinese the Enter-
"prise Estate works its plantations solely with Indian
"Immigrants and the result goes to prove that they
"are as capable of doing as good work as the well
"paid Chinese.

"(15) As an experiment a few Chinese planters introduced
"Tamil labour on their estates, and are so well satisfied
"with their work that they are getting a large number out.

"(16) With the introduction of Tobacco and Indigo cultiva-
"tion and the continued extension of agricultural ope-
"rations in the State the demand for labor is increasing
"and it all depends upon the authorities in India as to
"whether cheap Tamil Immigrant labor supersedes
"costly Chinese labor in Selangor."

4. In October last, the Resident of Sungei Ujong in reporting on the health of the Statuck Immigrants stated as follows:-

" In reply to your letter No. 9827/88 of the 12th instant
"I have the honor to report for the information of
"his Excellency the Governor that since the last visit
"of the Indian Immigration Agent a marked improve-
ment

"-ment has taken place in the condition of the coolies
"at Arang Arang.
"(2) The man complained of in Dr. Thompsons re-
"-port of the 4th ultimo (para 2) has been removed, and
"there have been no complaints of harsh treatment of late.
"(3) The hospital has been finished and will contain 15
"patients. Another ward to contain 10 more is in progress
"or by this time has possibly been completed, various
"additions and improvements suggested by the Residency
"Surgeon have been carried out.
"(4) The Residency Surgeon reports that on his last
"visit on the 20th ultimo the general health of the
"coolies was good. There are many cases of ulcer but they
"are getting better.
"(5) The Residency Surgeon has a weekly report sent
"in from the Hospital at Arang Arang in detail so that
"any outbreak of disease can be at once attended to.
"(6) As regards provisions, a new shop has been started
"under an improved management. Some of the
"Coolies also buy from Chinese shops and meet with
"no opposition.
"(7) The difficulty is now in getting qualified men to look
"after the Hospitals. Dr. Travers the Residency Surgeon
has

"has written for assistance to the Colonial Surgeons
"in Singapore, Province Wellesley, Penang and Malacca,
"but has been unable to get any one. He is also advert-
"ising on behalf of Messrs: Hill and Rathborne who
"have left the matter in their hands.
"(8) The Hospital at Linsum Estate is nearly complete,
"and should be quite so by the end of the two months
"fixed. It is in a better position than the old one.
"(9) Dr. Travers has been of the greatest assistance in
"ameliorating the condition of the coolies, and I trust
"that before long the question of an allowance to him
"as Assistant Immigration Agent may be taken in-
"to consideration. It is true that he does not yet know
"Tamil, but even without that knowledge he has
"proved that his services are of value."
5. Again, the Residency Surgeon of Singuilyong
reporting specially on the health of the Immigrants
during the present year, states as follows.
" The general physique of the coolies sent to Sin-
"guilyong has not been at all good although con-
"siderable improvement has been shown in this respect
"during the last six months, on enquiry I usually find
"that they are not accustomed to agricultural work
"and

"and have never done any hard labor whatever.

"The health of the coolies under agreement working

"on the Estates and Railway compares most unfavor-

"-ably with that of the time expired coolies, or of the

"agreement coolies when in gaol. There are now many

"free Tamils in the State and they are as a rule a

"very healthy section of the community, they live

"together in a portion of the town of Seremban and

"the death rate among them is no higher than that

"among the Malays or Chinese. The effect of a term of

"imprisonment on an idle, weakly and improvi-

"-dent Tamil coolie is most striking, he leaves the

"gaol in excellent health, and the employers of labor

"have remarked that they would like to send half

"their coolies to gaol to recruit their strength.

"This I think proves conclusively that it is nei-

"-ther the climate nor the severity of the work

"that can account for the high death rate com-

"-plained of.

"The Railway works.

"The coolies employed on the earthworks in the

"jungle were necessarily exposed to many hardships

"and the amount of sickness was at one time very

great,

Colonial Secretary's Office.
Singapore, 17th Sept: 1889.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Revenue and Agricultural Dept:

India 9677/89

Sir

I am directed by the Governor of the Straits Settlements to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 136/49-2 E. of the 21st ultimo, asking to be supplied with detailed information regarding the very high rates of mortality amongst the Statute Immigrants employed in Sungei Ujong and Selangor during the year 1888.

2. In reply, I am to state that for sometime past the anxious attention of this Government has been given to the death-rate referred to, and that from time to time the Residents of the Native States have been directed to furnish frequent and special reports on the subject for the information of Government.

3. In February last, the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent of Selangor reports as follows:-
"I

" I have the honor to enclose for your information
"statiments from the various Estates in the State of
"Selangor accounting for the Indian Immigrants
"employed thereon for the year 1888, from which
"you will observe that 410 Indian Immigrants
"arrived during the year against 568 arrivals in
"1887.

" (2) The short-coming is I am sure mainly attri-
"butable to the fact that the selections made for the
"planters and others by the recruiters and passed by the
"Medical Officers in India were anything but satisfactory
" The immigrants being very frail and instead of be-
"-ing fit for work, were more entitled to go to Hospital.

"(3) The result therefore, was that the Estate owners
" were very much disappointed, and being put to
"no small inconvenience and expense, decided on
" utilizing Chinese labor at over 75 % more than the
" cost of Tamil Immigrant labor.

"(4.) The death-rates, I regret to say, in the majori-
"-ty of cases exceed the limit laid down by the Ordi-
"-nance and are most conspicuous on Messrs. Gordon
"& Cos. Public Works & Suppiah Pillay's work.

"(5) As compared however with the returns for last year, the
"the death-rates for Batu and Weld's Hill, Glen Mani
"and Mr Sambusamy's Estate show marked decrease
"(6) It is impossible to attribute the high rate of
"Mortality to climatic influences, as in the various
"localities where Indian Immigrants reside and
"work, other nationalities including Free Tamils,
"also reside and work, and there is really little or
"no mortality amongst them.
"(7.) The real cause of the great mortality amongst the
"Indian Immigrants can only be accounted for by as-
"-suming that the men selected were physically unfit
"for work at the time they were engaged for service
"in Selangor.
"(8.) This is borne out by para: 2 of a letter from the
"Acting Indian Immigration Agent, Penang, of 27th June.
" In it when alluding to the subject of re-examination
"(Medical) of the Indian Immigrants at Penang, he
"states 'the result was a large number (16%) were
"rejected as unfit for labour, and that the Medical
"Officer who examined them in India, when asked
"for an explanation, stated that he was under the im-
"pression that the Native States planters did not require
"such good coolies as the planters of the Province Wellesley
"and

"and that he often passed man over to the Native Sta-
"-tes whom he had rejected for Province Wellesley.
"(9) The class of Tamil Immigrants which leaves India
"for service is not as a rule an overfed robust one,
"and it does not require a very vivid imagination to
"realize the fate of them when 16 out of every 100 of
"this poverty stricken and rejected crowd is, before
"it comes to a new country where the climate, food,
"accommodation and surroundings are quite dis-
"-similar to their native land, unfit for labour.
"(10) The Immigrants belonging to the Selangor Govern-
"-ment Railway Department were all transferred to the
"Public Works Department and "Enterprise Estate."
"(11) Three visits of inspection were made to the various
"works and estates on which the Immigrants were
"employed, and on the whole their treatment, lines,
"food, accounts &c: found generally satisfactory.
"(2) The bulk of the Immigrants seem to me to be
"getting acclimatized and are improving in health &
"condition.
"(3) They work well enough to admit of a steady diminu-
"-tion of their debts and with but two exceptions (Public
"Works Department and Gordon & Co.) their employers

of the coolies recruited for service in the Protected Native States as compared with those recruited for Province Wellesley, the Government of India will be glad to be favoured at an early date with any information that the Madras Government may be able to furnish regarding the difficulties which appear to exist in the selection of emigrants of strong physique for labour in the States under the Protection of the Straits Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 175, 49-4 E.

FROM

GOVT. OF MADRAS
24 OCT 89
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

J. W. P. MUIR-MACKENZIE, Esq., C.S.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Simla, the 18th October 1889.

Revenue and Agricultural Department.
(Emigration)

SIR,

In continuation of my en-
-dorsement No. 137 dated 21st August
I am directed to forward for the con-
-sideration of His Excellency the Gover
of Madras in Council, Copy of the re
received from the Government of the
Straits Settlements in explanation of
the high rates of mortality among
Indian Immigrants in the Native
States of Sungei Ujong and Selango

2. The Acting Immigration Ag
Penang, it will be observed, attribute
the mortality mainly to the unfitness
of