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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the P. P. O.
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remarks as to the possibility
of obtaining returns showing
the No. of natives leaving
or returning to Madras Presi-
dency by sea whether under
the Emigration Act or otherwise

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), 17TH APRIL 1890, No. 199.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

MR. W. S. WHITESIDE.

READ—G.O., dated 22nd October 1888, Nos. 1006, 1006A, Public:—

ABSTRACT.—*Emigration*.—Calling on the Board of Revenue to report, in consultation with the Presidency Port Officer, regarding the adoption of a statement showing the number of Natives of India leaving or returning to the Madras Presidency, and proposing certain subsidiary instructions to be attached to the statement.

READ—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 29th March 1889, Mis. No. 1157:—

ABSTRACT.—Awaiting the orders to be issued by the Land Revenue Department on the whole question of the preparation of returns regarding the emigration of the Natives of India to see if it is necessary for the Separate Revenue Department to take any action on the subject.

READ—the following letter from H. H. O'FARRELL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Mangalore, 15th July 1889, No. 2684:—

Adverting to paragraph 5 of G.O., dated 22nd October 1888, Nos. 1006, 1006A, Public, and the recent order of Government, dated 5th June 1889, No. 239, Marine, on the subject of collecting passenger statistics from vessels not coming under Act X of 1887, I have the honor to request the Board of Revenue will be pleased to let me know whether the form of the return proposed to be prescribed in the first of the above quoted orders for reporting such traffic has been finally adopted. This information is required to enable me to issue the necessary instructions to the Port and Customs officers for carrying out the second order.

READ—the following G.O., dated 27th November 1889, R. No. 1234, Public:—

Read—the following G.O., dated 5th November 1889, No. 466, Marine:—

Read—the following papers:—

From the Presidency Port Officer, dated Madras, 23rd September 1889, No. 530—419-G.

From the Presidency Port Officer, dated Madras, 1st October 1889, No. 530—430-G.

From the Presidency Port Officer, dated Madras, 9th October 1889, No. 530—448-G.

From the Presidency Port Officer, dated Madras, 11th October 1889, No. 530—453-G.

Order—dated 5th November 1889, No. 466, Marine.

The statement of passengers to be furnished by Commanders of vessels which is now objected to, is an amplification of one prescribed under the old Native Passenger Ships Act (VIII of 1876); and was prepared to meet the wishes of the Government of India, who desired to have statistics showing "the number of Natives who leave and return to the Madras Presidency by sea whether under the Emigration Act or not."

2. The Board of Revenue have not yet submitted the report called for in regard to the present form in G.O., dated 22nd October 1888, No. 1006, Public. On further consideration, however, the Government has come to the conclusion that it is needlessly elaborate, and may be simplified as shown in the appendix to these Proceedings. The Government must insist on the submission of the information required in the revised statement; and in the event of Commanders of vessels refusing to furnish it, the notice specified in section 7, Act X of 1887, should be insisted on at all ports at which such vessels call, and the Port Officer should proceed at each port to inspect the ship and stores, and count the passengers for himself under section 8.

3. In the event of continued refusal to furnish the statements, the officers appointed under section 7 of the Act should exercise the discretion vested in them by section 15 in regard to the withholding of certificates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" Public Department.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT of passengers sailing from the port of by the vessel

Bound to Returning from	ADULTS.		Children under 12.	Total.
	Male.	Female.		
(a) Ports within the Presidency				
(b) Do. beyond the Presidency but within British India ..				
(c) Do. in Burma				
(d) Do. in Ceylon				
(e) Do. in Straits Settlements				
(f) Other Ports				
Total ..				

N.B.—Whenever passengers are allowed to purchase tickets on board the steamer instead of on shore, the necessary corrections in the lists originally furnished should be made by the Agents of vessels, and the officers concerned duly informed of the alterations effected.

Order—dated 27th November 1889, R. No. 1234, Public.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

RESOLUTION—dated 17th April 1890, No. 199.

As since the issue of the Government Order read above (the disposal of which the Board regrets has been very much delayed in their office partly from oversight

and partly from press of other work), the Government have simplified the form (G.O., dated 5th November 1889, No. 466) referred to in paragraph 5, and directed the submission of all the information required in the revised form. It is therefore unnecessary to discuss whether the form originally framed was suitable. The return now prescribed seems sufficient.

2. The Board begs to point out that while the course pointed out by Government will enable Collectors to obtain the required information from vessels to which Act X of 1887 applies, that Act applies only to sailing vessels carrying more than 30 and steam-ships carrying more than 60 Native passengers. Under section 2 (3), however, it could be extended to sailing ships carrying more than 15 and steam-ships carrying more than 30 Native passengers, and has been so extended to vessels proceeding to the Straits Settlements—G.O., dated 7th August 1888, No. 780. The course suggested by Government cannot, therefore, be adopted in the case of—

- (a) Sailing ships or steam-ships carrying 30 or 60 Native passengers and less respectively to places other than the Straits Settlements;
- (b) Sailing ships or steam-ships carrying 15 and 30 Native passengers and less respectively to the Straits Settlements.

In the case of Native vessels carrying passengers to and from Ceylon, Government directs that the Port officers should be required to obtain the same information as is obtainable in the case of vessels to which Act X of 1887 applies. But as pointed out by the Presidency Port Officer (G.O., dated 5th June 1889, No. 239, Marine), it is optional with the masters of such vessels to furnish the information. The same remarks apply to the other classes of vessels referred to above. Under section 55 of Act VIII of 1878, masters of ships can be compelled to state in the import manifest the number of passengers arriving by the vessels, but there is nothing in sections 63 and 65 which will enable Sea Customs officers to insist on the export manifest showing the number of passengers leaving by the vessel. Even under Act X of 1887, it is only vessels going on long voyages which are bound to give a statement of passengers arriving or leaving (section 22). But as the officer appointed under section 9 can refuse to give the certificates referred to in sections 10 and 11, the information can, as pointed out by Government, be obtained for all passengers. Moreover, section 11 (g) requires that certificate B shall show such further particulars as may be prescribed by the rules, and under section 9 (2), the Customs Officer shall not grant a port clearance unless the master holds certificates A and B. In the other two Acts, however, there is no such effective provision, and the result is that there is no legal provision under which agents or masters of ships to which Act X of 1887 does not apply can be compelled to give information regarding the number of passengers leaving the ports. It is not probable, however, that any great difficulty will in practice be experienced in obtaining the required information even from such vessels, and Collectors should issue the necessary instructions to their Port and Sea Customs officers to register Native passenger traffic carefully, and should submit to the Board the quarterly statements in the revised form prescribed in the last Government Order read above.

(True Copies and Extract.)

M. S. Meyer
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.
" Collectors of Maritime Districts.

Copy to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed May 1890.

Proceedings, 17th April 1890, No. 199.



Submitting remarks regarding feasibility of obtaining returns showing the number of Natives leaving or returning to Madras Presidency by sea whether under the Emigration Act, or otherwise.

22/10/88 Rs. 10000 - A. Mod.
27/11/88 Rs. 1234 - B. Mod.
6/11/89 Rs. 466 - C. Mod.

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Order 30th May/90 No 386

Communicated to
the P.P.O in continuation

of G.O. 1006 Pub. of 22. 10. 88

G.O. 239 Mar of 5. 6. 89 &

G.O. 466 Mar of 5. 11. 89

29 Mar.

To

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The P.P.O.

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M.S.

No 387.

Copy to the Secy to Govt.
Dept. of F.L.C. with copies of
the last 2 G.O.s submitted.

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Trincomelley Collectors Office
Camp, Trincomelley, Dated 10th February 1890

From, J. H. A. Tremenhare Esqre
Ag. Collector of Trincomelley

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George, Madras

Sir, In continuation of my telegram of the 8th, I have the honor to report that the B. I. S. S. Mecca, which sailed hence on 31st ultimo was quarantined in Colombo on account of her Bill of Health being marked Cholera sporadic. It had on board 2,67 native passengers, who must have been gravely inconvenienced. No official information of the quarantine has even yet reached this port, but I hear that 5 days was first imposed and this was extended to 10 on alarming telegrams reporting Cholera to prevail in Trincomelley. Those telegrams were incorrect, ~~for~~ we have had a wonderfully healthy season, and as for a few sporadic cases of Cholera they have not in the past been held by the Ceylon Government to justify quarantine, and it is not clear why they should now. Of course if it could be alleged that Ceylon is totally free

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from Cholera, and that Coorles are not pouring into the island from the Madura Ports where Cholera is infinitely severer than here, the Case would be different.

2. On the 8th, the B. I. SS Palitana was shipping several hundred coolies, having obtained a clean bill of health, when a telegram was received from the Colombo agent that no coolies could be shipped as the vessel would be quarantined in spite of a clean bill. Of course this has caused widespread inconvenience.

3. I respectfully submit (a) that, if quarantine was necessary, this port should have been notified, (b) that Cholera is reported to be prevalent in Ceylon and especially in those parts of the Madura seaboard which supply labour to the island, yet there is no quarantine for the latter, (c) that we have had an unusually healthy season in regard both to Cholera and to other diseases, that Cholera is not epidemic here and that rumours of Cholera possibly spread by intriguing pearl merchants should not have been accepted as true without verification, (d) that under these circumstances, to quarantine Guticorin especially when

a vessel brings a clean bill of health is *prima facie* unreasonable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant.

J. Tremant
Ag Collector

Revenue Department.

1880.

TINNEVELLY Collector's OFFICE

From

The Ag. Collector of

Tinnevely

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government

Fort St. George.

Dated 10
Received 13

February

No.

A
Camp.

ENCLOSURE SECRETARY

Subject 13 FEB 90

Reporting that Cholera
not prevalent at Tuticorin
and that the order of
quarantine issued by the
Ceylon Government, appears
to be unreasonable.

Order. 14 Feb/90. No. 116
14 Feb

Ordered to be forwarded
to the Govt of Ceylon in
the form of telegram of the
1st inst.

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The Collector of
Tinnevely

14 Feb

Letter. 8/14/2/90. No. 117.
To the Hon. the Colonial Secy
Colonies.

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14 FEB 90

IN M. H. 20/1/90

Sir,
I am directed to forward
the information of H.E.
the Governor the accep.
copy of a letter from the
Collector of Tinnevely
dated the 10th inst.
regarding the imposition
of quarantine on coolies
from Tuticorin.

A telegram on this
subject was despatched
H.E. on the 11th inst.
and I am to express the
opinion of this Govt that the
Govt of Ceylon has been
able to comply with the
request therein made
a reply to the telegram
is awaited.

Yds.
13.2.90.