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From

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

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ENCLOSURE 1.

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Subject.

Requesting order refusing
long detentions of cases in
the Emigr. depots.

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desertions we must enlist some 500/650^{adults} before we obtain a complement for a steamer and in the very best recruiting season this cannot be done in less than about 2 months, and allowing for delays due perhaps to a single case of measles or small-pox in depot or other causes over which we have no control, it is seen that the detention of a certain number of Coolies for some 3 months is often unavoidable.

6. We would point out that Coolies are better lodged, better fed and better clothed than they are in their own villages, and the extremely small percentage of sick cases shows that they could not be better off than in our depot.

7. In conclusion, we would repeat that unless we are allowed to continue recruiting during the next 3 months when labour is scarce we shall probably be unable to obtain a complement for the steamer expected about end of March 1891, and we would ask you to be kind enough, if you think it necessary, to represent matters to Government with a view to obtaining permission for us to continue working.

W. A. L. S.

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Copy of letter from Messrs Parry and Co.
Agents for Natal, to the Protector of Emigrants,
dated 18 December 1890.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter, No 1047 of 16th instant.

2. As already ~~stated~~ advised, the detention
of some of the Coolies now in depot over 3 months
is due to the women being under medical treatment
at the Lock hospital, and we would point out
that a very large proportion of intending female
emigrants always have to undergo a course of
treatment at the hospital which often extends
to 2 and 3 months.

3. We cannot embark women who are not
free from disease, and if we were not allowed
to keep them under treatment until cured we
should be unable to get the proportion of 40 women
to 100 men prescribed by law.

4. We fully realize that it is important to
avoid long detention of emigrants and we
would mention that we do not keep them any
longer than we can help; but we submit that the
period of one month named in Rule 75 in which
it is desirable that emigrants should be embarked
after admission into depot is insufficient.

5. What with rejections, refusals and

of the emigrants in the Depot on the 10th instant.

I subsequently inspected the depot and asked the
Coolies, one by one, if they were all willing to remain
in the Depot for at least another 3 months as they
could not be despatched to the Colony earlier.

They, one and all, expressed themselves quite willing
to do so. But seeing that the provisions of section 75 of
the Emigration Rules are against long detentions of
Coolies and that Government in its review of the Emigration
Administration Report for 1889 views with disfavor
the detention of emigrants in the depots for a long time,
I informed the Agents that, if they were not prepared
to disperse the coolies in the depot, I would report the matter
to Government and obtain sanction ^{for their further detention.} Copy of their
reply is enclosed as mentioned above.

As the grounds on which the Agents request that recruiting
operations should not be suspended and the reasons adduced
for long detentions are good, and as the Coolies now in the
depot are, as I have already said, perfectly willing to be detained,
I think that the Agents' request may be granted.

Pending orders of Government I have stopped passing coolies.

I have the honor to be

Your most ^{very} obedient servant

W. A. H. H.

Ag. Protector of Emigrants

No. 1070

Office THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras, 19 December 1890.

From

W. S. Austin Esqr.

By PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras,

To

The Honorable J. F. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for favorable consideration and orders of Government the accompanying copy of letter from Messrs Pamy and Co Emigration Agents for Natal, dated 18th December 1890.

The last batch of coolies for Natal left this on the 15th ultimo and I understood that there were to be no more coolies registered this year and that recruiting operations would commence about the beginning of the next year as the following shipment would not take place till March next. But learning subsequently that there were yet some coolies at the Depot, I called upon the Agents to let me know how many coolies there were in it, how long they had been there, and when they were going to dispatch them to the Colony. The Agents replied by saying that the next shipment would be in March next, and sent a list of