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[Despatch Abstract.]

The Ceylon Govt
asked for informa-
tion regarding the
of Christian proposed
to be appointed India
Immigration Agent
Sir: North Haines

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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ENCLOSURE.

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From

J.P.P. Muir- achenzie, Esq., C.S.

Under-Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the 22nd October 1901.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 6th June last and previous correspondence on the subject of Emigration from the Madras Presidency to British North Borneo, I am directed to forward for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council the enclosed copy of correspondence regarding the appointment of an Indian Immigration Agent in that State. 2. I am to say that the Government of India will be prepared to accept the recommendation of the Government of Madras in regard to the nomination of an Agent or Protector in Borneo. I am to suggest, however, that should His Excellency the Governor in Council desire to support Mr. Christian's appointment it would be advisable to refer for particulars to the Government of Ceylon.

3. With regard to paragraph 5 of the Colonial Secretary's letter, the Government of India are disposed to think that the necessity of appointing a medical officer might be dispensed with on the condition that the Government of British North Borneo arrange for an annual or biennial inspection of the estates employing Indian labour by a duly qualified medical officer appointed for the purpose by the Colonial Government. It is believed that the Government of North Borneo would not find it difficult to come to an arrangement for this purpose with one or more medical men who it appears already go the round

round of the estates, and whose visits it would be advisable
to make regular instead of intermittent.

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

John Mackenzie

Under-Secretary.

Enclosure.

Letter No. 1328- 2546/91 dated 9th September 1891.
(with enclosures in original)

recruiters employed by the
Government of the Straits Settlement
and approved by the Super-
intendent of the Depot being
employed on behalf of British
North Borneo.

I have ~~acc~~
acting Govt. Secretary.

(True Copy.)
a n n e k e r
Registrar,
Revenue and Agricultural Dept.
w.d.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current Number

From The Government
of India
Recd 2 apr 91.

Dated 22nd oct 91

Received 27th oct

Enclosures 3

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Copy of Corres-
pondence re: the appoint-
ment of an Indian
Immigration agent in British
North Borneo.

13/6/91 2206380d The
18/5/91 220370
20/9/90 220651/2
5/5/89 2202215
ABSTRACT.

Hon: Mr. Stokes C.S.I.
H.E. the Governor.

For orders.

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2 Nov.

As India suggests it, we had better
refer to the Govt. of Ceylon to enquire
whether anything is known in
the island as to Mr. Christian. I
came out the other day with a gentle-
man of that name who is a
member of one of the chief firms
in Colombo.

Wes
3 Nov.

Yes - we had better get Mr.
Christian's character from the
Ceylon Govt. asking them if in their
opinion Mr. C. would be likely to
carry out the sort of work expected
from him satisfactorily.

W
6 Nov.

22nd Oct 91

Public Dept.

Letter N 947
8 Nov 91

To the Hon: the Colonial
Secretary,
Colombo.

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M.S.

Sir,

I am directed to
forward the corres-
pondence marginally noted, and
with reference to the
concluding portion of
para: 2 of the letter from
the Govt. of India to
request that ^{with the concurrence of the} this Govt.
may be favored with
any particulars avail-
able in regard to ~~the~~
Mr. Christian referred to.

2. I am further to
request that this Govt.
may be favored with
the opinion of the Govt.
of Ceylon as to whether
Mr. Christian would be
likely to carry out the
work of an Immigration
agent in British North

From the Govt. of India,
d/22.10.91, No. 2206/5.
with 3 enclosures.
(return requested).

manner.

The return of
enclosures which
are forwarded in orig- Immigration Agent,
inal is requested. British North Borneo.

/ From orders. /

Govt. Secy: 1328 $\frac{2546}{91}$

Government Secretary's Office.

Sandakan 9th September 1891.

To

Sir E. C. Buck, Kt.

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter
to you numbered Gov: 1184 $\frac{2080}{91}$ dated
27th July 1891, I am now directed by
the acting Governor of British North
Borneo to address you with reference
to the appointment of an Indian
Immigration Agent in this State.

2. In your letter No. $\frac{34}{5-1}$ E. of 5th
January last, paragraph 5 you
state the opinion of the Government
of Madras as to the necessity
for and importance of this appoint-
ment, and of the Government of
India that the success of the

experiment, will depend on the character and qualifications of the agent, also that the officer appointed should be one in whom the Government of Madras can place confidence, with a knowledge of Tamil at least, and, if possible, a Medical Officer.

3. In these circumstances, I am to ask you to refer the question to the Government of Madras whether either and which of the gentlemen whose applications I enclose will be satisfactory to that Government.

4. As soon as any Immigrants may arrive here the Acting Governor proposes to appoint Mr. Christian, one of the applicants, to be the Acting Agent pending the receipt of information as to the wishes of the Government of Madras, which wishes the Acting Governor is most anxious to carry out.

The reasons for preferring Mr. Christian are that he is better known here as an energetic and humane planter of coffee and an honorable gentleman, and that he has already held the post of Acting Agent here for about two months early in the year when it was anticipated that immigration might commence suddenly. About Mr. Hunter less is known as he has not been so long in the country.

5. All estates in British North Borneo are frequently visited by Government officials sometimes by Medical officers: and as the success of the experiment and the number of probable immigrants is so uncertain, I am to ask whether it would not be possible for the Government of Madras to save this Government the great cost of appointing a Medical officer and

to acquiesce in the appointment of
Mr. Christian (or Mr. Hunter) both
of whom are in the State now. I am
also to observe that should it be
deemed inexpedient to appoint
either of those gentlemen the Acting
Governor would be obliged, he fears,
to incur the delay and the cost of
procuring the services of such an
officer from India.

6. I am further to state for your
information that the Government of the
Straits Settlement has undertaken
to inform the Government of Madras
that the use of the Straits Settlement
depôt at Negapatam has been
sanctioned for labourers recruited
for this State: and that there is
no objection to the Medical officer
to the Straits Settlement in Negapatam
inspecting the recruits destined for
Penang before embarkation, nor to the

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W. C. Dawson Esq. Chander. Hydrabad.
and A. H. Hunter Esq. District Supt.
of Police. Bhojapoor. Punjab. and
Captain Fanning Esq. 40. 13. 1891
Hyderabad. Galla.
Presenting this application with much
with His Excellency the Ag. Governor
approval. and that he will be
graciously pleased to submit
the same to the Government of Madras

I have the honor to be

Sir. your obedient servant

Wm. Hunter

M. 21/67
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Sandakan
4th August 1891

A. Cook Esq
Ag. Government Secretary
Sandakan

Sir.
As I am given to understand that
His Excellency the Ag. Governor intends
filling up the permanent Post of
Inspector. Indian Immigration. I beg
to be so good as to place this my application
for the appointment before His Excellency.
In applying for this post, as I have had
very considerable experience with Indian
Coolies I feel I am some what qualified
for the same having been a Chander in India
for 12 years, and in the Malay Peninsula
and here for 6 years.
I am 40 years of age. Married, and have
and always have had very good health.
and though I have been for many years
in unhealthy parts I never had a day's
sickness.

I was in charge of several Coffee Estates
in the Hydrabad District. and Province
of Coorg in the Madras Presidency. and
had under me hundreds of Coolies. Tamils,
Canarese. and Mahomedans.
I speak fluently. Tamil and Hindostani
and Canarese. The latter I also read and
write.

I am perfectly acquainted with the
customs and ways of the natives of India
having been among them for years. I
always got on well with all classes of

Indian labor. and never had any difficulty
in getting as much as I required - due
principally to my knowledge of the
Languages. and my treatment of the coolies.
After leaving India. I went to Johore (Malay
Peninsula) and as soon as the Act was
in force. I was the very first planter
to employ Indian labor. I am.
For the last 2 years I have been in B. N.
Borneo planting Tobacco on the Melapi
estate. and naturally this also gives me an
advantage. I know thoroughly what will
be required of the Indian laborer by the
planter, and his requirements as to
housing and food, their treatment and
work, and I need hardly add that the
interest and well fare of the Indian
Immigrant would always be my first

Care.

I speak Malay well. and am prepared
to be examined verbally at any time in
Jamil and Hindostani, and to pass the
Lower Standard in Canara. and if
appointed shall be ready to pass the
Lower Standard in Jamil in 6 months.
I have much pleasure in giving you a few
references. namely. The Hon. J. Shuford. of
Messrs. Talwar Simons & Co. Singapore.
Howard E. Bently Esq. Assistant Immigrant
agent. Johore. (near Singapore). W. MacGregor Esq.
Collector Madras. Immigrant agent
Penang. Straits Settlements.

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Sandakan 8 Sept 1899

Mr. Cook Esq.
Acting Gov. Sulu
Sandakan

Sir I have the honour to
apply for the post of protector
of Indian immigrants to
British North Borneo.

I worked for fifteen years
in Ceylon as a coffee planter
and can talk Tamil
and thoroughly understand
the obligations of the coolies
and the planters.

I may also add that
I am generally acquainted
with most of the plants
cultivated by Europeans.

in the Tropics.

I am
your
Christian

of the
Tropics
I am
your
Christian