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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration Informing the Surgeon General that — to Ceylon is free or non-regulated and that the medical inspection of free emigrants is not necessary; and directing him to withdraw his circular of the 19th Octr. 1881, No. 42, on the subject of the medical inspection of emigrants.

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

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Cir no: 42, of 19th October 1891.

Extract of letter from the Govt. of India, no. 45,
dated 21st March 1881 (Emigration).

Para. 13. With regard to paragraph 4 of Lord
Kimberley's despatch of July last, directing that the
Straits Emigration Agent in India should be
instructed not to select incapable emigrants, and to
the surmise of the Colonial Government, expressed
in its letter of 30th October, that some of the unfit
Coolies received in the Colony may have been
recruited in famine districts, I am to remark that,
under section 17 of Act V of 1877, the District Medical
Officer is bound to satisfy himself not only that the
recruit is physically able to proceed to the Straits
Settlements, but also that he is fit to work there.
It might be well to inform the Medical Officers
concerned of the existence of Complaints, to point
out to them this requirement of the law, and to in-
culcate care in complying with it.

Order of Madras Government, no. 1314, dated 29th
September 1881, P. D.

Para. 2. With regard to paragraph 13 of the letter
from the Government of India, the Surgeon General will
again draw the attention of all District Medical
Officers to the necessity of carefully dealing with all
cases of intending emigrants, under Contract to labor
abroad, to ensure that they are not only fit to
go, but fit to labor there.

"may become the subjects of future
"Correspondence".

All persons should be rejected of whose
fitness to labor as emigrants there
may be a doubt in the mind of

Civil Medical
Officers generally
is called to the
orders of Govern-
ment noted in
the margin.

In the event of
their passing emi-
grants, they
will be held as
"possible for keep-
ing proper"

"Registers of all
persons passed
by them, so as
to be able to
identify, from
description, any
individuals who

the Examining Officer.

(By order)

(Signed) A. J. Sturmer Surgeon

Madras }
19th October 1881 }

Secy. Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras

(True copy)

W. J. S. Suber
Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 27th January 1892.
~~Fort St. George,~~

No. 74
From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

~~Fort St. George,~~

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department,

SIR,

I have the honor to state that in accordance with the orders of the Government of India conveyed in G.O. No. 1314 Public dated the 29th September 1881 a circular was issued by this office (copy enclosed) holding all Port Surgeons and Civil Medical Officers responsible for keeping proper Registers of all Emigrants passed by them and directing the rejection of those persons whose fitness to labor as Emigrants may appear doubtful to the Examining Officer.

2. These instructions have hitherto been invariably acted upon by Officers of this Department without any demur on the part of those concerned. Recently however the Medical Officer at Pamban rejected some Ceylon Emigration Coolies

Coolies on account of old age, permanent deformity and other serious maladies, but as will be seen from the enclosed correspondence the Emigration Authorities have protested against such rejection and the Superintendent at Pamban appears to have passed them on his own responsibility and sent them on board.

3. The Emigration authorities contend that the orders quoted in para 1 of this letter only apply to the Straits Settlements and not to Ceylon; that the Coolies proceeding to Ceylon are not in any way bound to labour of any kind but are free laborers; — and that only such persons as suffer from Contagious diseases should be rejected but not others.

4. It is true that the orders of the Government of India only speak of the Straits Settlements, but if a Medical Examination is required in case of Ceylon Coolies it should in my opinion be conducted under the spirit of the same orders and the Agent should not place any limits on the extent of the examination, and unless it is

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a purely private arrangement the examining Medical Officer is bound to keep a register. I however submit the papers for the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant.

W. S. S. S. S.
Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras

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Public (1892) DEPARTMENT

From

THE SURGEON GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras
Fort St. George.

No. 74

Dated

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27th } January 1892

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Subject.

with his remarks.
Submits the correspond-
ence regarding the
rejection of certain
emigration Coolies
of Ceylon for orders
of Government.

Public Dept.

Curruve No. 293.

Order.

There are two ^{classes} ~~classes~~
of emigration from the
Madras Presidency -
"Regulated" and "Non-
Regulated or Free".
The following ^{are the only cases} coming under
"Regulated" at present:-

To Madras and Cutch
from Madras, under
act ~~XXI~~ of 1883;

To Assam from the dis-
tricts of Ganjam and
Vizagapatam, under
act ~~II~~ of 1866.

To the Straits Settlements
from Vizagapatam, under
Rules framed under an
ordinance of the Govt. of
the Straits Settlements.
Under "Non-Regulated
or Free" are:-

To Burma
To Ceylon.

Order.

Para: 2 of G.O. d/29.
9.81, No. 1314, refers only to
emigrants "under contract
to labor abroad" and there-
fore does not apply to
emigrants to ~~Burma~~
and Ceylon who are free. *a*

All this about Madras
Natal & Assam is
unnecessary. Cut it out

Resubmitted.

Uls
7 Feb.

* Act ~~II~~ of 1884. act ~~II~~
of 1877 has been repealed ³

At Madras there is a Medical Inspector of Emigrants, and at Negapatam a Medical Officer in charge of the depot through which all emigrants for the Straits Settlements now pass. Under Section 10 of Act V of 1866 "if the Protector of Laborers shall be of opinion that the laborer is in a state of health which makes him unfit to undertake the journey which he is about to commence, he shall refuse to register his name." Protectors have been appointed in both the Ganjam & Vizag Districts. In the former, however, Act I of 1882 will shortly supersede Act V of 1866, and a Medical Inspector and Medical Officers will be appointed - vide G.O. d/ 21.1.92, No. 44. Act I of 1882 will be further extended to the District of Vizag, & appts. made under it, should the returns for 1891 show this to be necessary.

No 2. Medical inspection of free emigrants is not

^(inspection of emigrants not) not necessary. The Surgeon General will therefore withdraw his Circular of the 19.10.81, No. 42, and inform all Medical Officers accordingly.

S.D.B.
5/2/92
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To the Surg^l General.

- " Protector of Emigrants, Madras.
- " ~~Collector of Ganjam.~~
- " ~~Collector of Vizag.~~
- " ~~Collector of Rajahmundry.~~
- " Collector of Eluru.
- " ~~Collector of Srisailem.~~

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To the Surgeon General.

" Protector of Emigrants
Madras

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