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altered for another
year & that proposals
as to the fee to be
taken during the year
1893-94 should be
permitted as soon as
possible after the 31 Decr
next —

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FROM

SIR E. C. BUCK, Kt.,
Secretary to Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Revenue and Agricultural Dept.
Emigration.

CALCUTTA, the 16th March 1892.

SIR,

WITH reference to Mr. Price's letter No. 103 (Public) of the 12th ultimo, and previous correspondence, I am now directed to forward copy of a letter * which has recently been received from the Government of Bengal, and to convey the final orders of the Government of India on the recommendation that the consolidated fee for every emigrant embarking for the Colonies should be reduced from Rs 3 to Rs 2.8 from the commencement of the next emigration season.

2. The proposal is based (1) on the principle laid down by the Government of India in their letter No. 199 E. of 14th August 1885, following Section 73 of the Indian Emigration Act, 183, that receipts from fees should not constitute either a source of income or loss to the State, and on the (2) probability that in consequence of a material increase in the number of coolies despatched of late years to the Colonies, the Colonial Emigration Fund in Bengal will show a surplus of about Rs 10,500 at the end of the current official year.

3. I am to point out that although the condition that fees should only be sufficient to cover charges was applicable originally only to fees for embarkation, it must now be extended to the consolidated fees which include fees for agreement as well as embarkation. Under the circumstances would it be right that any considerable surplus from fees, however designated, should be allowed to accumulate. The State is, however, obviously entitled to recoup itself for all previous deficits, and this result had never been obtained in Bengal nor apparently in the two Presidencies of Bengal and Madras taken together at the date of the last return. The reduction of the fee is not considered advisable by your Government and cannot be held by the Government of India to be justified in existing circumstances.

4. The existing fee which was notified on the 29th March 1888 will have been four years in force on the 29th current, and the Government of India direct that it should remain unaltered for another year, at the end of which period the question of its reduction will be re-considered. In the meanwhile I am to request that proposals as to the fee to be taken during the year

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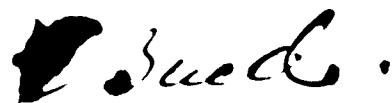
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1893-94 should be furnished to Government of India as soon as possible after the 31st December next, without giving an accurate comparison of receipts and charges for all past up to date, showing the aggregate surplus or deficit at the date of report. For purposes of the above comparison care should be taken that the accounts contain all items fairly debit-able to the Emigration Fund, including the prescribed percentage for leave and pension. Estimates of the receipt charges during 1893-94 should also be furnished, and of the cost of any measures which are deemed necessary to secure the efficiency of the office. On consideration of the reports from both Presi-dencies the Government of India determine the fee to be taken from the 1st April 1893.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,



Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 323, dated Calcutta, 1st December 1891.

From—W. MAUDE, Esq., Under-Secy. Port. of Bengal, General Department,
To—The Secretary to the Government of.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of letter No. 2554-73, dated the 11th December 1891, and, in reply to paragraph 2, to Mr. C. S. Bayley's letter No. 199-5-58E., dated the 24th August 1885, in which it was expressed that it was not the inten-tion of the Act (XXI of 1883) that a general should be issued permitting of an adjust-ment of accounts at the end of each year on the basis of the actuals for that year, but rather that a fixed fee should be laid down periodically, as best may be, on the estimates of the embarkation numbers in the approaching years. It would, His Honour considers, be perfectly in conformity with the Act if the Government of India were to lay down, at the beginning of each year, the fee for the coming year. This is not the course desired by the Emigration Agents, nor would it have the desired effect of making a clear adjustment of income against expenditure in each individual year. If, ever, the Government of India are now of opinion that legislation is unnecessary for a year adjustment of accounts at the close of each year, the Lieutenant-Governor would certainly favour the suggestion.

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GOVERNMENT INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

EMIGRATION.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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*Recd. 20 March 92 No. 203.
Order.*

Dated Calcutta, the 16th March 1892.

*bound: to the Protection
of Emigrants, Madras,
with reference to G.O.
of 12.2.92, No. 102, for
guidance.*

*2. The special report
called for in para: 4 will
be submitted by the Pro-
-tector early in January
next. The points noticed*

*by the Govt: of India shall
receive careful
attention.*

SUBJECT. REDUCTION of the Colonial Emigration fee.

*23 March
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Protector of Emigrants of Dept
Madras 7/4/92*

28TH MARCH 1892. 203, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Sir E. C. BUCK, *Kt.*, Secretary the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Emtion), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 16th March 1892, No. 482-22.

With reference to Mr. Price's letter, No. 3 (Public), of the 12th ultimo, and
* No. 323, dated the 29th December 1891. I am now
pleased to forward copy of a letter *
which has recently been received from the
Government of Bengal, and to convey the firorders of the Government of India on
the recommendation that the consolidated fee for every emigrant embarking for the
Colonies should be reduced from Rs. 3 to Rs. 8-0 from the commencement of the
next emigration season.

2. The proposal is based (1) on the peiple laid down by the Government of India in their letter, No. 199 E., of the 14 August 1885, following section 73 of the Indian Emigration Act, 1883, that reqs from fees should not constitute either a source of income or of loss to the State, and the (2) probability that in consequence of a material increase in the number of coes despatched of late years to the Colonies, the Colonial Emigration Fund in Bengal will show a surplus of about Rs. 10,500 at the end of the current official year.

3. I am to point out that although thondition that fees should only be sufficient to cover charges was applicable originally to fees for embarkation, it must now be extended to the consolidated fees wh include fees for agreement as well as embarkation. Under no circumstances wol it be right that any considerable surplus from fees, however designated, should be allowed to accumulate. The State is, however, obviously entitled to recoup itself for all previous deficits, and this result had neither been obtained in Bengal nor apparently in the two Presidencies of Bengal and Madras taken together at the date of the lt return. The reduction of the fee is not considered advisable by your Government and cannot be held by the Government of India to be justified in existing circumstans.

4. The existing fee, which was notified on the 29th March 1888, will have been four years in force on the 29th current, al the Government of India direct that it should remain unaltered for another year, at the end of which period the question of its reduction will be re-considered. In thmeanwhile I am to request that proposals as to the fee to be taken during the year 893-94 should be furnished to the Government of India as soon as possible after the 31st December next, with a report giving an accurate comparison of receipts and charges for all past years up to date, showing the aggregate surplus or deficit at the date of report. For purposes of the above comparison, care should be taken that the charge accounts contain all items fairly debitable to the Emigration Fund, including the prescribed percentage for leave and pension. Estimates of the receipts and chages during 1893-94 should also be furnished, and of the cost of any measures which are deemed necessary to secure the efficiency of the office. On a consideration of the reports from both Presidencie the Government of India will determine thefee to be taken from the 1st April 1894

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From W. MAUDE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,
to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Calcutta, 29th December 1891, No. 323.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2554—73, dated 11th December 1891, and, in reply to paragraph 2, to refer to Mr. C. S. Bayley's letter, No. 199—5-58 E., dated the 24th August 1885, in which the view was expressed that it was not the intention of the Act (XXI of 1883) that a general order should be issued permitting of an adjustment of accounts at the end of each year on the basis of the actuals for that year, but rather that a fixed fee should be laid down periodically calculated, as best be, on the estimates of the embarkation numbers in the approaching few years. It would be, on the estimates of the embarkation numbers with the Act if the Government of India would lay down, at the beginning of each year, the fee for the coming year, but this is not the one desired by the Emigration Agents, nor would it have the desired effect of making a clear statement of income against expenditure in each individual year. If, however, the Government of India are now of opinion that legislation is unnecessary for a yearly adjustment of accounts, the close of each year, the Lieutenant-Governor would certainly favour the suggestion.

ORDER—dated 28th March 1892, No. 2 Public.

Communicated to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, with reference to G.O., dated 12th February 1892, No. 102, for guidance.

2. The special report called for in paragraph 4 will be submitted by the Protector early in January next. The points raised by the Government of India should receive careful attention.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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G.O., 28th March 1892, No. 203.

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Colonial Emigration Fee.

Communicating to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, for guidance, letter from the Government of India directing that the present — remain unaltered for another year, and that proposals as to the fee to be taken during the year 1893-94 should be furnished as soon as possible after the 31st December next.