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Public DEPARTMENT.
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Regarding the appoint-
ment of a new
agent for British North
Borneo.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 21 December, 1891.

No. 91
13629

Sir,

With reference to your letter N^o.
Public 947 of the 11th November last
asking for particulars regarding M^r.
Christian who has applied for employ-
ment as Immigrant Agent in British
North Borneo, I am directed to trans-
mit for your information the accom-
panying copy of a report by the
Government Agent Central Province.

2. The enclosures of your letter
are herewith returned.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant

W. C. Crawford
for Colonial Secretary.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Madras.

No 129.

Report referred to.

I have the honor to enclose copy
of a letter from the Chairman of the
Planters Association of Ambapannu
which contains all the information I
have been able to gather respecting
Mr. P. Christian.

P.A. Temple
J.A.
Kandy 12th Decr 1891.

— Copy referred to. —

Abergeetie
Ambapannu
The Hon The Port Agent, C.B.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 26 ultimo, &
have made enquiries regarding the gentleman
who forms the subject of it.

Two of the present residents were acquainted
with him, as he seems to have left the
district about 10 years ago, since when
he has been in Australia, Fiji, Assam

and

and some other Indian districts.

An old resident who knew him
considers that he would be well fitted
for the appointment in question.

Samlr.

(Sigs) David Kerr
Chairman

5 Dec 1891.

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2 Dec 1891

Public

11/11/91 Re-947 Mr

Dupl. 4/1.

Telegram

To the Colonial Secy
Colombo

815x Please return other
enclosures my 947
eleven to November.

20 B.
for CS.
4/1/92

Recd: on 4/2/92

From,

The Colonial Secy
Colombo.

No 91
13629-

Date 21-12-91

Recd

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 DEC 91
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Enclos. 3.

Delivered for Recd on 12/12/91
were read on 12/12/91

Information regarding

Mr P. Christian who has
applied for employment as
Immigrant Agent in British
North Borneo.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 6 January 1892.

No. 2
22.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram
of the 4th instant, I am direct-
ed to return the enclosed letter
which formed an enclosure
of yours No. 947 of the 11th
November last.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W D Crawford.
for Colonial Secretary.

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George
Madras.

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From

The Colonial Secy.,
Colombo.

No 2/22

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Resp 14 } Jan. 92

Enc. 2

Returning certain enclos.
asked for in telegram of 14th instant

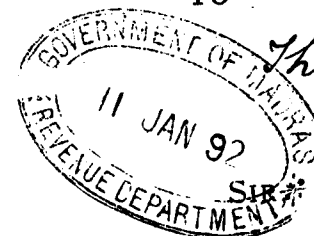
Revenue and Agricultural Department,

(Emigration)

The 6th January 1892.

No. 12.

To



The Secretary to the Govern.
ment of India.

Subject.

Appointment of a
Protector of Indian
Immigrants in British
North Borneo.

I AM directed to invite attention to
the communication marginally noted,* and
to request the favour of an early reply
thereto.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

* No. 2206-B, dated 22nd Oct. 1891.
subsequent reminder
No. 2206-B, dated -

Ann. 2206-B

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

CURRENT No 110
Public Dept.

11/11/91 No 947 Date
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Reminder

From

The Govt of India,
Revenue & Agri. Dept.

No. 12

Dated 6th
Recd 11th } January 1892
Regd

Re: the appointment of a
Inspector of Indian Immigrants
in British North Borneo.

I don't think we should support
Mr. Christian's appointment. Very
little seems to be known of him.
The success & security of the experiment
depends mainly on the character of
the Agent, and the remoteness and
unknown circumstances of British
North Borneo make it even more
essential than it was in the case
of the Straits Settlements that the
Agent should be a man nominated
by the Madras Govt. and in whom
we could repose confidence. Of the
two applicants Mr. Hunter seems
the most likely to suit, but I would
not accept either & demand that we
should be allowed to nominate the
Agent. If a medical man so much
the better, but this need not be insisted
on, if the condition imposed by India
is enforced. We should have particu-
culars of the long & numerous which
the Colony is prepared to offer.

Wd.
17 Jan.

I must say I don't think Mr. Christian's
references tell us enough about him - but
they seem to like him in Borneo.
If we do not know enough about him,
& therefore reject him, I think we shall

Submitted for further
orders. The information
afforded regarding Mr.
Christian is very meagre
after what was said in
para: 3 of letter to India
of the 20 Sep: 90, No. 652.
It is probable that the
Govt. of Madras would
prefer to have as Immig-
ration Agent a gentle-
man of whom they
know more. Further-
more a knowledge of
the Telugu language
was considered essential.
The Ceylon planters speak
Tamil only as their coolie
labour is drawn entirely
from the Southern dis-
tricts of this Presidency.
In para: 6 of the letter
quoted above this Govt.
expressed its opinion that
it would be desirable for
the Agent to be a Medical
Officer if possible - in any
case a Medical Officer wd.
be necessary. But from
the correspondence in G.O. of 11.11.91,
No. 947, it appears that the
State wishes to get out of

appointing a medical
Officer on the score of
Expense, and India
supports the proposal
provided some arrange-
ment is made "for an
annual or biennial
inspection of the States
by a duly qualified medical
officer &c."

It is submitted that
it is only by frequent in-
spections by a qualified
medical man that it
can be satisfactorily de-
termined whether the
climate is suitable to
the Madras Coolie. At
present the whole thing
is an experiment and
until satisfactory evidence
is adduced that the
immigrants do not suffer
in health from the change
of climate it is submitted
that frequent medical
inspections should be
persisted on. Otherwise
the coolies will be left
at the mercy of their
masters & there will pro-
bably be heavy mortality
as there was recently in
some of the States of the
Strait Settlements.

Appointments of a
medical officer on the score of
Expense for the Board

Appointments of a
medical officer on the score of
Expense for the Board

find out what we can about Mr.
Hunter. He gives plenty of references & we
could soon know all we want to be
writing to them. I don't suppose we can be
very particular, - but I think he should insist
on a very full and careful report from
the medical inspector, whenever he goes up.

W
20 Jan

Very well - let us find out about Mr.
Hunter. But it should be done sharply.

W
23 Jan

Mr. Christian beyond the fact that since
he left Ceylon he seems to have tried
his luck in many places. Rolling Stones
such as he ^{travels} are very seldom found
again.
Of the two applicants Mr. Hunter looks
the more likely. It seems rather doubtful
whether Mr. Christian's knowledge of Tamil
is anything very much.

W
15 Jan

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The reply of the Gov. of Ceylon furnishes
absolutely no information regarding

Public Dept.

Semi Official 27/26/1/92

To the Hon: J. Shelford.

Messrs Paterson, Simons
Singapore.

To Howard E. Bently Esq
Asst Immigration Agent
Sohore, (near) Singapore

To W. Macgregor Esq
Immigration Agent
Penang
Straits Settlements.

To W. C. Dawson Esq.
Wynad.

Dear Sir,

In applying for the
post of Indian Immigra-
tion Agent for British
North Borneo, Mr: J. Hamil-
ton Hunter, in his letter
dated Sandakan, the
4th August 1891, has men-
tioned your name as
a reference. I am direct-
ed to say that the Govt
of Madras will be much
obliged if you will kindly
favor it at as early a date
as practicable with an
expression of your opinion

DE STATION

27 JUN 92

IN M.S.

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re.

The other two References
given are probably brothers.

again to
the Hon: Mr: Stokes C.S.D

C. 16/1 | C. 22/1 | C. 25/1
R. 18/1 | R. 25/1 | R. 26/1
C. 16/1 | R. 22/1

as to Mr. Hunter's qualifi-
cations for the appoint-
ment he seeks, & whether
if appointed, he would
be likely to carry out the
work in a satisfactory
manner.

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126. Jan 92
IN N.S.
Letter
16/Jan
To the Secy to the Govt. of
India, Rev. & Agri. Dept.
Sir,
With refce: to your
letter of the 22nd Oct. last
rel. 2206/5, regarding and
reminder of the 6th inst.
regarding the appt. of an
Immigration Agent for
British North Borneo,
I am directed to state that
the information obtained
from thro' the Govt. of
Ceylon regarding Mr.
Christian is ^{in the opinion of the Govt.} ~~not such~~
^{to me} to justify his appt, in
~~the opinion of this Govt.~~
Enquiries are now being
made regarding Mr.
Hunter and a further
commⁿ on the subject will
be addressed to you at the
earliest possible date.
HxN

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

ENCLOSURES.

ORDER No.

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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The Hon. Secy to Govt.
of India
10/1/92

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