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 letter from the Govt of the Straits
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From

The Acting Collector
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The Chief Secretary
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Dated 21st October 1892
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Subject

Returning Government endorse-
ment on letter from the
Government of India regarding
the Annual Report on Indian
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WITH ORDER

order, 27th Oct/92, No 743

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I have the honor to see,
Sir.
your most obedient servant,

Wm. A. B. B. B.
24 Oct
For Acting Collector

Wm.

Wm.

No 686

Tanjore Collector's office
Camp Vallam 21st October 1892

From

CURRENT NO 2189

H. M. Winterbotham Esquire
Acting Collector
of Tanjore.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment,
Public Department,
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to return,
as desired, the Government Endorse-
ment dated 26th September 1892,
No 1526, on letter from the Government
of India No 2189 dated 16th September
1892, with its enclosure, regarding
the Annual report on the Indian
Immigration in the Straits
Settlements for the year 1891.

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Public Department

Enclosure No I

In a letter

From

The Acting Collector
of Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department

Dated 21 October 1892

No 686

Government Endorsement
on letter from the Government
of India regarding the
Annual Report on Indian
Immigration to the Straits
Settlements for the year 1891

of this disease in this Colony being almost exclusively Chinese, though Malays are occasionally attacked by it. The following is an extract from a report by the Principal Civil Medical Officer on the subject:-

"Anchylostomiasis and the disease that we know by the name "beri-beri" are quite distinct diseases. The former, as a fatal or even dangerous disease, is not common here, though cases of anemia caused by the worm from which the disease derives its name, are occasionally met with, and cases in which the worm is found though not in numbers sufficient to do serious damage, as they are not infrequent, I believe, throughout the East. I do not, however, think that any fear of any possible occurrence of this disease in the least approaching to the outbreaks that I have read of as occurring in the tea plantations of Assam need be for a moment entertained. True beri-beri does occur with us, but I cannot call to mind that I have ever met with a case in the person of an Indian Immigrant, and it certainly cannot be called a frequent cause of mortality among these men on plantations".

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Report on the health of the Indian Immigrants on the Waterloo Estate.

Kwala Kangsar,
7th August 1892.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Secretary to the Government that, in accordance with instructions

instructions issued by wire to the District Magistrate on the 2nd instant, which were received by me on the evening of the 5th instant after my return from visiting the villages up river, I left this for Waterloo Estate at 5.30 a.m. yesterday, reaching the Manager's bungalow at 9 a.m.

2. As Sir Græme Elphinstone was not apprised of my intended visit, I found no one at the house, the Manager being away at Taiping, and Sir Græme and Mr. Lutiens out at work in the field.

3. After breakfast I walked up to where these two gentlemen were, and met them about 11.25 a.m. Having explained the object of my visit, I proceeded to inspect the coolies, mustering them in small gangs at their respective working sites.

4. There were that day 42 free Tamil labourers whose names appeared on the check roll, viz. 35 men and 7 women. Of these, 35 were seen at work, and they appeared to be in a healthy condition, and quite contented. Of the remainder who were inspected at the lines, 2 men were sick with fever, 1 with bronchitis, 1 with diarrhoea, 2 were malingering, and 1 girl was sick with fever. None of them, however, was seriously ill.

5. The lines were inspected by me and found to be in a clean condition, the upper ones having plenty of spare accommodation.

6. We returned to the bungalow at 2.20 p.m. having been caught in a heavy shower of rain on the way. After resting a little while, I left for Kwala Kangsar which was reached about 5.30 p.m.

I have &c.,

Sd. Francis W. Nicholas,
Apothecary.

From the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements,
to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and
Agricultural Department, No.8199, dated 19th August 1892.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter (1542/42) of the 8th July, remark-
ing on the Annual Report on Indian Immigration to the
Straits Settlements for the year 1891.

2. The exceptional mortality on Waterloo Estate in 1891
was deplorable. It came under the notice of His Excellen-
cy the Governor early this year, when the Immigration
statistics for 1891 were prepared, and a special enquiry
was at once ordered. This was conducted by three offi-
cers in the service of the Government of Perak, from
whose report it appears that dysentery broke out on Water-
loo Estate (a coffee-estate belonging to Sir Grame
Elphinstone about 1,800 feet above ^{the} sea-level) in the
month of March 1891, and, assuming the character of chol-
eraic diarrhoea, continued to be prevalent there until
December, the number of deaths occurring during these
ten months being 92 out of a total of 303 Indian Immi-
grants serving on the Estate.

3. The Manager of the Estate, in forwarding his returns
reported only the deaths which occurred on the Estate, and
did not include cases which ended fatally in the Govern-
ment Hospital at Kuala Kangsa, to which many of the pa-
tients were taken. The full violence of the epidemic was
not therefore realised by the authorities, though, on
learning from the District Surgeon in August that many
deaths were occurring in the Kuala Kangsa Hospital among
Indian coolies brought down from Waterloo Estate, the
Resident ordered a Medical Officer and another official

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to visit the Estate and report. This visit of inspection took place in August and directions were given to the Manager of the Estate on certain points.

4. Little, however, resulted from this official inspection, and His Excellency the Governor, in remarking upon the whole case, has had occasion to express the gravest dissatisfaction with the responsible officials in Perak, and to record a strong censure on the conduct of the Head of the Medical Department and others who are in his opinion, to blame for not taking more vigorous measures to combat the epidemic, and who exhibited generally a want of foresight, as well as incapacity to realise the full seriousness of the situation.

5. It may interest the Government of India to know that since the occurrence of this lamentable mortality on his estate, Sir G. Elphinstone (who has recently assumed personal charge of the estate) has released all his coolies from their engagements and that the majority, freed from their indentures, are now voluntarily working on the estate as free labourers. According to a letter just received from the Acting Resident, dated the 12th. August, the health of the Indian coolies (of whom none are under contract) is satisfactory. I enclose a copy of the medical report which he has sent in. Instructions which have been issued will, His Excellency is satisfied ensure that, in the case of any future outbreak of disease of a serious nature on an estate where Indian Immigrants are employed, a special report shall be made to this Government.

6. In reply to the enquiry made in paragraph 3 of your letter under reply, I am to state that "beri-beri" is practically unknown among Indian Immigrants, the victims

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GOVERNMENT & BOARD REGISTER

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From
The Govt of India,
Rev. & Agri. Dept (Emigration)

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Forwarding extracts from a letter
from the Govt of the Straits Settlements
No. 8199 dated 19th August 1892,
and enclosures, regarding the
Annual Report on Indian
immigration to the Straits
Settlements for the year 1891.

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Collector of Tanjore in
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perusal and return.
Chief Secretary

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

(Emigration.)



Simla, dated the 16th September 1892.

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14-7-92 Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, in continuation of this Department's endorsement No. 1543 of the 8th July 1892
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By order,

T. Manley

Offg: Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

Extract from a letter from the Government of the Straits Settlements No. 8199 dated the 18th August 1892, and enclosures.