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Forw to the Col. Secy Strait Settlement.
copies of corree. regarding the supply
of cookies from India by unlicensed
recruiters & Expressing the inability
of this Govt to interfere in the
matter of the abuses wh Mr
Mc Gregor has brought to notice.
on the subject

the necessary arrange-
ments with employers
of labour to ensure that
all their recruiters
should be licensed in
India under the rules
framed by ^{the Govt. of Madras} ~~this Govt.~~ was
accepted by that Govt. of
the Straits Settlements,
and in existing circum-
stances this Govt. is
unable to interfere in
the matter of the abuses
which Mr. Macgregor
has brought to notice in
terms which this Govt.
considers unjustifiable
and wanting in official
courtesy.

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copy to the District
Magistrate, Tanjore,
with refce. to his letter
of the 19th Augt. No. 437.

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18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURE.

CURRENT No.

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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From,

The District Magistrate,
Tanjore.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt.
Public Dept.,
Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

19. } August 1893.
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Ref: No 437 of 1893.
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Enc: 1

Subject.

Submitting for the orders of
Government, letter from the
Indian Immigration Agent
at the Straits Settlements
regarding the supply of Coolies
recruited in India by
means of unlicensed recruiters.

Madras office for complete file of papers
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Recd to day
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(a)
From the Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements, to the District
Magt, Tanjore, d/ 26.7.93, No 34.
From the District Magt, Tanjore,
to Govt, d/ 19.8.93, No 437.

(b)
Para: 14 of G.O. d/ 5.5.87, No 635,
Comd with No 637 of same date.
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Letter. d/ 9th Sept 1893 No 743.
To The Colonial Secretary
Straits Settlements
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18 SEP 93

Sir,
I am directed to forward
for submission to H.E. the
Governor Copies of the letter
marginally noted regard-
ing the supply of coolies
from India by means
of unlicensed recruiters.

2. The District Magt
of Tanjore gives a correct
statement of the responsi-
bility of the Govt. of the
Straits Settlements in the
matter, and it would
appear that, in writing as
he did, Mr. M. A. Agregor
overlooked the previous
correspondence on the
point, to which I am
now to invite attention.

3. No rule framed by
this Govt. is contravened
by these unlicensed re-
cruiters but their oper-
ations are carried on in
direct defiance of the
rules issued with the S.S.
Immigration Agents Cir-
cular of the 8th Nov. 87.
The responsibility of making

the

Agent that he is mistaken in supposing

that he is to look to Madras officials
for the enforcement of the Madras Rules.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. Church

District Magistrate

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from the Protector, and that such recruiters
as well as those appointed as agents
in this country shall all take out licenses
here, and that agents and recruiters
shall not receive commission for any
^{but}
~~but~~ registered emigrants.

7. In para 5 of Government Order dated
15th May 1889 No 510 it is stated that
arrangements have already been made
with planters to carry out this plan,
and in para 7 it is held to be unnecessary
to take steps to apply to emigration
to the Straits the provisions of Act
XXI of 1883 which render it penal
for any one, to act as a recruiter
without

without being duly licensed.

8. The Straits Settlement Ordinance, as I
read it, extends protection to all uncertified
immigrants of the labourer class, whether
registered before embarkation or not,
and I am not sure that any serious
harm results from the present state of
things, but if the Rules are held to be
of any value at all, measures ought
to be taken for their enforcement, and
if the cooperation of the Straits
Settlements Government is still to be regarded
as likely to afford an effective sanction,
I request that that Government may be
moved to instruct their Immigration
Agent

protected native states. The old

Sections 6(1) and Section 102

Act XXI of 1883 and Notification

No. 442 Fort Saint George Gazette

dated 29th October 1887

② Act XXI of 1884.

Straits

Settlement

Act was

③ repealed

and the

only regulation of emigration from

Malacca to the Straits Settlements is

that which is provided by the ^{Straits Settlement} ~~by the~~ ^{by the}

Ordinance No. V of 1884⁺ and the Rules^{+ amended by Ordinance XVI of 1892}

framed by the marginally noted

orders of Government.

No. 635 Public dated 5 May 1887

No. 570 Public dated 15 May 1889

No. 27 Public dated 16 January 1890.

5- It will

be observed

that these Rules give us ample power

to deal with licensed recruiters who

do not conform to our instructions,

but afford no guarantee against
the

the embarkation of so-called "free passengers"

whose passages are really paid for by

unlicensed recruiters, who have been

careful to commit no offence against

the Penal Code.

6. This omission is of course not unintentional

The reasons for it are given fully in

Government Order dated 5th May 1887 No.

635, and in para 14 of that Government

Order it is stated that all that is required

can be secured by the Government of the

Straits Settlement arranging with the

planters and agents that no recruits

shall be sent direct from the Straits

without a letter of recommendation

from

information has been given about this
at Negapatam, he has invariably
been told that it is their business to
detect these men, and he now suggests
that I should impress on the officers
concerned, that these men are breaking
the Indian, and not Straits rules, and
that if the Police and Village Magistrates
did their duty, such a state of things
could not exist. He adds that considering
the apathy shown on the subject at
the ports of embarkation and by the
Village officials, he can hardly be
expected to bring these breaches of
Government orders to notice, and states
• Madura

Madura and Trichinopoly are quite
as bad as Tanjore.

3. At first sight the suggestion that
breaches of Indian Rules should be
dealt with in India and not in the
Straits Settlements seems reasonable,
but if the correspondence which took
place where the Rules were framed
be referred to, it will be seen that
it was deliberately decided that the
action of the Straits Settlement
Government should alone be relied on.
4. The Indian Emigration Act
does not apply to Emigration to
the Straits Settlements and adjoining
protected

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In a letter.

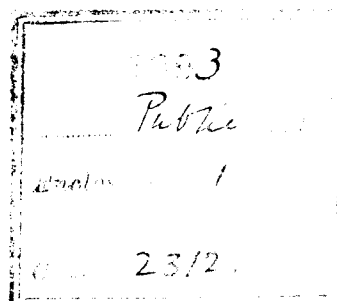
From.

The District Magistrate,
Tanjore.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Pub. Dept.,
Madras.

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1883.
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Letter from the Indian
Immigration Agent at the
Straits Settlement, re the
supply of coolies recruited
in India by means of
unlicensed recruiters.



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TANJORE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Ref: No. 437 of 93. Camp, Kumbakonam 19th August 1883.

FROM

J. Hurrock
Esquire,
District Magistrate,
TANJORE,

TO

The Honorable Mr. J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the
information of Government, and for
such notice as they may deem fit,
a letter from Mr. Macgregor the
Indian Immigration Agent at the Straits
Settlements, with reference to the constant
supply of coolies recruited in India
by means of unlicensed recruiters.

2. Mr. Macgregor complains that when
information

Vilar, Karaudampatty, Kallangary,
Kadur, Alivaidal and Colar (Sangre Dist).

Marutham Road Rangam. This man stays
in India for the most part of the year. He
is paid about \$60. per month. His place is
in Pattokattay (Arumthangy) Permitts.

coolies in Orathundachetram and the
surrounding places of Pattokattay and
the whole of Sangre District. He is Pariah
his caste has a large brick house of tiled
roof in Arumthangy.

4. Considering the apathy shown on the subject at the ports of embarkation and by the village officials I can hardly be expected to frequently bring these breaches of Government orders frequently to notice. I have therefore brought it best to inform you of what is going on in hopes some steps may be taken to enforce the rules in India.

5. Tanjore is not the only district where this system exists. Madras and Trichinopoly are quite as bad.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours obedt. Servant.
Dunafressor
S. I. Agent. S. I.

Statement made by Pagan a free cooly of
Batu leaves Estate in Selangor on 26th July
1893 in Indian Immigration Office, Penang.

1. Kappan Kangan - Father's name Biara,
living in Gandomore (Tanjore District) took
an advance of \$300 from Mr. Cumming
and returned with 6 coolies on 24. 7. 93.

2. Nachian Kangan - This man is now in
India recruiting coolies for Batu leaves
Estate and is ready to ship 50 coolies per
next steamer. He is the brother of Kappan.
His recruiting places are - Karacoody,
Marathamatty, Pallathore, Arcacoody,
and Sakivayal.

3. Ramakonan Kangan - This man lives in
Therothakalacherry, has a scar on head, about
30 years of age, a little bent back. He has
28 coolies ready for shipment. Received
an advance of \$100 from Mr. Cumming.
His recruiting places are Edoothakatty,
Paloor, Koothanore, Kalipannore, Satha-
nnoore and surrounding places of Karikal.

4. Velayutham Kangan - This man lives
in Nanjakattay, Kallan by caste, has
taken an advance of \$300 and promised
to return in 45 days with 50 coolies. His
recruiting places are - Nanjakattay,

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5-7

Indian Immigration Department
Penang, 26th July 1893.

Sir,

I find that a constant supply of coolies recruited in India by unlicensed recruiters is being sent here to coffee estates. A batch arrived by the last steamer and several more are waiting to be sent as opportunity offers.

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2. The enclosed will give you the names of several men concerned in this business.

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3. When information has been given about this at Negapatam we are invariably told it is our business to detect these men but I would suggest your impressing on the officers concerned that these men are breaking the Indian and not Straits rules. If the Police and Village Magistrates did their duty such a state of things could not exist.

The District Magistrate
Singapore